

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The name Arivaca derives from "la Aribac," an Indian word for "small springs." Located 11 miles north of the Mexican border, the area contains some of the nation's oldest mines. Mapped by Father Eusebio Kino in 1695, the locale may have been a Pima Indian village. Attracted by grazing land and precious metals, Spaniards later came to the area and developed mines which were worked by Indians. In 1833, Mexico approved the Ortiz brothers' petition to raise cattle and horses on 8,677 acres forming the Aribac Ranch. Although the ranch's boundaries were never certain, in 1856 its rights were bought by a company which operated mines near Arivaca and Tubac. In 1902, the land became public domain.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1878	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: No	Phoenix: 167 miles
Elevation: 3,500	Tucson: 56 miles
Located in Pima County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-19	

### Population

	1990	2000	2006
Arivaca	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pima County	666,957	843,746	981,280
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau  
 Note: Local sources last estimated population at 1,000. U.S. Census Bureau and AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. do not report on population figures for this area.

### Principal Economic Activities

Arivaca is primarily a retirement and residential area. Many residents commute to Tucson and Green Valley, but there is some retail trade and service sector employment. Tourism and agriculture contribute substantially to the local economy. There are nine cattle ranches and a vegetable farm, as well as other livestock producers. The area has fine year-round forage and grazing lands, along with an apple and pear orchard, and three large apiaries.

### County Employment

	2006
Government	78,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	61,200
Educational and Health Services	52,800
Professional and Business Services	49,100
Leisure and Hospitality	43,000
Construction	28,300
Financial Activities	17,800
Other Services	14,900
Information	7,100
Manufacturing	2,900
Other	1,700

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security  
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



### Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	0	0	0
Unemployed	0	0	0
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security  
 Labor Force data unavailable for this area

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
Net Assessed Value (\$)	0	0	0

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation  
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### Scenic Attractions

Arivaca is home to the oldest standing adobe schoolhouse in Arizona. Scattered throughout the surrounding scenic high desert are many places of interest including the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, the Arivaca Townsite, Heintzelman Mine, the ghost town of Ruby, Oro Blanco in the Coronado National Forest, and Tumacacori Mission (30 miles southeast). Hunters come here annually for javelina, mule deer, whitetail and dove. For the fisherman, Arivaca Lake is well stocked with large-mouth bass, bluegill and catfish, as is the Pina Blanca Lake further south. Ample camping is available locally and on surrounding federal lands.

## Community Facilities

Arivaca has a 10-acre community center, two tennis courts, two softball fields, and a new, full service library.

### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N

### Financial

#### Government

Fire Department: Volunteer  
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

#### Medical

Medical facilities include the Arivaca Area Health Services Clinic.

#### Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: n/a  
Meeting Rooms: n/a  
Capacity of Largest Facility: n/a

#### Industrial Properties:

Information available upon request. Contact the Arivaca Mercantile Company.

#### Utilities

Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
Propane	AmeriGas	520.887.7120
Propane	Blue Flame	800.426.9185
Propane	Southern Arizona Gas	520.881.2028
Sewer	Septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Arivaca Water Co-op (townsite only)	
Water	Individual wells	

Cable Providers: N  
Digital Switching Station: N  
Internet Service Provider: N  
Cable Internet Service Provider: N  
Fiber Optics: N

## Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	0.00	0.00	0.00
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	7.06	7.76	6.71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7.06</b>	<b>7.76</b>	<b>6.71</b>

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation  
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

### Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

Sources: Arizona League of Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

## Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	31.9	65.8	1.1
February	33.2	68.8	0.9
March	37.0	73.1	0.8
April	41.6	80.7	0.3
May	48.1	89.0	0.2
June	57.7	98.2	0.4
July	65.8	96.8	3.9
August	64.1	94.0	3.7
September	58.5	92.4	1.5
October	47.6	84.3	1.1
November	37.3	73.4	0.7
December	32.4	66.3	1.3
Yearly Avg.	46.3	81.9	15.8

Source: Western Regional Climate Center  
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004.  
Nearest data available from Tumacacori National Monument, AZ. Average Total Snowfall .7".

This profile was prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce Communications Division in cooperation with local sources.

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