

Background Notes to Enhance Census Data on Arizona

1880	Reasons for Settlement Data (Increase-Decrease)
1. Tucson	Settled by Spanish and then US military to protect AZ ranchers and settlers from hostile Native Americans, territorial capital until 1877-8, on major historic trade and overland travel route throughout state and across the Southwest, as a county seat there was employment with government jobs, Southern Pacific railroad arrives in early 1880 (providing employment and more goods), some agriculture from small springs (grains) and cattle
2. Pinal City	Silver mining at the Silver King mine until silver played out – by 1891 the town was deserted
3. Prescott	Territorial capital 1877 - 1889, military post to protect trade routes, miners, and settlers, commerce supported military, ranching, and gold mining in the area, as a county seat there was employment with government jobs
4. Phoenix	Agricultural area supported by irrigation canals (alfalfa, barley, wheat, corn, beans, sweet potatoes, grapes and fruit trees), crops sold to central AZ military posts, miners, and Indian Agencies, as a county seat there was employment with government jobs
5. Yuma	Historic trade/transportation route through the Southwest because it was one of the few ways to cross the Colorado River, major port for Colorado riverboat travel, military post to protect the trade route and settlers, ample water from Colorado River could be used for agriculture (especially alfalfa in early days to sell to mines and the military), home to AZ Territorial Prison and as a county seat there was employment with government jobs, arrival of Southern Pacific Railroad in 1877 (providing employment and more goods),
6. Florence	Agricultural area (wheat and alfalfa) using water diverted from the Gila River, goods and services supported silver mining in nearby mountains, and as a county seat there was employment with government jobs
7. Globe	Silver mining, distribution center for mines in area and location of the San Carlos Indian Agency
8. St Johns	As a county seat there was employment with government jobs and St. Johns was near the Little Colorado River crossing (transportation)
9. Springerville	Ranching, lumber, and agricultural areas
10. Snowflake	Ranching, lumber, and agricultural areas
11. Safford	Agricultural area irrigated with waters of the Gila River (grains, alfalfa, fruits, vegetables and cattle), some of which fed the miners of the rich copper mines of the nearby Clifton district and silver mines of the Globe district.
12. Mesa	Agricultural area (barley, wheat, alfalfa, corn, beans) watered by an irrigation system from the Salt River based on that of the prehistoric Hohokam canal systems
13. Tempe	Agricultural area (barley, wheat, alfalfa, corn, beans) watered by an irrigation system from the Salt River based on that of the prehistoric Hohokam canal systems, one of the places to cross the Salt River (transportation center)
14. Wickenburg	Mining and processing of gold, provided goods and services to ranchers, miners, and farmers in area, dependable source of water from the Hassayampa River
15. Casa Grande	Railroad community – arrival of Southern Pacific in January 1880, also supported silver mining in area

1950	Reasons for Settlement Data (Increase-Decrease)
1. Phoenix	As the AZ state capital and county seat, there was employment with government jobs. After WWI and WWII, there was an increase in military installations in the area including an influx of new residents – military veterans who had previously trained in AZ, and further development of light industries after WWII (AirResearch, Alcoa, Goodyear, Motorola). Phoenix continued its agricultural production (using water from a reservoir system and pumping groundwater) and as a distribution center/transportation (railroad, highways, airport) hub for

	goods to smaller communities in AZ. The expanded use of air conditioning and evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement. Phoenix is seen as a healthful place for settlement, and there is an increase in goods and services available for new residents.
2. Tucson	After a decline in silver mining after 1880 census, mining becomes far less important to Tucson. After WWI and WWII, there is an increase in size of military installations in the area and increase in the amount of industries supporting military weaponry. Tucson is the site of one of the state land grant colleges, seen as a healthful place for settlement, and expanded its year-round population due use of air conditioning and evaporative cooling. Military veterans who had trained in the area returned to settle there. It is located on cross-country automobile and railroad transportation routes.
3. Mesa	Still an agricultural community (alfalfa, cotton, citrus) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater, expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, seen as a healthful place for settlement
4. Douglas	Employment is strong at a smelter for the copper industry, as a border city to Mexico there is international trade opportunities
5. Yuma	After WWI and WWII, increase in size of military installations in the area, large agricultural areas (melons, citrus, cotton, dates, vegetables) using water from the Colorado River, major transportation route (highway and railroad) for crossing Colorado River, expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, as a county seat there was employment with government jobs
6. Glendale	Expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, agricultural community (alfalfa, citrus, cotton, vegetables) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater
7. Tempe	Some agriculture (alfalfa, citrus, cotton, vegetables) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater, business and shipping center for the surrounding areas, After WWII, military veterans and others moved into the area as expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, site of one of the state colleges, on rail line of Phoenix's mainline spur
8. Flagstaff	Site of one of the state's colleges, transportation hub--railroads and Route 66, lumber and ranching community, providing goods and services to AZ towns in the area, county seat
9. Prescott	Location of Veteran's hospital, government offices, and other goods and services businesses that provide employment, generally a temperate climate all year long which began to attract summer visitors from Phoenix area, decline of population after 1880 census occurred due to loss of location of the state capital to Phoenix and mining ended
10. Winslow	Transportation hub--railroads and Route 66, providing goods and services to AZ towns in the area
11. Globe	Mining of copper, ranching, and being the county seat provide employment; however, mechanization of mining is on the rise and fewer personnel are needed at the mines
12. Nogales	Being the county seat and international trade with Mexico provide employment
13. Ajo	Copper mining provides employment; however, mechanization of mining is on the rise and fewer personnel at the mine will be needed
14. Coolidge	Agricultural community (cotton) with no major industries
15. Miami	Copper mining is becoming mechanized so fewer mine workers are needed
Casa Grande	Agricultural community (alfalfa, cotton, wheat) with no major industries, still some railroad and highway traffic
Bisbee	Employment is mainly at the copper mine or providing goods and services for the miners, county seat provides government jobs
Chandler	Expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, mostly agricultural community (alfalfa, citrus, cotton) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater, no major industries at this time, air force base established nearby

