

CLIFTON/MORENCI

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Clifton and Morenci were established during the late 1800s as mining towns. They are in eastern Arizona, near the New Mexico border. Clifton incorporated in 1909, is the seat of Greenlee County and the birthplace of Geronimo, famous Apache warrior chief. Morenci boasts the largest open pit copper mine in the U.S. Elevations range from 3,464 feet in Clifton to 4,838 feet in Morenci, which is still unincorporated.

FOUNDED: Late 1800s INCORPORATED: Clifton, Yes - 1909
COUNTY: Greenlee County INCORPORATED: Morenci, No
ELEVATION: CLIFTON 3,464 ft. MORENCI 4,710 ft.
DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 207 miles
DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 159 miles
HIGHWAYS: US 70; US 191; SR 75
Enterprise Zone available

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2008
Clifton	2,840	2,596	2,616
Morenci	1,799	1,879	N/A
Clifton/Morenci	4,639	4,475	N/A
Greenlee County	8,008	8,547	8,950
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,4554

Sources: AZ. Dept. of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau
N/A: Not available

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Mining and mineral processing dominate the economic picture in the Clifton/Morenci area, employing upwards of two-thirds of the workforce. The government and educational sectors are also major employers with about 200 employees. Clifton and Morenci are trade centers for tourists driving the popular Coronado Trail or touring the historic Chase Creek business district. While there are a large number of retail and service firms, they are not major employers.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2008</u>
Goods Producing	4,075
Government	550
Other Private Service-Providing	275
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	250

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

Major Private Employers

Phelps Dodge/Morenci

Major Public Employers

Clifton Unified School District #3
Greenlee County
Morenci Unified School District #18



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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Clifton Elementary/High School	\$ 7.89	\$ 8.42	\$ 6.19
Clifton City/Fire District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.83
Countywide	\$ 1.21	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.62
Totals	\$ 9.10	\$ 9.33	\$ 9.64
Morenci Elementary/High School	\$ 4.90	\$ 3.84	\$ 1.82
Morenci City/Fire District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Countywide	\$ 1.21	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.62
Totals	\$ 6.11	\$ 4.75	\$ 2.44

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation.
Note: Tax rate per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

Sales Tax Rate

Clifton	3.00%
Morenci	0.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

Source: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The community offers a broad range of facilities. There are a variety of dining establishments, two libraries, one historical museum, two swimming pools, six parks, a golf course, a bowling alley, several tennis courts and two community centers.

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

Financial

Number of banks: 1

Government

Fire Department: Volunteer
Law Enforcement: Town Police Department/Greenlee County Sheriff

Medical

24-hour urgent care available.

Airport

Residents of the Clifton/Morenci area have access to a local municipal airport with a lighted 4,900-foot runway.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 63
Meeting Rooms: 1
Capacity of Largest Facility: 75

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce.

Utilities

Electricity:	Morenci Water & Electric Co.	520.865.3681
Natural Gas:	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer:	Clifton-Town of Clifton	520.865.4146
Telephone:	Copper Valley Telephone	520.865.2881
Water:	Morenci Water & Electric Co.	520.865.3681

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

Clifton Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Prec (in.)
Jan.	32.1	59.7	1.1
Feb.	37.1	65.8	1.0
Mar.	42.4	72.4	0.8
Apr.	49.1	80.9	0.4
May	57.5	89.7	0.4
June	67.1	99.2	0.4
July	71.4	100.2	2.2
Aug.	70.4	97.7	2.4
Sept.	65.1	93.2	1.6
Oct.	54.0	82.9	1.1
Nov.	40.7	69.3	0.8
Dec.	33.4	59.7	1.2
Annual	51.7	80.9	1.1

Source: Western Regional Climate Center, www.wrcc.dri.edu.
Period of record 1893 – 2005. Average Snow Depth 1.1".

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