



Pima County, Arizona
Population and Housing Narrative Profile 2008
 2008 American Community Survey Estimates
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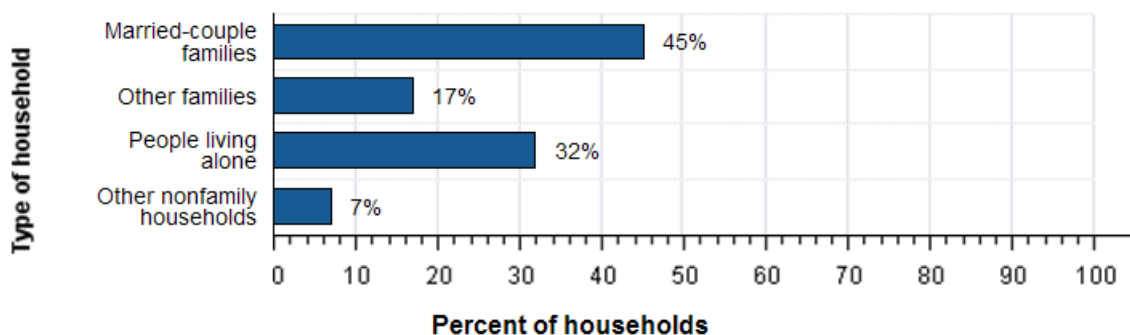
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HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2008 there were 377,000 households in Pima County. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 61 percent of the households in Pima County. This figure includes both married-couple families (45 percent) and other families (17 percent). Nonfamily households made up 39 percent of all households in Pima County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

The Types of Households in Pima County, Arizona in 2008



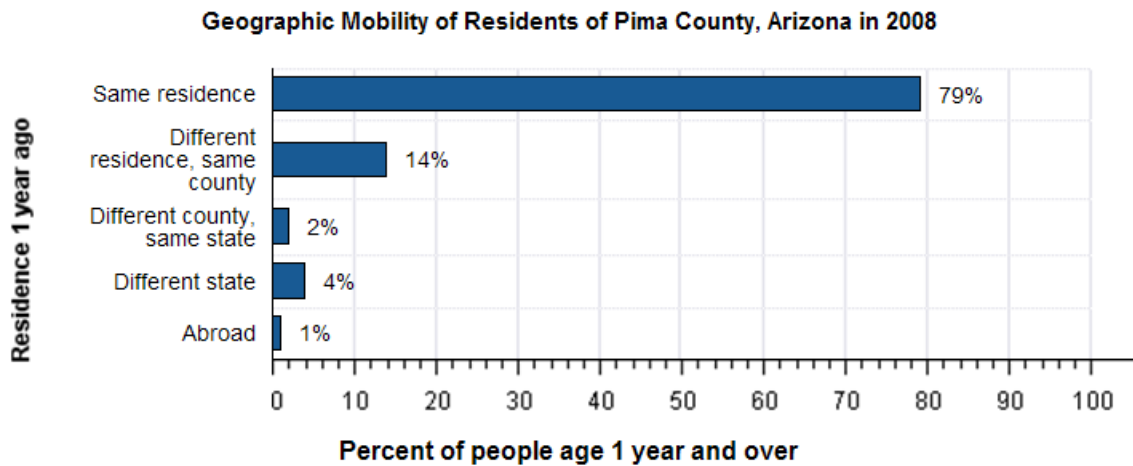
Source: American Community Survey, 2008

NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Thirteen percent of the people living in Pima County in 2008 were foreign born. Eighty-seven percent were native, including 39 percent who were born in Arizona.

Among people at least five years old living in Pima County in 2008, 27 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 83 percent spoke Spanish and 17 percent spoke some other language; 35 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY: In 2008, 79 percent of the people at least one year old living in Pima County were living in the same residence one year earlier; 14 percent had moved during the past year from another residence