Kingman	Transportation along Route 66 means goods and services are needed, no major industries, very isolated, being the county seat provides employment
Scottsdale	Expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, location for some of the state's finest resorts, steady water supply due to water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater
Avondale	Expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, agricultural area (cotton, alfalfa) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater
Florence	Major employer is AZ State Prison, some agriculture (cotton, alfalfa), no major industries
St Johns	No major employers, rural and isolated
Goodyear	Named for Goodyear Tire Company which cultivated extensive farmland to grow cotton for its tires. During WWII, a satellite airfield for the U.S. Army Air Force was built which was used until 1971. Expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, some agriculture (cotton, alfalfa) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater
Gilbert	Expanded use of air conditioning/evaporative cooling leads to more year-round settlement, some agriculture (cotton, alfalfa, citrus) using irrigation canals carrying water stored in reservoirs or pumping groundwater, no major industries
Snowflake	Some agriculture and lumber, isolated from larger cities in AZ

2010	Reasons for Settlement Data (Increase-Decrease)
1. Phoenix	State capital, county seat, and municipal government create a large amount of employment, climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and resorts, and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, distribution center for goods and services to smaller AZ communities, employment is boosted by several large firms (Shamrock Farms, Freeport-McMoRan, Walmart, Banner Health, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Apollo College, JP Morgan, US Postal Service, Dignity Health, American Express, Arizona Public Service, Mayo Clinic, John C Lincoln Health Network, Grand Canyon College/University, Honeywell), professional baseball and basketball teams, transportation center for Interstate 10, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
2. Tucson	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and large upscale resorts and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, employment is boosted by several large firms (Raytheon, UA Healthcare, Carondelet Health Network, University of Arizona, Davis – Monahan Air Force Base) goods and services and nightlife are supported by large numbers of college students, transportation center for Interstate 10
3. Mesa	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and tourism at high end resorts, air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, employment is boosted by several large firms (Boeing, Mesa Public Schools, TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Empire Southwest Machinery), as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Mesa is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, provides goods and services to the suburban population, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
4. Chandler	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, several large firms (Intel, Motorola, Microchip Technologies, Bashas Supermarkets, Honeywell) provide employment to many, as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Chandler is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
5. Glendale	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, home to professional football and hockey teams and Luke Air Force Base Glendale is perceived to provide a quality of life (better

	education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
6. Scottsdale	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and tourism at high end resorts, air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, employment is boosted by several large firms (General Dynamics, Scottsdale Healthcare, GoDaddy, Mayo Clinic, Taser International, CVS Caremark, The Vanguard Group), as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Scottsdale is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, more contact with upper socio-economic groups of people, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
7. Gilbert	As a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Gilbert is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, major businesses include Northrop Grumman and Banner Health, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
8. Tempe	Employment is boosted by several large employers (Arizona State University, US Airways, Maricopa Community Colleges, Salt River Project, Honeywell); goods and services and nightlife are supported by large numbers of college students, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
9. Peoria	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Peoria is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
10. Surprise	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Surprise is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, little agriculture left and homes are located on former farm land
11. Yuma	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, agriculture includes a variety of vegetables and fruits (spinach, lettuce, broccoli, melons, etc.), Yuma Proving Grounds and Marine Corp Air Station employ both civilian and military personnel, still a hub for transportation for items going to Mexico or across the U.S., goods and services are provided for nearby communities
12. Avondale	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Avondale is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, still has some farming (cotton, alfalfa)
13. Flagstaff	Transportation hub of Interstate 40 and the railroad (BNSF), goods and services and nightlife are supported by large numbers of college students (Northern Arizona University), climate promotes tourism during the summer (camping, etc.) and winter (skiing), gateway for travel to the Grand Canyon, Few large industries but Nestle Purina PetCare has a factory there
14. Goodyear	As a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Avondale is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix,
15. Lake Havasu	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and tourism (boating, water skiing, close proximity to Nevada for gambling), air conditioning enhances year-round settlement,
Buckeye	One of the fastest growing cities in the U.S., climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, as a suburb of metropolitan Phoenix, Buckeye is perceived to provide a quality of life (better education system, cheaper housing, less crime, closer to shopping centers, etc.) that might not be found in Phoenix, still has some farming (melons, cabbage, lemons, leafy greens, nuts, dates)

Casa Grande	Climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement, a major industry is food processing (yogurt, cream cheese, sour cream, Frito-Lay), still has some farming (alfalfa, cotton)
Maricopa	Primarily a housing community providing inexpensive housing for those working in other Phoenix area communities,
Prescott	Veteran's hospital, government offices, and other goods and services businesses provide employment, climate promotes tourism year-round (hiking, camping)
Kingman	Transportation along Route 66/Interstate 40 means goods and services are needed, no major industries, very isolated, climate promotes settlement of winter visitors and air conditioning enhances year-round settlement,