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Eloy is an agricultural/travel/commercial center located along the growth corridor between Phoenix and Tucson. In 1902, the Southern Pacific Railroad built a switch about six miles west of Picacho, which they named Eloy. In 1918, W.L. Bernard, J.E. Meyer and John Alsdorf purchased the east half of the Eloy section and drilled a well. They subdivided the land and called it Cotton City. They also bought land west of Eloy and divided it into tracts for raising cotton. In 1919 an application was made for a post office, but the name Cotton City was rejected in favor of Eloy.

A REDI accredited community

Basic Information

Founded: 1902
 Incorporated: 1949
 Elevation: 1,565
 Located in Pinal County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, I-8
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 69 miles
 Tucson: 52 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2007
Eloy	7,211	10,375	13,953
Pinal County	116,397	179,727	327,670
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

Eloy is in the Santa Cruz Basin, one of the state's most fertile agricultural areas with more than 100,000 irrigable acres. Cattle ranching is also important. Eloy, midway between Phoenix and Tucson, is a convenient stopping place for travelers. Its location on the Southern Pacific Railroad's main line and at the I-10/I-8 junction makes it convenient for industries where transportation is a key factor. Skydive Arizona, one of the nation's largest skydiving centers, is at Eloy Municipal Airport.

County Employment

	2007
Government	18,875
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,900
Leisure and Hospitality	4,725
Educational and Health Services	4,175
Mining and Construction	4,125
Manufacturing	3,900
Financial Activities	3,550
Professional and Business Services	3,550
Other Services	1,625
Information	1,500

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Private Employers

Arizona Pacific Woodpreserving
 HASA of Arizona
 Otto Plastics Arizona, LLC
 Owens Corning
 San Juan Pools
 Skycast
 Townley Manufacturing

Public Employers

City of Eloy
 Eloy Elementary School District
 Pinal County
 Santa Cruz Valley Union HS Dist



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	2,782	3,462	4,360
Unemployed	355	240	336
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	6.9%	7.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
New Bldg. Permits	240	74	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	33.2 million	84.7 million	237.1 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	20.1 million	25.2 million	63.5 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.
 2000 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available; No Report issued for 2007.

Scenic Attractions

Picacho Peak is the site of the only Civil War battle in Arizona. The battle is re-enacted each spring. Mt. Newman and the rest of the Picacho Mountains offer a beautiful panorama to the east of Eloy. The Sawtooth Mountains have a very distinctive profile to the south and west. There are abundant facilities at Picacho Peak State Park and the surrounding area. Another point of historic interest is the Casa Grande National Monument, 15 miles north. Picacho Reservoir offers fine fishing with abundant dove and quail hunting in season, as well as bird watching for many rare species. Water enthusiasts enjoy several man-made lakes to the northeast, where they can fish, swim and water ski nearly all year.

Community Facilities

The City of Eloy offers a range of community facilities, including a library, a recreation center, seven parks, two volleyball courts, an 18-hole Grande Valley Golf Club and a visitors' center. There is also a Little League field, high school football and track fields, three baseball and softball fields, nine outdoor basketball courts and an elementary gymnasium.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Community College	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 1

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Eloy Municipal Airport with a lighted, paved 3,900-foot runway.

Medical

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center is 12 miles northeast of Eloy.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 391
Meeting Rooms: 5
Capacity of Largest Facility: 150

Industrial Properties:

There are more than 257 acres available in industrial parks, with an additional 300 acres available for development. Most sites have full utilities and access to transportation facilities.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Electricity	Electric District 4	520.466.7336
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Eloy)	520.466.9201

Cable Providers: Y	Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Digital Switching Station: Y	Fiber Optics: Y
Internet Service Provider: Y	

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2007
Elementary/High Schools	6.73	10.89	9.63
City/Fire District	2.38	1.21	1.23
Countywide	7.46	7.63	6.30
Totals	16.57	19.73	17.16

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

Sales Tax

	2007
City/Town	3.00%
County	1.10%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	36.3	67.8	0.9
February	39.8	71.5	0.9
March	44.2	77.1	1.0
April	50.4	85.7	0.3
May	58.5	94.6	0.2
June	67.1	103.6	0.1
July	74.3	105.2	1.0
August	73.3	102.5	1.6
September	67.1	99.4	0.8
October	55.3	89.5	0.9
November	43.0	76.5	0.7
December	36.4	67.9	1.1
Yearly Avg.	53.8	86.8	9.5

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1951-2005.
Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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