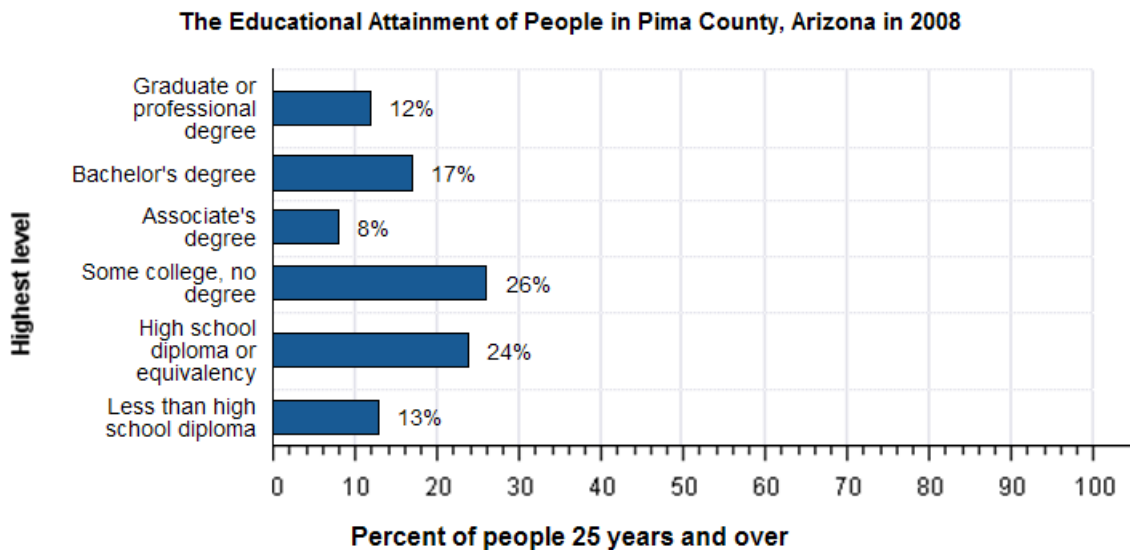
in the same county, 2 percent from another county in the same state, 4 percent from another state, and 1 percent from abroad.



Source: American Community Survey, 2008

EDUCATION: In 2008, 87 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 28 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Thirteen percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

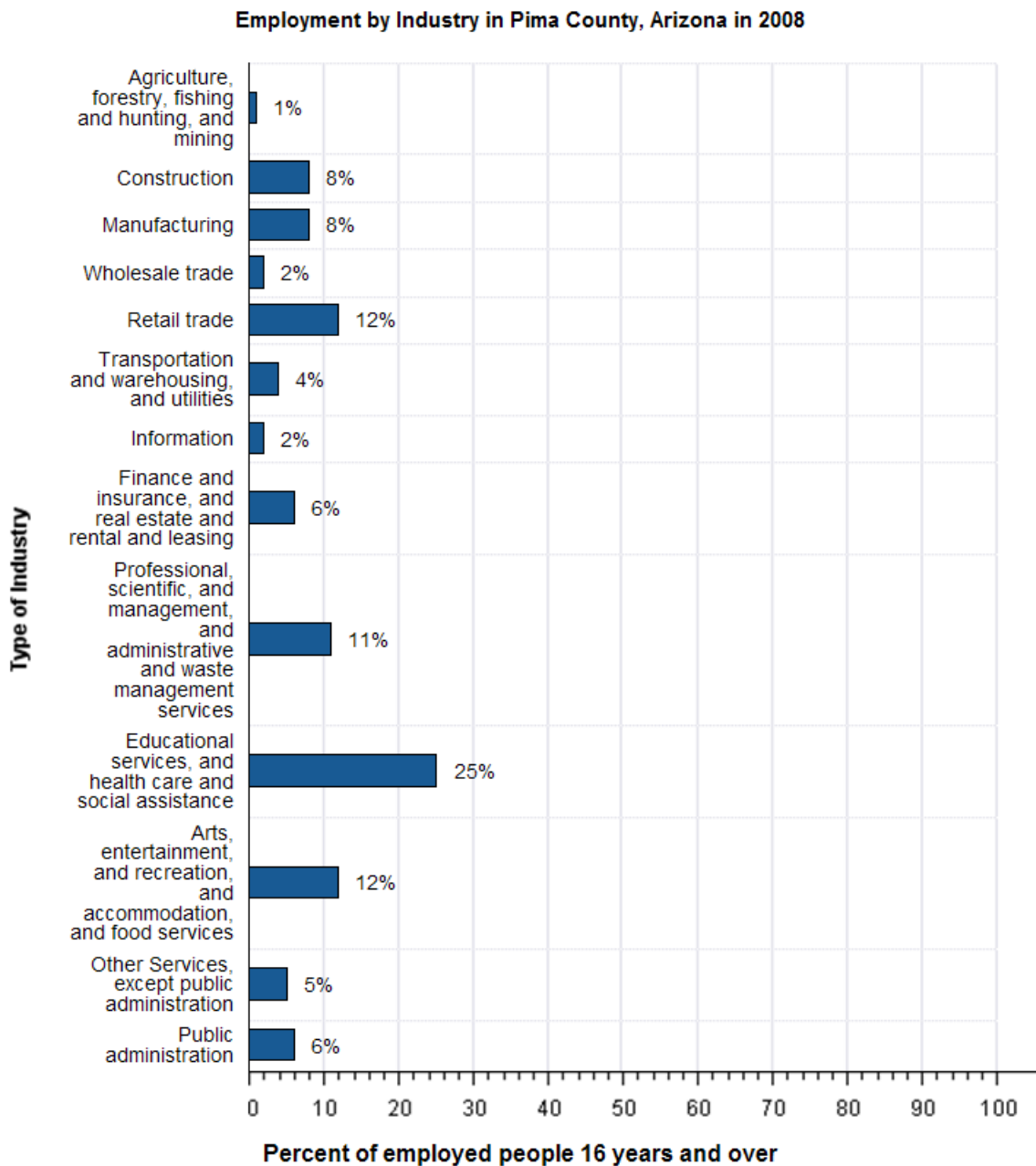
The total school enrollment in Pima County was 269,000 in 2008. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 24,000 and elementary or high school enrollment was 160,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 85,000.



