Recreation

With the weather, you'll want to be Outdoors:

• There are eight golf courses in and near Oro Valley.



Take the 2-1/4mile hike on the Linda Vista trail in the Pusch Ridge

Wilderness, see the petroglyphs in Hon-



ey Bee Canyon Park, or head to Catalina State Park for miles of trails for hikers, bikers and horses. <u>azstateparks.com/</u> Parks/CATA/

* Head for the **Heir**loom Farmer's Market on a Saturday at Steam Pump Ranch

and stock up on fresh veggies, crafts, handmade foods and other goodies.



www.heirloomfm.com

Visit award-winning **Tohono Chul Park**, and feast your eyes on stunning vistas of the Santa Catalina Mountains, the desert flowers and cacti, and sip a prickly pear lemonade at the Bistro. <u>tohonochul.org</u>



Summers are hot. State-of-the-art aquatic centers are cool. Oro Valley boasts one of the best in the country, the Oro Valley Aquatic Center. Opened in 2013, it is a great place for a dip, or to watch competitive meets.
orovalleyaz.gov/aquatics

Resources

Oro Valley Police Department orovalleyaz.gov/police • 520.229.4900 **Oro Valley Water Utility** orovallevaz.gov/town/departments/water-utility 520.229.5000 **Golder Ranch Fire District** golderranchfire.org • 520.825.9001 Mountain Vista Fire District mountainvistafire.org • 520.575.4087 **Oro Valley Library** library.pima.gov/locations/orovalley • 594.5580 **Oro Valley Parks & Recreation** orovalleyaz.gov/parksandrec• 520.229.5050 Transit Services orovalleyaz.gov/town/departments/development -and-infrastructure-services/transit-services 520.229.4990

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Welcome to Oro Valley





Town Facts

Oro Valley, incorporated in **1974**, is located 3 miles north of Tucson.

Its **2015** population of **43,565** is one of the fastest-growing in Arizona. The town occupies **36 square miles**.

In 2008, Forbes named Oro Valley the 44th best place "to live and launch a business."



MOVOTO Real Estate just named Oro Valley the 4th-best place to live in Arizona. 2 years ago, it named OV the 8th-safest suburb in America. orovalleyaz.gov

Climate

Oro Valley sits at an elevation just over 2,600 feet at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains. It is slightly drier and cooler than neighboring Tucson. It enjoys very mild winters and hot, dry summers.

The **Sonoran Desert** is unique because it has two rainy seasons; the winter months from November through March, and the summer monsoons.

Climate	Oro Valley	U.S.
Rainfall (in.)	11.7	36.5
Snowfall (in.)	0.4	25
Precipitation Days	44	100
Sunny Days	279	205
Avg. July High	101	86.5
Avg. Jan. Low	34	20.5
Comfort Index (higher=better)	45	44
UV Index	6.5	4.3
Elevation ft.	2,687	1,443

Demographics

The town has a balanced population according to age, with an average of **49.8 years**. There are just under **18,000 households**, with an average household income of **\$74,480**, one of the highest in Arizona. **More than half** of all OV residents have a **college degree**.

Economy

Oro Valley is emerging as a center in the bioscience industry, and has an aerospace component as well. Companies such as Roche / Ventana Medical Systems Inc., Icagen, Securaplane and Honeywell have major facilities in town. Retirement and senior living is another burgeoning field. The <u>Hilton Tucson El Con-</u> <u>quistador Golf & Tennis Resort</u> is a major facility and employer.

Medical

Oro Valley Hospital has 144 beds, with both in-patient and out-patient care. The hospital has a level IV trauma center, a senior-friendly ER certification from NICHE, and strength in joint replacement. <u>orovalleyhospital.com</u> There are 3 urgent care facilities, as well as numerous medical and dental offices.



Housing

According to U.S. 2010 Census data, 3/4ths of Oro Valley homes are owner-occupied. The median home value is **\$276,600**, according to Sperling's Best Places. New single-family and multifamily housing growth continues.

Education

Schools in Oro Valley are part of the **Amphitheater School District.** Amphi Schools rate 9 out of a possible 10, according to GreatSchools.com. Amphi has 2 high schools, 2 middle schools and a number of elementary schools in Oro Valley. <u>amphi.com</u>

The community is home to renowned **BASIS Oro Valley** and **Pusch Ridge Christian Academy**. OV also offers easy access to the <u>University of Arizona</u>, <u>Pi-</u> <u>ma Community College</u>.



Entertainment, dining, the arts

Oro Valley is a complete community with more than 60 restaurants, an array of unique, locally owned retail stores as well as national companies, and an emerging arts opportunity with public art, regular public music and cultural events, a modern movie theater complex, an outstanding public library and <u>Children's Museum Oro Valley</u>.

www.saaca.org.

Oro Valley is noted for wellmaintained infrastructure, public safety and wise planning. It does



not levy a property tax to support municipal services. Sales tax revenue is a major revenue source; the local rate is 8.6%, and groceries are not taxed.