

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH PROFILES

Sahuarita

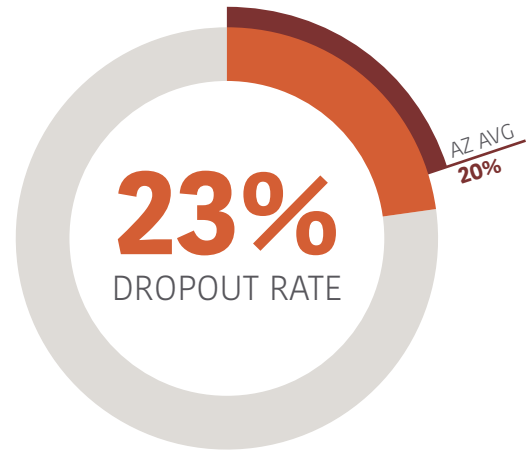
Sahuarita is a town in Pima County, located south of the Tohono O'odham Nation and abutting the north end of Green Valley, about 15 miles south of Tucson.

Sahuarita is a very young town, incorporated in 1994 with a population then of well under 3,000. Over the past 20 years, Sahuarita has experienced very dramatic growth. By the time of the 2010 Census, the population was above 25,000, and today it is at more than 27,000.

The town is served by two school districts. The largest is the Sahuarita Unified School District, which serves 6,200 students in nine schools that are located across more than 600 square miles, indicative of the low population density of Southern Arizona. The other district, Continental Elementary School District #39, is much smaller, serving one preK–8 school.

Mayor Duane Blumberg's office has been active in working with the Sahuarita Unified School District on facilities issues, including an innovative shared-use agreement. Anza Trail Park is a joint venture park in cooperation with the Sahuarita Unified School District. The 11-acre park is located next to Anza Trail School. The site opened in 2008 and has two youth softball fields and one multi-use football/soccer field, all of which are lighted. Additionally there are two lighted basketball and two tennis courts. The site has a covered playground, four shaded picnic areas, a restroom/concession building and a half-mile walking trail. During school hours, the park serves as the school's playground.

Having directed significant energy to collaborating on issues of shared interest among town hall, the school district and community-based organizations, the mayor is particularly interested in actionable efforts regarding disconnected youth.



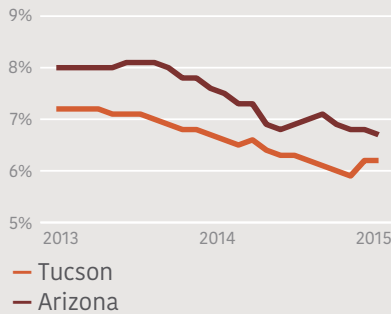
90 dropouts per year
\$31 million lifetime economic loss



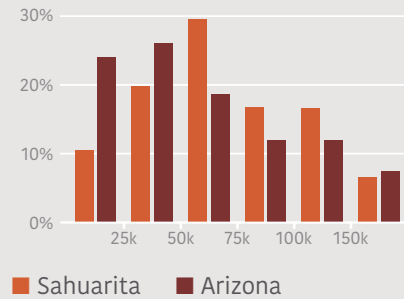
651 disconnected youth
\$386 million lifetime economic loss

ECONOMIC LOSS BY RACE/ETHNICITY	White		Black		Hispanic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Lifetime loss per dropout	\$358,800	\$326,700	\$218,200	\$137,800	\$382,400	\$297,300
Lifetime loss per disconnected youth	\$661,600	\$551,400	\$732,200	\$635,000	\$566,700	\$528,100

Unemployment Rate



Household Income

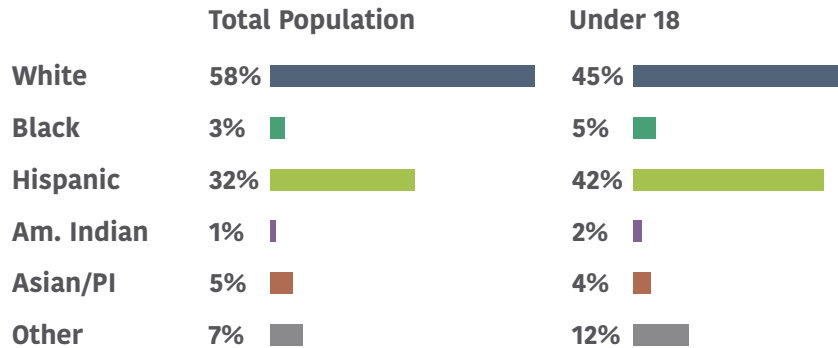


ECONOMIC INDICATORS

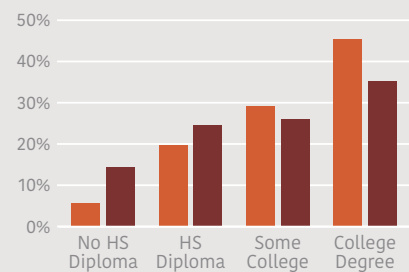
Education and the economy are closely intertwined subjects. In order to address educational challenges it is necessary to understand the economic context within which students, families and schools operate, while a well-educated population enjoys higher employment and incomes.

DEMOGRAPHICS

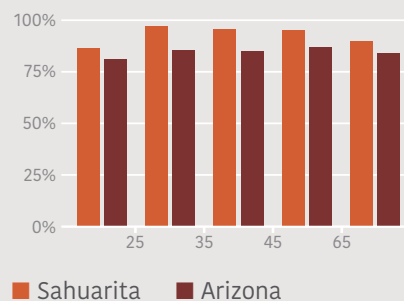
All across Arizona the demographic picture is changing rapidly. Comparing the racial/ethnic composition of the youth population with that of the city as a whole illustrates the pattern of these demographic shifts and the growth of the Hispanic population in particular.



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

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
84%	76%	91%	84%	N/A	76%	77%	69%

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