Source: American Community Survey, 2008

DISABILITY: In Pima County, among people at least five years old in 2008, 14 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 4 percent of people 5 to 15 years old, to 12 percent of people 16 to 64 years old, and to 36 percent of those 65 and older.

INDUSTRIES: In 2008, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Pima County were educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 25 percent, and retail trade, 12 percent.



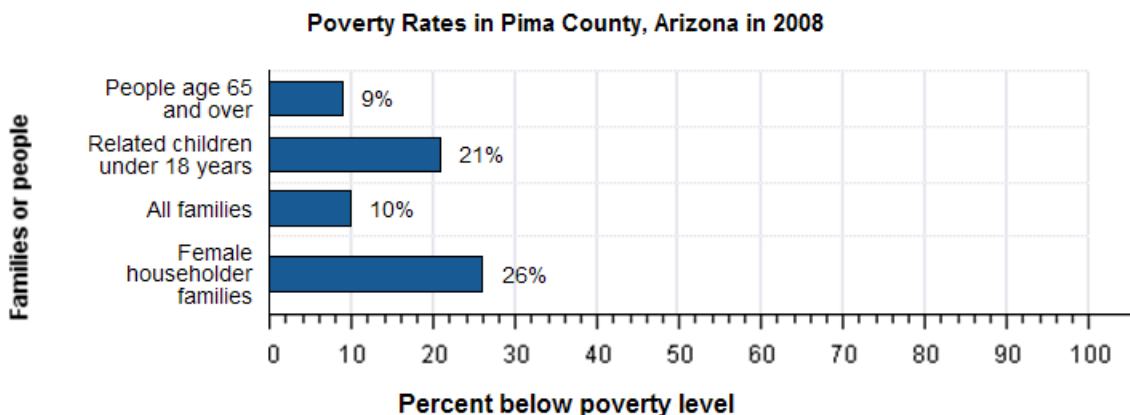
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OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: Among the most common occupations were: management, professional, and related occupations, 35 percent; sales and office occupations, 26 percent; service occupations, 21 percent; construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 10 percent; and production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 8 percent. Seventy-five percent of the people employed were private wage and salary workers; 18 percent were Federal, state, or local government workers; and 7 percent were self-employed.

TRAVEL TO WORK: Seventy-six percent of Pima County workers drove to work alone in 2008, 12 percent carpooled, 3 percent took public transportation, and 5 percent used other means. The remaining 4 percent worked at home. Of those who commuted to work, it took them on average 24.7 minutes to get to work.

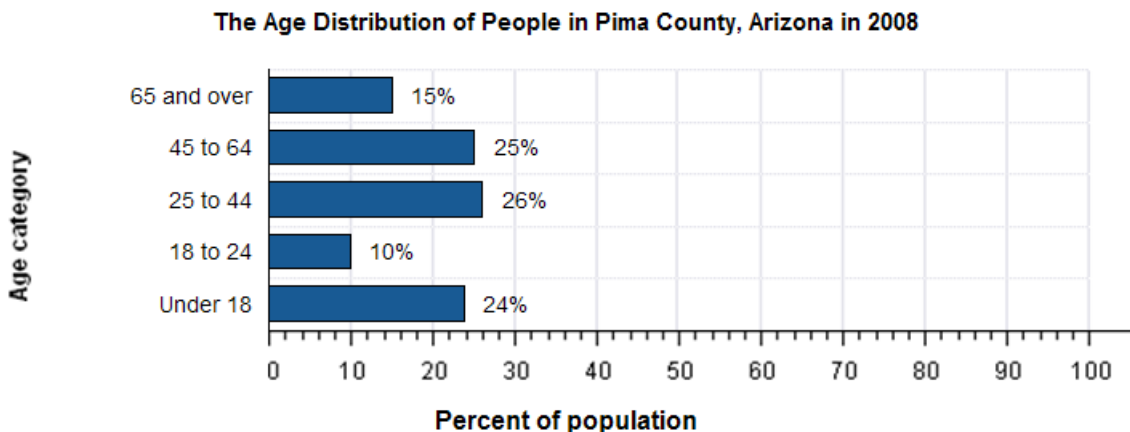
INCOME: The median income of households in Pima County was \$46,599. Seventy-seven percent of the households received earnings and 21 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Thirty-one percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$15,093. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: In 2008, 16 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty-one percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 9 percent of people 65 years old and over. Ten percent of all families and 26 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.



