

# Bouse

## Community Profile

### Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bouse was settled in 1906 and named Brayton for John Brayton Martin who kept the Brayton Commercial Company for the Harquahala Mine. However, when the postal application was filed in 1907, postal officials picked up the applicant's name, Thomas Bouse, and the name Brayton faded into history. Bouse was a thriving mining town until the late 1920s when the mines began to play out. The hills around Bouse are dotted with abandoned mines, some dating back to the 1860s, left by early settlers. Bouse is becoming popular as a retirement and visitor center because of its mild winters and is also developing as a bedroom community for Parker, the county seat, 27 miles away along state Highway 72.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1906	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: No	Phoenix: 130 miles
Elevation: 700	Tucson: 240 miles
Located in La Paz County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS SR 72	

### Population

	1990	2000	2008
Bouse	N/A	615	N/A
La Paz County	13,844	19,715	21,544
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau  
 NOTE: 1990 Census did not include Bouse area (CDP). N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.

### Principal Economic Activities

Agriculture is a major contributor to the local economy which has diversified to include eco- and historic tourism. Crowder-Weisser Cattle Co. still exists, but farming is mostly confined to the Purcell Jojoba Co, which has two large greenhouses for producing seedlings and 1,000 acres under cultivation for jojoba beans. Bouse has abundant groundwater and large tracts of undeveloped land. The annual influx of winter visitors doubles Bouse's population and usually fills the RV parks to capacity.

### County Employment

	2008
Government	2,575
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,200
Other Private Service-Providing	950
Goods Producing	250

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



### Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	N/R	193	193
Unemployed	N/R	9	10
Unemployment Rate	N/A	4.7%	5.2%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce  
 Labor Force data unavailable for 1990. N/R:Notreport.

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
Net Assessed Value (\$)	11.4 million	64.6 million	121.8 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

### Scenic Attractions

East of Bouse, 30 miles along a dirt road, is Swansea. Now a ghost town, Swansea was once a copper mining community of 750. Although the mine closed in 1924 and the town died, many remnants still exist. Twenty miles east of Bouse, in the remote Butler Valley, is Camp Bouse. This secret Army base was built during World War II to train men with a "new" tank designed for night warfare. Camp Bouse Ninth Tank Group Memorial was recently established on Highway 72 in Bouse. The Bouse Assay Office has been restored and opened as an information and tourist center. Founders Day is celebrated in November. The Bouse Boosters hold both a Christmas Bazaar and Spring Fever Days & Camp Bouse Memorial Dedication in February.

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### Community Facilities

Bouse has athletic fields and equestrian facilities, a bookmobile, as well as a new 80-acre community park with camping and County maintained Gun Range.

<u>Educational Institutions</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Y	N

### Financial

#### Government

Fire Department: Volunteer  
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

#### Medical

Nearby Parker Community Hospital (39-bed), FAA listed heliport and Parker Ambulance Service.

#### Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 10  
Meeting Rooms: 4  
Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

#### Industrial Properties:

Numerous parcels are available with access to the Arizona & California Railroad Co. based in Parker. Its 240 miles of track provide for easy movement of goods to Los Angeles and Phoenix.

#### Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Propane	Bouse Propane	
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	GTE (Bouse)	928.669.2221
Water	2 small co-ops, individual wells	

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

### Taxes

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Elementary/High Schools	3.59	6.76	6.31
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	2.07
Countywide	5.24	4.96	4.06
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8.83</b>	<b>11.72</b>	<b>12.44</b>

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

#### Sales Tax

	<u>2008</u>
City/Town	0.00%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

### Weather

	<u>Avg. Low (°F)</u>	<u>Avg. High (°F)</u>	<u>Precip. (in.)</u>
January	53.4	86.9	0.5
February	34.9	65.8	0.6
March	38.7	71.0	0.6
April	43.5	77.2	0.5
May	50.0	85.7	0.2
June	58.6	94.6	0.1
July	67.2	104.2	0.1
August	76.7	108.0	0.6
September	75.7	105.9	1.0
October	66.7	100.4	0.5
November	53.7	89.0	0.4
December	41.1	75.0	0.4
December	34.4	65.4	0.5

Source: Western Regional Climate Center  
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1952-2005.  
Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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