

# Bowie

## Community Profile

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Bowie is named for nearby Fort Bowie, whose ruins are designated an Historic Site. It came to life in 1880 through the combined effort of the Southern Pacific Railroad and frontiersman, James Tevis. The Chiricahua Apache, Fort Bowie, John Butterfield's mail and passenger stage coaches are part of the area's history. Nestled in the San Simon Valley of southeastern Arizona, Bowie is surrounded by mountain ranges: 10,717-foot Mt. Graham; the Peloncillo range; 8,363-foot Dos Cabezas Range; and 9,796-foot Chiricahua Mountains, with 300 miles of hiking trails and cool forests of pine, fir and spruce. Apache Pass, a four-mile mountain corridor, separates the Chiricahua and Dos Cabezas Ranges.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1880	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: No	Phoenix: 210 miles
Elevation: 3,700	Tucson: 81 miles
Located in Cochise County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10	
Enterprise Zone available	

### Population

	1990	2000	2008
Bowie	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cochise County	97,624	117,755	139,434
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau  
 Note: Local sources last estimated population at 450. U.S. Census Bureau and AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. do not report on population figures for this area.

### Principal Economic Activities

Retirees comprise much of Bowie's populace; however, a varied economy of ranching, farming, and orchards of pistachios, pecans and grapes form today's economic staples. Small businesses include automotive repair, gas stations, two RV parks, grocery stores, restaurants, a wine and nut outlet and a barber shop.

### County Employment

	2008
Government	12,375
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,650
Professional and Business Services	4,775
Educational and Health Services	4,150
Leisure and Hospitality	4,050
Mining and Construction	2,075
Financial Activities	900
Manufacturing	850
Other Services	775
Information	525

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	N/R	N/R
Unemployed	N/R	N/R	N/R
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce  
 Labor Force data unavailable for this area. N/R: Not report.

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
Net Assessed Value (\$)	2.7 million	2.2 million	3.2 million

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

### Scenic Attractions

Butterfield Stage Route, Bascom Camp Site, Siphon Canyon and Apache Spring are popular attractions along this old stage coach route. Fort Bowie National Historic Site features ruins of an 1800s cavalry fort. Chiricahua National Monument and Wonderland of Rocks contain high wilderness areas, hiking trails, and campgrounds. Camp Rucker, Lake Rucker, Roper Lake State Park and Cochise Stronghold offer camping, hiking and fishing. Also in the area are a world-famous bird sanctuary, a natural mineral hot spring and sand dunes popular with ATV and four-wheel drive enthusiasts. Coronado National Monument commemorates the 1540s expedition of Spanish conquistador, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, on his quest for the city of gold. The Amerind Foundation Museum displays Southwestern Indian artifacts.

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### Community Facilities

Bowie offers a range of community facilities. There are two parks, one with outdoor grills, picnic tables and playground equipment. A library, pool, gym, tennis courts and athletic fields are available at the high school, along with picnic grounds. Bowie also has a post office and county library. Nearby Willcox has a movie theater and supermarket.

<b>Educational Institutions</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Community College	Y	N

### Financial

#### Government

Fire Department: Volunteer  
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

#### Medical

Complete medical facilities are available in nearby Willcox and Safford.

#### 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 Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

#### Utilities

Electricity	Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (statewide)	800.422.9288
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	520.384.2231
Water	Bowie Water Improvement District	520.847.2422

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

### Taxes

<b>Property Tax Rate</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>
Elementary/High Schools	8.96	11.36	12.21
City/Fire District	3.50	3.00	3.18
Countywide	6.26	5.70	4.79
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18.72</b>	<b>20.06</b>	<b>20.18</b>

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association  
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation  
NOTE: School district participates in Cochise Technical District (CTD).

<b>Sales Tax</b>	<b>2008</b>
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

### Weather

	<b>Avg. Low (°F)</b>	<b>Avg. High (°F)</b>	<b>Precip. (in.)</b>
	47.6	80.3	0.9
January	30.8	61.1	0.8
February	34.3	65.8	0.8
March	38.7	71.9	0.6
April	44.6	80.2	0.3
May	52.7	89.1	0.2
June	61.9	98.4	0.4
July	67.5	98.2	2.1
August	65.7	95.5	2.1
September	59.4	91.7	1.1
October	48.2	82.1	0.9
November	36.7	69.3	0.6
December	31.0	60.3	0.9

Source: Western Regional Climate Center  
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1899-2005. Average Total Snowfall 1.8."

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