

# DUNCAN

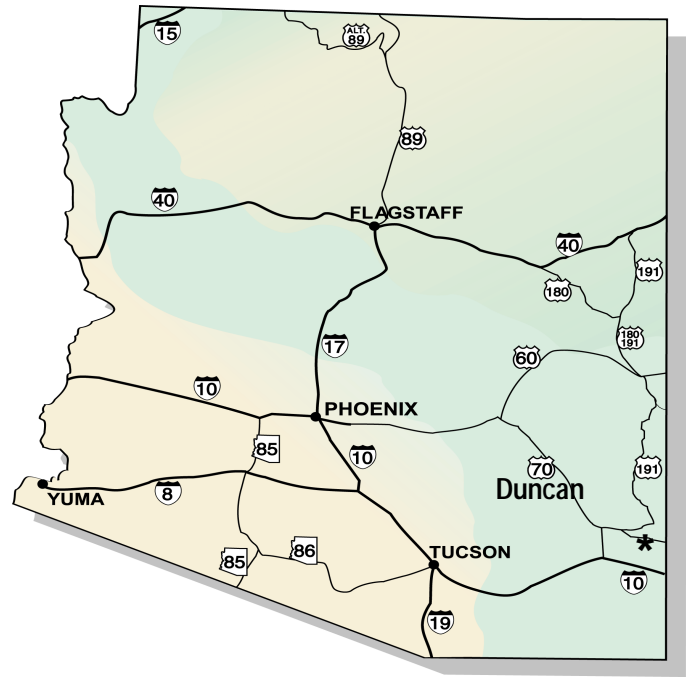
# Community Profile

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Duncan, astride the beautiful Gila River in scenic & historic Greenlee County, lies five miles from the AZ/New Mexico border. US Hwy. 70, the Old West Hwy. between Lordsburg, NM & Apache Junction, AZ, is the major route through Duncan. AZ 75 connects Duncan with Clifton, the County Seat, and Morenci, a major copper-producing town. Founded in 1883 with the coming of what is now Union Pacific Railroad is named after James Duncan Smith, a director of the Scottish based AZ Copper Co. (now Phelps Dodge), that began mining in the Clifton area in 1882. Duncan is now a small town ideally suited for families and retirees.

FOUNDED: 1883  
 COUNTY: Greenlee County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 204 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: US70, AZ75, AZ92

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1938  
 ELEVATION: 3,535 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 166 miles



## POPULATION

	1990	1998	1999
Duncan	662	775	795
Greenlee County	8,008	9,125	9,225
Arizona	3,665,228	4,764,025	4,924,350

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Duncan is in the heart of Greenlee County's principal agricultural area, the verdant and fertile Duncan Valley. Some 10,000 acres are under irrigation and produce about 5,000 bales of cotton annually. Other crops are grains, potatoes, melons and chilis. Cattle continues to play an important role in the economy, both on dairy farms and on cattle ranches. The commercial sector consists of small retail and service establishments. Mining is also significant to the economy.

County Employment	1990	1999
Agricultural Services, Forestry & Fishing	0	
Construction	0	625
FIRE	0	
Manufacturing	0	
Mining	0	2,600
Retail Trade	243	
Services	154	150
TCPU	50	100
Trade		300

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

### Major Private Employers

1. Union Pacific Railroad
2. Lunt's Dairy
3. Phelps Dodge

### Major Public Employers

1. Duncan Valley Electric Coop
2. Greenlee County
3. State of Arizona
4. Duncan Unified School District No. 3

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	0	0	0
Unemployed	0	0	0
Unemployment Rate	0	0	0

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

### Growth Indicators

	1990	1998	1999
New Building Permits	4	1	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	3,120,100	3,679,950	2,764,100
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	1,220,553	1,197,402	1,233,477

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Department of Revenue.

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Old West Hwy. provides a historic and scenic drive through the nearby towns of Safford, Clifton and Morenci. On the Lazy B Ranch, near Duncan, is the largest fire-agate field in the nation. Surrounding hills are covered with geodes and other rocks to satisfy the most avid rockhound. Indian writings and other artifacts can be found in many of the box canyons and cliffs in the area. The Lazy B Ranch was the childhood home of Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the US Supreme Court. Also nearby is Swift Trail, which goes through the Pinaleno Mtns. capped by Mt. Graham at an elevation of 10,700 feet. Scenic Coronado Trail in the Apache Natl. Forest is also nearby as well as Morenci's open pit mines and Clifton's historic Chase Creek. Hunting & fishing are popular pastimes.

## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	1998	1999
Elem/High School	3.84	7.15	8.32
City/Fire District	2.62	1.76	1.52
County	1.21	0.76	0.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.67</b>	<b>\$9.67</b>	<b>\$10.62</b>

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Property tax in Arizona is based on assessed valuation which is 10 percent of market value for residential property. Average tax rate on homes in Arizona before exemptions and rebates is 1.3% of market value.

## Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.00%

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Duncan has a library, parks, municipal swimming pool, senior center, golf course, racetrack and numerous tennis courts. School facilities include volleyball, basketball, track, baseball and softball fields, archery and tennis. Also available are stables and roping arenas.

### Educational Institutions

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

### Financial

Number of Banks: 1

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

### Airports: Greenlee County Municipal Airport

with lighted/paved 5,000-ft. runway is 32 miles away.

### Medical

One medical center, one hospital in Safford.

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 6

Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 100

## Industrial Properties

An 80-Acre Greenlee County Industrial Park is located contiguous to the Town of Duncan. Development of O'Connell Field, a regional airport, is actively underway. Completion for this excellent facility, midway between Phoenix and El Paso, is scheduled for early 2002. First Class regional Highways and a major branch of the Union Pacific Railroad provide superb transportation facilities to Duncan and the upper Gila River area. Duncan Town Manager, (520) 359.2791. Fax (520) 359.9146.

## Utilities

Electricity	Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative	520.359.2503
Natural Gas	Duncan Rural Service Cooperative	520.359.2442
Telephone	Copper Valley	520.865.2881
	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Duncan)	520.359.2791

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	22.9	58.3	0.76
February	25.9	63.3	0.54
March	31.2	69.1	0.49
April	38.3	77.8	0.20
May	45.6	85.7	0.16
June	54.9	93.7	0.28
July	64.3	94.1	1.61
August	62.1	91.7	2.00
September	54.0	87.8	1.25
October	41.3	79.0	0.77
November	29.3	67.3	0.42
December	23.6	58.8	0.42
Yearly Avg	41.1	77.2	9.38

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