

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH PROFILES

Oro Valley

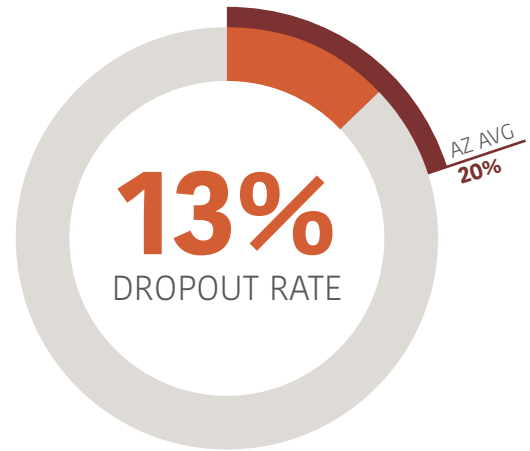
Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is home to over 41,000 people. The town is located just three miles north of Tucson, in Pima County. Oro Valley was once known for its retirement community, but that has been changing as the town has grown, welcoming a younger, more diverse community.

Oro Valley has a mixture of public, private and charter schools available to its residents. The town's public schools are part of the Amphitheater School District, which has more than 14,000 students in 21 schools covering 109 square miles from Tucson to the Pinal County line.

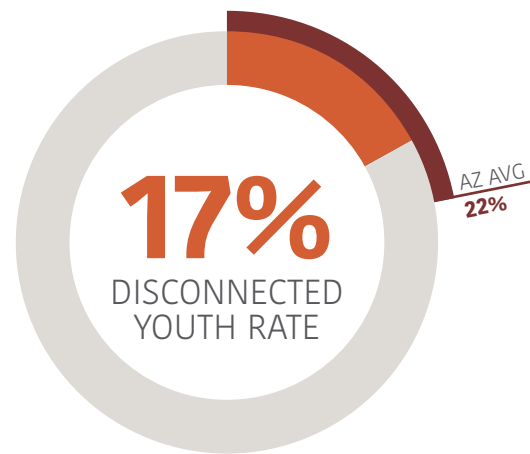
Mayor Satish Hiremath believes when students are engaged in their education communities, they are more likely to succeed and complete their education. Early childhood education is crucial, so he has collaborated with the community to bring the Children's Museum to Oro Valley, giving young children a boost in learning and cognition before they hit kindergarten, a project to which the town contributed \$200,000.

One of the ways the town has taken a proactive approach to dropout prevention is by funding programs such as School Resource Officers, who serve a three-fold role as law enforcement officers, teachers and counselors to the school community. While building healthy relationships with law enforcement officers, students learn about bullying, self-defense, conflict-resolution, drug awareness and much more. In 2013, the Resource Officer's program was chosen as a model Safety Resource Officer Agency by the Arizona School Resource Officer's Association.

In addition to the multiple programs available to youth through the Parks and Recreation Department, the town offers a Teen Academy each summer, the Explorers program and the Youth Advisory Council.



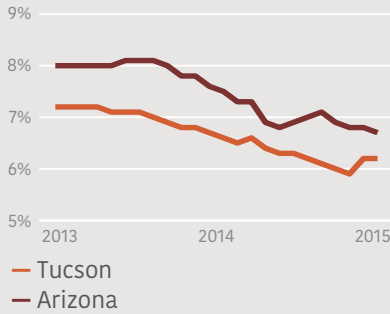
110 dropouts per year
\$40 million lifetime economic loss



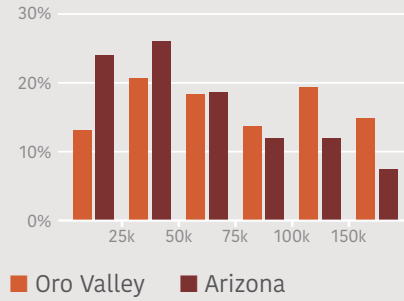
888 disconnected youth
\$525 million lifetime economic loss

ECONOMIC LOSS BY RACE/ETHNICITY	White		Black		Hispanic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Lifetime loss per dropout	\$358,700	\$326,700	\$218,000	\$137,700	\$382,400	\$297,200
Lifetime loss per disconnected youth	\$659,900	\$549,900	\$730,200	\$633,300	\$565,500	\$526,700

Unemployment Rate



Household Income

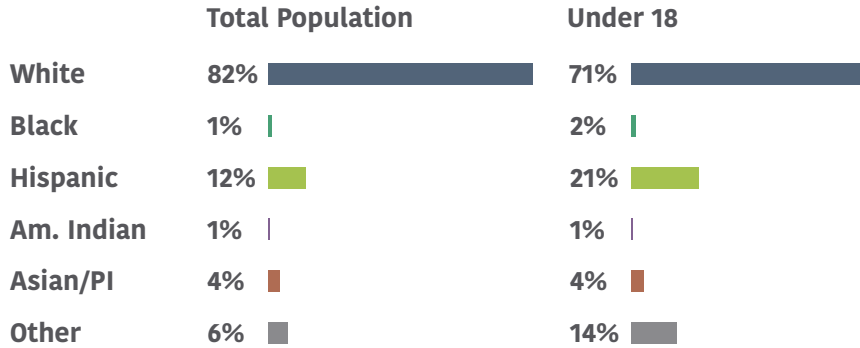


ECONOMIC INDICATORS

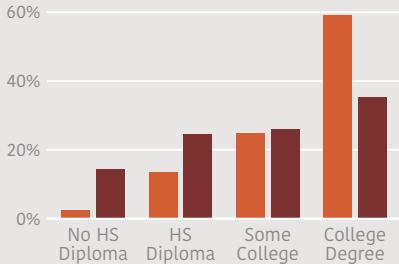
Education and the economy are closely intertwined subjects. In order to address educational challenges it is necessary to understand the economic context within which students, families and schools operate, while a well-educated population enjoys higher employment and incomes.

DEMOGRAPHICS

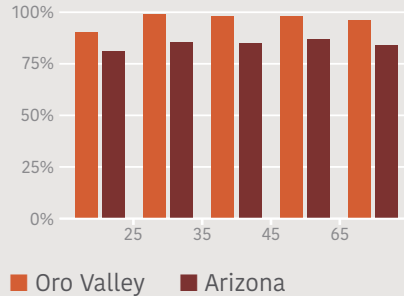
All across Arizona the demographic picture is changing rapidly. Comparing the racial/ethnic composition of the youth population with that of the city as a whole illustrates the pattern of these demographic shifts and the growth of the Hispanic population in particular.



Education Attainment



HS Completion by Age



EDUCATION RATES

Cities included in the profiles have a large amount of variation in the rates of education for their adult population. Educational outcomes for students are strongly associated with the education levels of their families and, to an extent, their communities.

AIMS READING PROFICIENCY BY RACE/ETHNICITY (Ampitheater Unified District)

All		White		Black		Hispanic	
3 rd grade	8 th grade	3 rd grade	8 th grade	3 rd grade	8 th grade	3 rd grade	8 th grade
81%	73%	92%	83%	61%	56%	73%	65%

The Arizona Mayors Education Roundtable brings together mayors across the state to share data, promising practices and strategies to boost students' educational and career success. azmayors.org



Sources: Arizona Department of Administration Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Seasonally Adjusted Tables, Updated January 22, 2015; US Census Bureau 2009-13 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Arizona Department of Education Report Cards, azreportcards.com