

Profile:

Yuma County, Arizona

Yuma County was one of the original four counties designated by the First Territorial Legislature. Until 1983, when voters decided to split it into La Paz County in the north and a new Yuma County in the south, it maintained its original boundaries.

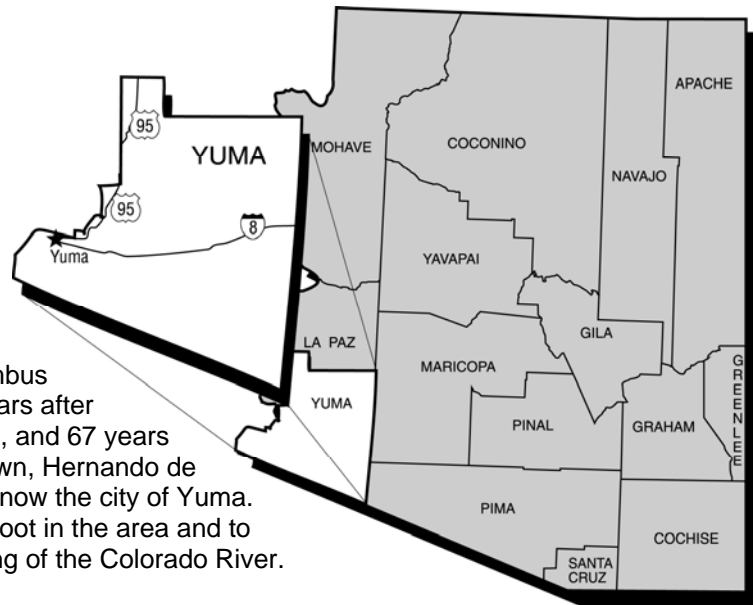
In 1540, just 48 years after Columbus discovered the New World, 18 years after the conquest of Mexico by Cortéz, and 67 years before the settlement of Jamestown, Hernando de Alarcón visited the site of what is now the city of Yuma. He was the first European to set foot in the area and to recognize the best natural crossing of the Colorado River.

From the 1850s through the 1870s, steamboats on the Colorado River transported passengers and goods to mines, ranches and military outposts in the area, serving the ports of Yuma, Laguna, Castle Dome, Norton's Landing, Ehrenberg, Aubry, Ft. Mohave and Hardyville.

For many years, Yuma served as the gateway to the new western territory of California. In 1870, the Southern Pacific Railroad bridged the river, and Yuma became a hub for the railroad and was selected as the county seat.

Much of Yuma County's 5,519 square miles is desert land accented by rugged mountains. The valley regions, however, contain an abundance of arable land, which is irrigated with Colorado River water. Agriculture, tourism, military and government are the county's principal industries. During the winter months, the population grows considerably with part-time residents. All of Yuma County is an Enterprise Zone.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management accounts for 42 percent of land ownership; Indian reservations, less than 0.5 percent; the state of Arizona, 5 percent; individual or corporate, 13 percent; and other public lands, 40 percent.



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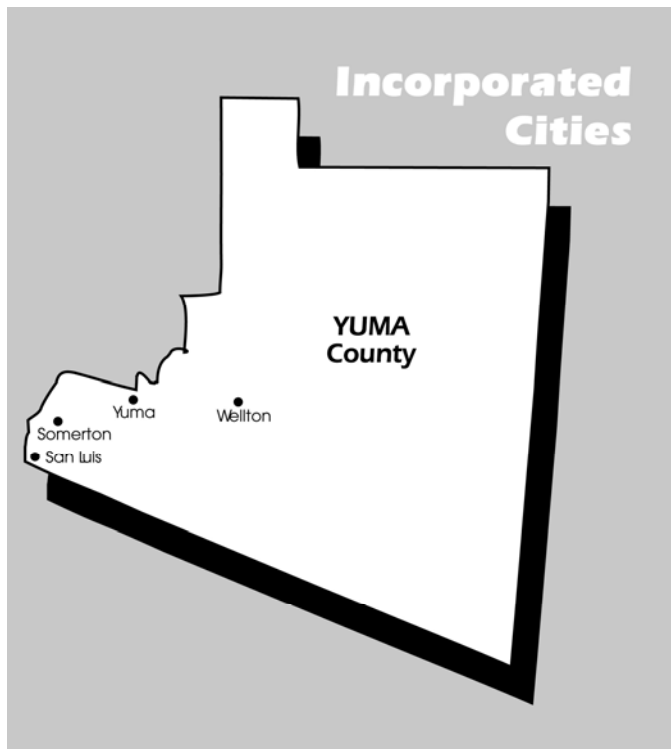
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Yuma County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Yuma
2007 Population:	203,779
2007 Labor Force:	82,500
Unemployment Rate:	15.9%
Major Industries:*	Agriculture-Forestry-Fishing & Hunting, Public Administration, Retail Trade

