

Nestled among the Superstition Mountains, Apache Junction is strategically positioned as the Eastern gateway into the Phoenix Metroplex with 15+ Eastern Arizona towns making US 60 their primary route into the valley.



Regional Strength

Apache Junction enjoys all the benefits of being a member of a strong business friendly state (ranked #7 for Economic Outlook – Alec-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index 2014) and an economically advancing region. In addition to being right to work state, the State of Arizona and the Phoenix Region offer a unionization rate of 5%, low unemployment insurance rates, and access to a world-class labor force.

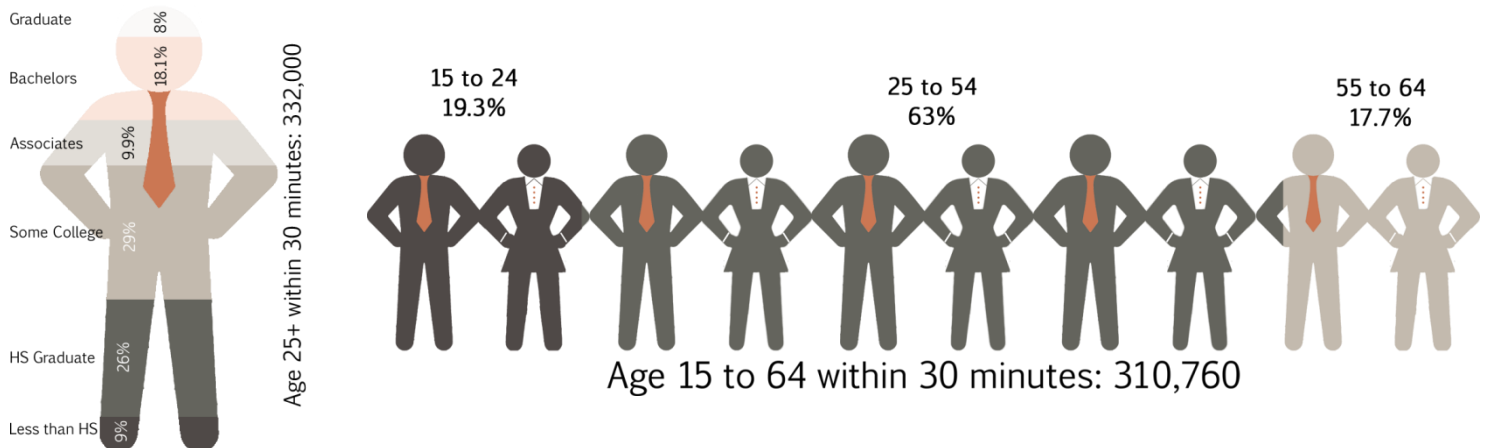
In addition, Apache Junction is part of the Phoenix East Valley (PhxEastValley). Our region has seen growth in the Tech and Healthcare industries, led by locates of companies such as Apple, Zenefits, DaVita RX, Arvato Digital Services, and Boomtown!. This growth has resulted in Phoenix being ranked #5 fastest growing tech market by Forbes and the #1 ranked market in the mountain west for new company facilities and expansions by Site Selection magazine.

Labor Force

With regional commute times averaging 30 minutes, Apache Junction has an available labor force slightly over 300,000 people.

	Phoenix	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego
Unemployment	6.4%	8.7%	5.1%	6.9%
Mean Wage	\$45,680	\$52,620	\$67,410	\$51,890
Workers Comp (percentage of payroll)	1.6%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
Unemployment Insurance	\$140	\$238	\$238	\$238
Right to Work State	Yes	No	No	No
Unionization Rate	4.9%	15.4%	16%	14.8%

The workforce is well educated, with over 60% of the population 25+ having an education level above a high school graduate. The civilian unemployment rate is 3.99%.



Labor Force Continued

Access to workforce training is critical to any industry's labor force. Apache Junction has 4 colleges/universities within a 15 minute drive that offer Associate level degree programs or higher.

*See list below for a full list of colleges and universities within a 35 minute drive.

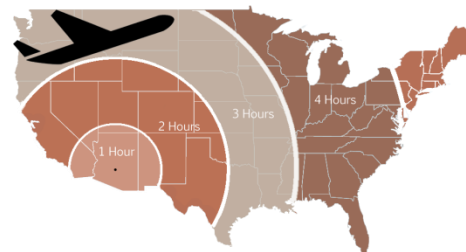


Arizona State University - Polytechnic
 Arizona State University – Tempe
 AT Still University
 Central Arizona College
 Chandler Gilbert Community College
 Communiversity @ Queen Creek
 Everest College
 Grand Canyon University
 Pima Medical Institute
 Maricopa Community College District

Mesa Community College - 2 Campuses
 NAU - East Valley Campus
 Ottawa University
 Rio Salado College
 Scottsdale Community College
 St Xavier University
 University of Advancing Technology
 University of Arizona
 University of Phoenix
 Western International University

Transportation and Infrastructure

Apache Junction is ideal for manufacturing, distribution, mining support and business service operations. The city offers several sites with a global reach made possible by its proximity to nearby airports and railroads: 1) Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (30 miles), 2) Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (13 miles) and 3) Rail Access (15-30 miles). All sites have excellent interstate access (less than 2 minutes) to US60. This means that 7 states and 15 major cities are within one day travel (11 driving hours) via commercial trucking.



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