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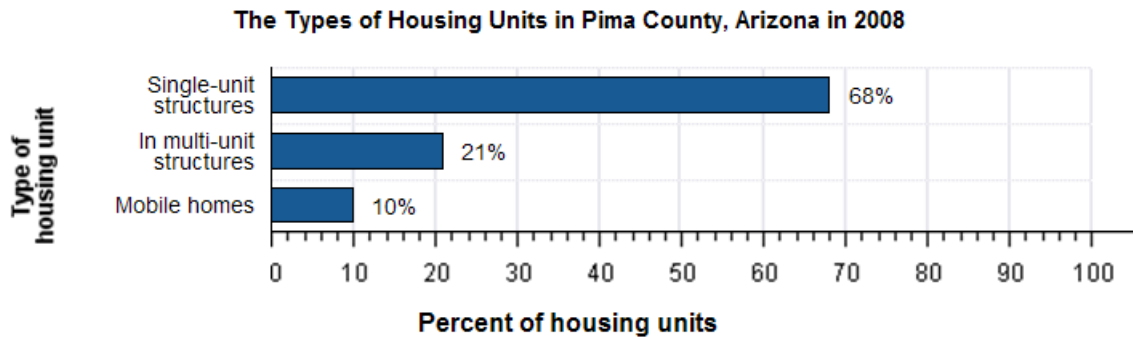
POPULATION: In 2008, Pima County had a total population of 1.0 million - 516,000 (51 percent) females and 496,000 (49 percent) males. The median age was 37.1 years. Twenty-four percent of the population was under 18 years and 15 percent was 65 years and older.



Source: American Community Survey, 2008

For people reporting one race alone, 80 percent were White; 3 percent were Black or African American; 3 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native; 2 percent were Asian; less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 8 percent was Some other race. Three percent reported Two or more races. Thirty-three percent of the people in Pima County were Hispanic. Fifty-seven percent of the people in Pima County were White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

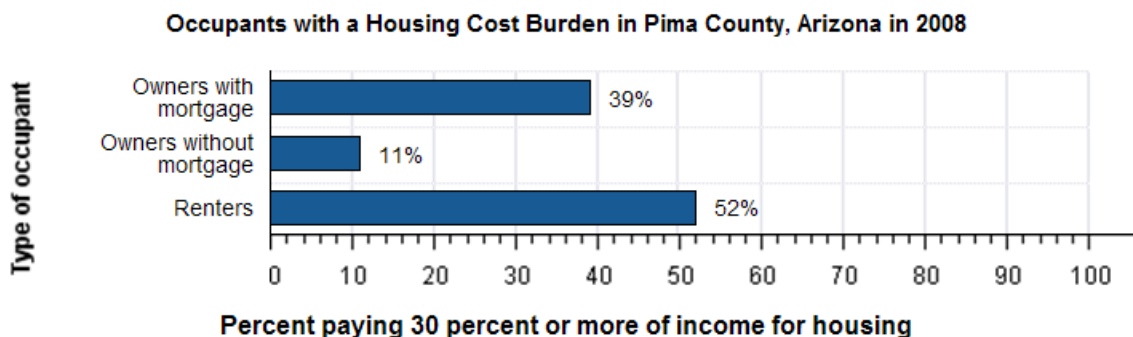
HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: In 2008, Pima County had a total of 426,000 housing units, 12 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 68 percent were in single-unit structures, 21 percent were in multi-unit structures, and 10 percent were mobile homes. Thirty-five percent of the housing units were built since 1990.



Source: American Community Survey, 2008

OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS: In 2008, Pima County had 377,000 occupied housing units - 249,000 (66 percent) owner occupied and 128,000 (34 percent) renter occupied. One percent of the households did not have telephone service and 8 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi Vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-six percent had two vehicles and another 17 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,363, nonmortgaged owners \$361, and renters \$720. Thirty-nine percent of owners with mortgages, 11 percent of owners without mortgages, and 52 percent of renters in Pima County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.



Source: American Community Survey, 2008

NOTE.

The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties: http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/official_estimates_2008.html

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