Best Paying Industries:*	Professional-Scientific & Technical Services, Management of Companies & Enterprises, Public Administration
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Sources: July 2007, Population Estimates July 2008, Strategic Investment and Research, Arizona Department of Commerce; December 2008 Special Unemployment Report, OES Report, Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.



Population

	1990	2000	2008
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455
Yuma County	106,895	160,026	203,779

Major Cities/Communities

Cocopah Indian Res.	515	1,025	N/A
San Luis	4,212	15,322	26,705
Somerton	5,282	7,266	11,377
Wellton	1,066	1,829	2,318
Yuma	54,923	77,515	93,719

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.

N/A - Not available

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	24.40%
15-24	14.55%
25-44	25.62%
45-64	18.91%
65+	16.53%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	68.3%
African American	2.2%
Native American	1.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.0%
Other	26.8%
Totals	100.0%
Hispanic Heritage*	50.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race

2008 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	3,132,667	5.5%
Yuma County	82,500	15.9%

Major Cities/Communities

Cocopah Indian Reservation	274	21.5%
San Luis	6,834	36.3%
Somerton	4,039	24.3%
Wellton	806	18.9%
Yuma	45,649	13.2%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research, December 2008 Special Unemployment Report.



Labor Force

2008 Employment by Sector

	(in thousands)
Mining & Construction	4.1
Education & Health Svcs	6.0
Financial Activities	1.5
Government	14.8
Information	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	5.6
Manufacturing	2.9
Professional & Business Svcs	4.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10.5

Source: Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2008 Total All Occupations

Employment	61,760
Hourly Compensation	
Median Wage	\$11.46
Average Wage	\$14.56
Entry Wage *	\$7.17
Experienced **	\$17.66

2008 Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative Support	8,720	\$13.43
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	8,440	\$9.21
Sales & Related Occupations	6,220	\$13.41
Transportation & Material Moving	4,030	\$12.41
Food Preparation & Serving Related	4,890	\$9.14
Construction & Extraction	3,720	\$15.34
Education, Training & Library	3,370	\$17.30
Management	2,110	\$34.60

Source: Prepared by the Ariz. Dept. of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2009
 * 10th percentile ** 75th percentile

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Alexander Automotive	New and Used Car Dealer
Applebee's Restaurants	Food
Arizona Public Service	Public Utilities
Arizona Western College	Education
Associated Citrus	Agriculture
AMI – Alside Division	Manufacturing
Barkley Farms	Cash Grains
Bravo Packing Co.	Crop Service
Carrier UTC	Manufacturing/Refrigeration
City of Yuma	Government
Cocopah Bingo Casino	Misc. Recreation Services
Cocopah Indian Tribe	Government
Crane School District #13	Education
Dillard's	Retail
Dole Corporation	Fruits and Vegetables
Emco Harvesting Co.	Agriculture
Gowan Company/Desert Depot	Agricultural Chemical
Gowan Milling	Manufacturing

Grower's Company, Inc.	Agriculture
Huerta Packing	Agriculture
J.C. Penney Company	Retail
Johnson Controls	Manufacturing
Mission Citrus	Agriculture
Palm View Rehabilitation & Care Center	Healthcare
Pasquinnelli Produce Co.	Agriculture
Quechan Indian Tribe Paradise Casino	Casino
NCO	Call Center
Rinker Materials	Construction
Rural Metro Corporation	Ambulance & Fire Service
Salyer American Fresh	Agriculture
Sam's Club	Retail
Shaw Industries/Queen Carpets	Manufacturing
Shay Oil Co.	Retail Gasoline & Sales
Target	Retail
The Sun	Media/Communications
Tillman	Protective Clothing
Union Pacific Transportation	Railroad
U.S. Army Proving Ground	Military
U.S. Border Patrol	Government
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Government
U.S. Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS)	Military
U.S. Postal Service	Government
Wal Mart	Department Store
Western Arizona Council of Government	Social Services
Western Newspaper	Media/Communications
Weyerhaeuser Co.	Manufacturer/Corrugated Boxes
Yuma County	Government
Yuma Elementary School District	Government
Yuma Regional Medical Center	Healthcare
Yuma Union High School	Education

