

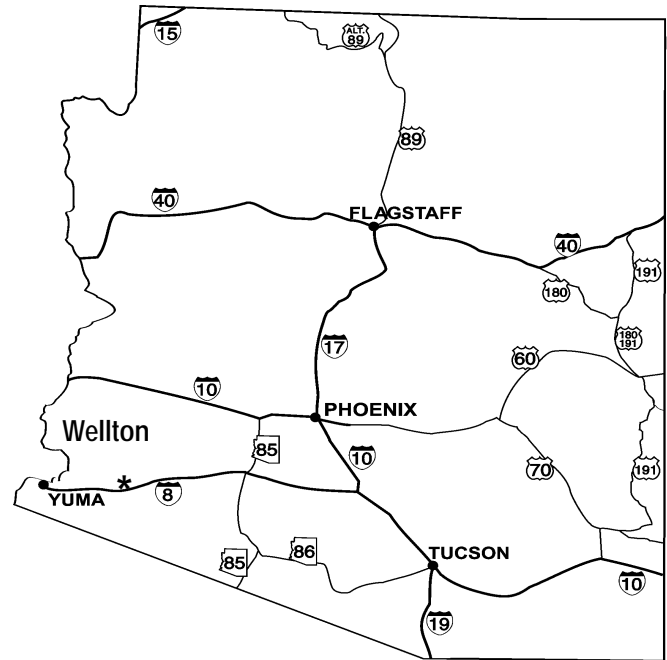
WELLTON

Community Profile

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Wellton, 29 miles east of Yuma adjacent to Interstate 8, is in the heart of the Wellton-Mohawk Valley which is surrounded by picturesque mountains. The name Wellton (originally Well Town) came from the wells drilled to provide water to service the Southern Pacific Railroad. A diverse community, Wellton serves as a business, service and recreation center for more than 5,000 people in the Wellton-Mohawk Valley and surrounding area. Wellton's mild, clear winters allow for a year-round growing season and provide a major attraction for winter visitors and retirees.

ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE INCORPORATED: Yes - 1970
 COUNTY: Yuma County ELEVATION: 256 feet
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 155 miles DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 208 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-8



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Wellton	1,066	1,829	1,880
Yuma County	106,895	160,026	175,045
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Traditionally, agriculture and ranching have formed the area's economic basis. In addition, a large segment of the population is involved in agricultural support industries, trades and services. A rapidly growing winter and retirement population significantly impacts the economy. Wellton also has a growing commercial services sector. Wellton continually seeks ways to enhance the local economy and has available various incentives to attract new commercial and light industrial development.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2003</u>
Construction	3,625
Educational & Health Svcs	5,500
Financial Activities	1,300
Government	12,575
Information	1,025
Leisure & Hospitality	4,325
Manufacturing	2,550
Professional & Business Svcs	3,750
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,800

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

IGA Grocery Store	McElhanev Cattle Company
Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage Distri	Western Farm

Major Public Employers

Town of Wellton	Wellton Post Office
Wellton Public Library	Wellton School District
Yuma County Public Work Office	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	430	633	674
Unemployed	87	171	154
Unemployment Rate	20.2%	27.0%	22.8%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	19*	9	3*
Taxable Sales (\$)	9,160,000	13,015,280	12,693,840
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	2,100,354	2,828,035	3,921,393

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

*Incomplete Data: One or more months not available

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The community offers a variety of recreational activities and opportunities, and there are many points of interest in the area including the Pioneer Museum, Tinas Altas, Desert Hot Springs, Baker's Tanks and El Camino Del Diablo. Wellton is 35 miles from Yuma Territorial Prison, Fort Yuma Indian Museum, Custom House, the Fine Art Center (Depot), and Century House Museum. It is 55 miles from San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico, which offers curio shops, night clubs and other attractions. South of San Luis (about 75 miles) is the small fishing village of El Golfo de Santa Clara, Mexico. El Golfo offers miles of sandy beaches for camping, swimming and clam digging. By car, Wellton is three hours from San Diego, about five hours from Los Angeles and about eight hours from Las Vegas.

TAXES

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Elem/High School	4.45	6.72	6.70
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	6.03	5.78	5.70
Total	\$10.48	\$12.50	\$12.40

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.50%
County	1.50%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Town of Wellton offers a broad range of community facilities including a museum, community center, library, a golf course, three parks, and a swimming pool. A recreational complex offers lighted tennis and basketball courts, plus other facilities for athletic and recreational activities.

Educational Institutions

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 1

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Nearby Yuma International Airport

(24 miles west) with a lighted 13,300-ft. runway.

Medical

Sunset Community Health Center

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 14

Meeting Rooms: Local restaurants offer several meeting/banquet rooms.

Capacity of Largest Facility: 500

Industrial Properties

Several areas are adjacent to interstate 8 and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Utilities

Butane	Quality Propane	928.782.3100
Electricity	Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation/Drainage	928.785.3351
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Town of Wellton	928.785.3348

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	34.5	67.8	0.45
February	38.9	73.0	0.40
March	43.7	78.3	0.34
April	49.9	85.5	0.12
May	57.1	93.7	0.03
June	65.2	102.0	0.02
July	76.1	106.0	0.38
August	75.6	104.5	0.69
September	67.5	100.5	0.57
October	54.1	90.1	0.36
November	41.0	77.0	0.23
December	35.0	68.7	0.58
Yearly Avg	53.2	87.3	4.18

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1922-1980. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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