



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



DEVELOPING A BRIGHTER FUTURE TOGETHER



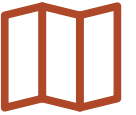
COMMUNITY PROFILE

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES



The Town of Gila Bend sits atop an **AQUIFER** which supports the high demand of energy generation.

The Gila Bend power grid has a more reliable capacity to meet energy needs than most areas.



34%

Administrative
or Business

15%

Food Service
Industry

12%

Construction

11%

Agriculture

7%

Logistics
&
Transport

MAJOR OCCUPATIONS

Gila Bend's unemployment rate falls below both the State and National average.

TAXES

STATE

5.6%

COUNTY

0.7%

TOWN

3.5%

PROPERTY TAX RATE

.338%

per \$100 of assessed value

DEMOGRAPHICS

70 SQ. MILES
INCORPORATED

1977 US CENSUS
BUREAU 2015
POPULATION

28.8
MEDIAN AGE

\$29,795
MEDIAN INCOME

OUR VISION

The Town of Gila Bend is forecasting a bright future with exciting challenges ahead for our dynamic community.

Gila Bend continues to diversify local industries providing residents with more opportunities to live, work, and play within the Town limits.

As Gila Bend moves forward, an investment will be made to develop a formal Town Center, as well as facilitate shovel-ready sites for future development.

Our Historic District will continue to provide redevelopment opportunities that enhance the area's economic foundation, while keeping to the tenets of Gila Bend's proud and rich history.

We are committed to ensuring a prosperous future for our community, and believe that by strengthening key relationships and creating new partnerships, Gila Bend and surrounding areas will expand and thrive!

Welcome
to GILA BEND

CONNECTIVITY

8,707

WORKERS



**GILA BEND
COMMUTE SHED**

112 min.
DRIVE TIME

66 min.
DRIVE TIME

44 min.
DRIVE TIME

33 min.
DRIVE TIME

Town of
GILA BEND

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Located off of Hwy 85, just two miles east of the town center

- o B-II Aircraft Rating
- o 109 Daily Operations
- o 5200 sq ft of Runway
- o 9800 sq ft of Hangar Space