Source: Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation



Electric Service

Major Supplier:	
APS	(800) 253-9407
Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage Irrigation & Power District	(928) 785-3351

Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:	
Southwest Gas Corporation	(800) 766-9722

Water and Sewer

Check individual community profile for water and sewer available locally or call individual town for more information.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:	
Qwest	(800) 244-1111



Medical

Major Hospital:

Yuma Regional Medical Center, Yuma (928) 344-2000



Education

Arizona Western College, Yuma (928) 344-7656
 Southern Illinois University, Yuma (928) 726-7170
 University of Phoenix, Yuma (928) 341-0233
 Northern Arizona University, Yuma (928) 317-6402



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 8, U.S. 95, Highway 80

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines (800) 231-2222

Rail Service

Union Pacific Railroad (888) 870-8777
 Yuma Valley Railway Tourist Railroad (928) 783-3456

Trucking Service

Con-Way Western Express, Central Freight Lines, Consolidated Freightways, Gale Transfer, LA Yuma Freight Lines Inc., Pacific Scales, Roadway Express, San Luis International Freight Service, Yellow Freight Systems Inc.

Air Service

Major Airport

Airport Name:

Yuma International (928) 726-5882
 2191 E. 32nd St.
 Functional Class: Commercial Service
 Elevation: 213'
 Ownership: Public/Yuma County
 Use: Public/Commercial/Military
 Served by: United Express/Yuma - LAX
 America West Express/Yuma - PHX
 Nav-Aids: ILS/PAR
 Runway: 3L/21R Length: 13,300' Width: 200'
 Surface: Concrete
 Runway: 3R/21L Length: 9,239' Width: 150'
 Surface: Asphalt, concrete
 Runway: 08/26 Length: 6,145' Width: 150'
 Surface: Asphalt, Concrete
 General Purpose Foreign Trade: Zone #219

Source Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Distance to Major Cities





San Luis

A 26-acre industrial park exists on state land, including off-site improvements and city services. The industrial park is located immediately adjacent to the U.S. Customs commercial port of entry providing easy accessibility. An additional 150 acres on state land within city limits is zoned for industrial development and is located along the U.S./Mexico border in San Luis, Arizona. The City of San Luis invites labor-intensive industry to develop manufacturing facilities on either side of the border. For more information, call the City of San Luis Economic Development Commission at (928) 341-8520 or the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation at (928) 782-7774.

Wellton

Wellton has several areas adjacent to I-8 and Southern Pacific Railroad which are available. For more information, contact the Town of Wellton, 28634 Oakland Ave., Wellton, AZ 85356, (928) 785-3348 or the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, (928) 782-7774.

Yuma

There are numerous industrial parks available with space for light or heavy industry, office, warehouse, commercial and storage. Various size parcels are available for monthly or annual leases. For more information, contact Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, (928) 782-7774.

An 80-acre Foreign Trade Zone at Yuma International Airport provides significant cost savings to companies through the ability to defer, reduce, or eliminate payment of custom duties.

The state of Arizona also provides an 80 percent reduction in the payment of property taxes for companies located within an activated zone.

Benefits are available within the general purpose zone or at a company's existing location.

For more information, contact Yuma County Airport Authority, (928) (520) 726-5882.



Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Yuma County

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Industrial Development Authority of the City of Yuma

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Commercial Banks

Armed Forces Bank
Chase
Bank of America
Foothills Bank
National Bank of Arizona
Yuma Community Bank
Wells Fargo

State Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Property Tax

Community	Elem/High School	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
San Luis	7.00	0.00	4.95	11.95
Somerton	8.13	1.35	4.95	14.43
Wellton	5.02	0.00	4.95	9.97
Yuma	2.91	1.56	4.95	9.42

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2008 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Yuma County has a 1.1 percent sales tax. The City of Yuma has a city sales tax of 1.7 percent and an additional bed tax of 2.0 percent. Somerton and Wellton have a city sales tax of 2.5 percent. San Luis has a city sales tax of 3.5 percent.

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 37 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



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