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### ARIZONA (AZ)

**Population:** 7,171,646 (USA Rank: 14)

Per Capita Income: \$30,530 (USA Rank:36)

*U.S.Governments:* https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials

(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)

**Arizona**: https://az.gov (engage@az.gov)

Tel: Phoenix: 602.542.4331 Tucson: 520.628.6580

Governor's office: https://azgovernor.gov

Secretary of State: https://azsos.gov (602-542-4285)

AZ Ombudsman/Citizens' Aide: https://azoca.gov Tel: 602-277-7292

**Tourism:** https://tourism.az.gov (602-364-3700)

**Major Cities:** Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Scottsdale, Yuma, Prescott, Sedona

### **Multicultural Council of America**

non-profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare

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are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **Arizona** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a <u>member</u>, join one of our committees, **be a** <u>volunteer or mentor</u>, <u>donate</u> your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations & governments.

Please <u>advertise</u> your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

**Tourism Promotion** has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

It is estimated that more than 22.5 million people visited the State of Arizona during 2019, spending \$25.5 billion, creating nearly 194,000 jobs, generating more than **\$3.7 billion** in federal, state and local tax revenues, and Economic Impact of multi-billions in Arizona economy. During 2020-2021 COVID-19 devastated Tourism revenues in Arizona significantly.

While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within Arizona and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Arizona, for employment and our economic growth. Let's work together to help each other.

Population by Race: Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (https://census.gov/acs) & Pew Research

	Arizona			<b>U. S.A.</b>	<b>Change 2010-21</b>	% increase
1	White	78.0%		192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	4.7%		39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	31.6%		62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	3.3%		18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	4.6%		-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	4.0%		14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.2%		-	-	-
8	Arizonans Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	27.5%		-	-	-

#### How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Arizona?

**Family Budget Calculator**, developed by the Economic Policy Institute (<a href="www.epi.org/resources/budget">www.epi.org/resources/budget</a>) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

### **Arizona Information, Contacts & Resources**

- **History & Culture:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History of Arizona
- **History & Culture:** https://www.britannica.com/place/Arizona-state/History
- **Demographics:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics of Arizona
- **Discrimination** (Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247 https://civilrights.justice.gov
- **Health:** https://azdhs.gov
- Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics: 703-647-7427 https://nafcclinics.org info@nafcclinics.org
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to druginfo@fda.hhs.gov
- Immigration & Citizenship: www.uscis.gov/citizenship Email: Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov
- IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service: 877-777-4778 www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov

- Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices: 1-877-382-4357 https://reportfraud.ftc.gov
- The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans: http://www.innocenceproject.org Email: info@innocenceproject.org
- Need Urgent Legal Help? Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 (www.lsc.gov- info@lsc.gov) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 www.americanbar.org

### **Arizona Crisis Hotlines:** https://dcs.az.gov/resources/faq/question-who-can-i-contact-crisis

- **1. 911** (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY** #)
- 2. Central Arizona Crisis Line (serves Maricopa County):602-222-9444 or 1-800-631-1314 (toll-free) TTY: 602-274-3360 or 800-327-9254
- 3. Northern Arizona Crisis Line (serves Apache, Coconino, Gila, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai counties): 1-877-756-4090
- 4. Southern Arizona Crisis Line (serves Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties or the San Carlos Apache Reservation): 1-866-495-6735
- 5. Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Communities: 1-800-259-3449
- 6. Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community: 1-855-331-6432

National Crisis Resources: 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433

Child Abuse: 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) www.childhelp.org

**Domestic Violence**: 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) www.strongheartshelpline.org

Shelters: https://www.domesticshelters.org

Online Chat (7am-2am CST) https://www.thehotline.org - All calls are toll-free & confidential

**Human Trafficking Hotline:** 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – 855-649-7299 – www.niwrc.org - info@niwrc.org

National Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700-Text: 1-800-522-4700-Chat:

www.ncpgambling.org/chat Suicide Prevention

**Lifeline:** 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) ........... Soon to be 9-8-8

Poison Control Center For Emergencies: 1-800-222-1222

Covenant House Nineline: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) https://teenlineonline.org

Girls & Boys Town National Hotline: Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

**National Youth Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673) **Samariteens:** 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Youth Crisis Hotline**: 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

Youth America Hotline (YAH!): 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

**The Trevor Lifeline:** 1-866-488-7388 (promoting tolerance & understanding for LGBTQ youth).

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# Please help us by adding, correcting & improving this website to serve our communities Arizona History & General Information

Arizona may have had people living more than 25,000 years ago, according to the ongoing archaeological research but even today, 22 sovereign American Indian communities reside in Arizona, lending their unique spiritual, cultural, and economic richness to the state.

Arizona is the sixth largest state physically and is perhaps best known for its weather and geography. Southern Arizona features a hot desert climate, while northern Arizona is full of forests, mountain ranges and canyons. There are several national parks, monuments and forests in the state, including the Grand Canyon.

Arizona has been referred to as The 5 Cs (cattle, cotton, citrus, climate, and copper) state for its success and popularity. People from all over the world have migrated to Arizona because of its dry-climate. Weather and health are inextricably linked and Arizona climate has been touted as a huge draw for people suffering from many health conditions.

The economy of Arizona has become much more diverse during the last 50 years. Although mineral extraction (copper, zinc, silver, gold & uranium), lumbering, cattle raising, and agriculture remains important, the focus has shifted toward manufacturing industry and services. Tourism and the microelectronics industry have been the top two export-oriented industries in the state in recent years.

Besides the Native Indians and Mexicans, Arizona had a very large influx of Chinese with the construction of railroads in the 1880's, followed by Europeans with agricultural & mining boom. During World War II, Arizona served as a site for German prisoner of war camps and Japanese-American internment camps.

Arizona's multicultural population has been increasing significantly with the economic growth, especially in manufacturing, technology and healthcare, motivating people from around the world to move to Arizona, transforming it as one of the fastest growing multicultural state in the nation.

### HELP REFUGEES ALL OVER THE WORLD

There are more than 100 million refugees, according to UNHCR, in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America and the Pacific regions.

The UNHCR and the Multicultural Council needs your generous support to provide food, housing, healthcare and cash to help the people, through MCC Chapters around the world as well as other local NGOs.

We are offering **TUITION FREE education to qualified refugees all over the world**, through our affiliate **American Academy of International Education** (<a href="https://www.americanacademyedu.org">https://www.americanacademyedu.org</a>). Please donate

scholarships and financial aid to youth, women and adults to help them transform their lives and become productive with the skills we can provide.

## PLEASE DONATE

The Multicultural Council of America is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization. We depend on your generosity, membership and donations for all our activities.

To learn more about what we do and to help our communities, please visit our website or send us an email.

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