BUCKEYE
POP. 50,876

MARICOPA
POP. 43,482

PHOENIX
POP. 1.45M

TUCSON
POP. 371K

PROXIMITY TO TRANSPORTATION HUBS

To San Diego
I-8

To Mexico

HWY
85

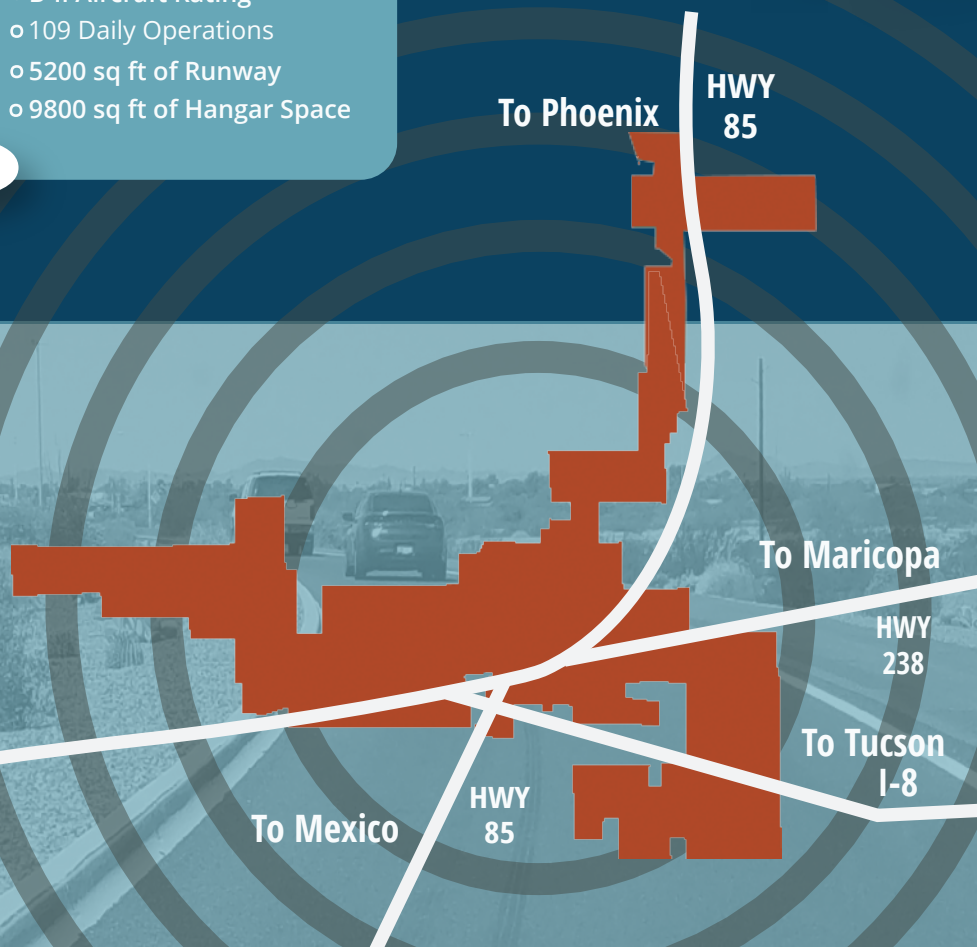
To Phoenix

HWY
85

To Maricopa

HWY
238

To Tucson
I-8



INDUSTRY ASSETS



MANUFACTURING

Two plants totaling \$60M in direct investment



LOGISTICAL POSITIONING

Strategically positioned at the I-8 and Hwy 85 interchange with direct access for LSPs to and from Mexico and Southern California



GREEN ENERGY GENERATION

367 MW of utility-scale solar development



AGRI-BUSINESS

43,000 acres under cultivation + six dairies



TOURISM

500K acres of scenic landscape, 3 archaeological sites, outdoor adventure and historic trails



REAL ESTATE/LAND

70 sq. miles of incorporated land to develop within

UNION PACIFIC RR



The Union Pacific Rail connects 23 States in the western 2/3 of the country, providing a critical link in the global supply chain.

BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMS



TAX CREDITS

A suite of incentives and tax credits are available to support business growth and expansion in Gila Bend.



JOB TRAINING

To further support new business, Gila Bend offers job training and additional workforce service programs.



PERMITTING

Streamlined regulatory processes such as expedited permitting, are one of the many ways Gila Bend has become a business-friendly market.

COMMUNITY VITALITY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROMOTING A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

FOR OUR 60+

Activities, programs, and events that meet the health & wellness needs of our older community

FOR OUR GRADUATING YOUTH

Growing programs for Youth Workforce Development

FOR OUR DEVELOPING YOUTH

Youth Sporting Leagues offered throughout the year for boys and girls to help with team-building skills and social growth

FOR OUR FAMILIES

Programs, tools and resources that support parents and caregivers of young children



8000

MEALS SERVED
TO OUR 60+
IN 2016



3200

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
TOUCHED BY OUR
PROGRAMS



175

CHILDREN 0-5
INVOLVED IN OUR
DEVELOPMENTAL/READINESS
PROGRAMS



TOURISM

OFFICE OF TOURISM

An affiliated Arizona Office of Tourism Visitor's Center, travellers can expect to find information about any of the four regions of our State, as well as destination information about Gila Bend!

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Gila Bend visitors and residents alike enjoy close proximity to hiking, camping, picnicking, hunting and target shooting, scenic byways and plenty of photo opportunities to capture the amazing flora and fauna!

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

PAINTED ROCK PETROGLYPH SITE

GILLESPIE DAM BRIDGE

SONORAN DESERT NATL MONUMENT

GATLIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Local ANNUAL EVENTS

BUTTERFIELD STAGE DAYS

EASTER EGGSPERIENCE

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

PITCH-IN FOR GILA BEND

HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE

& SANTA IN THE PARK

MUSEUM

A 1200 sq. ft. newly renovated space housing more than 2000 artifacts showcasing the rich history and culture of Gila Bend and the surrounding region.





We Are
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