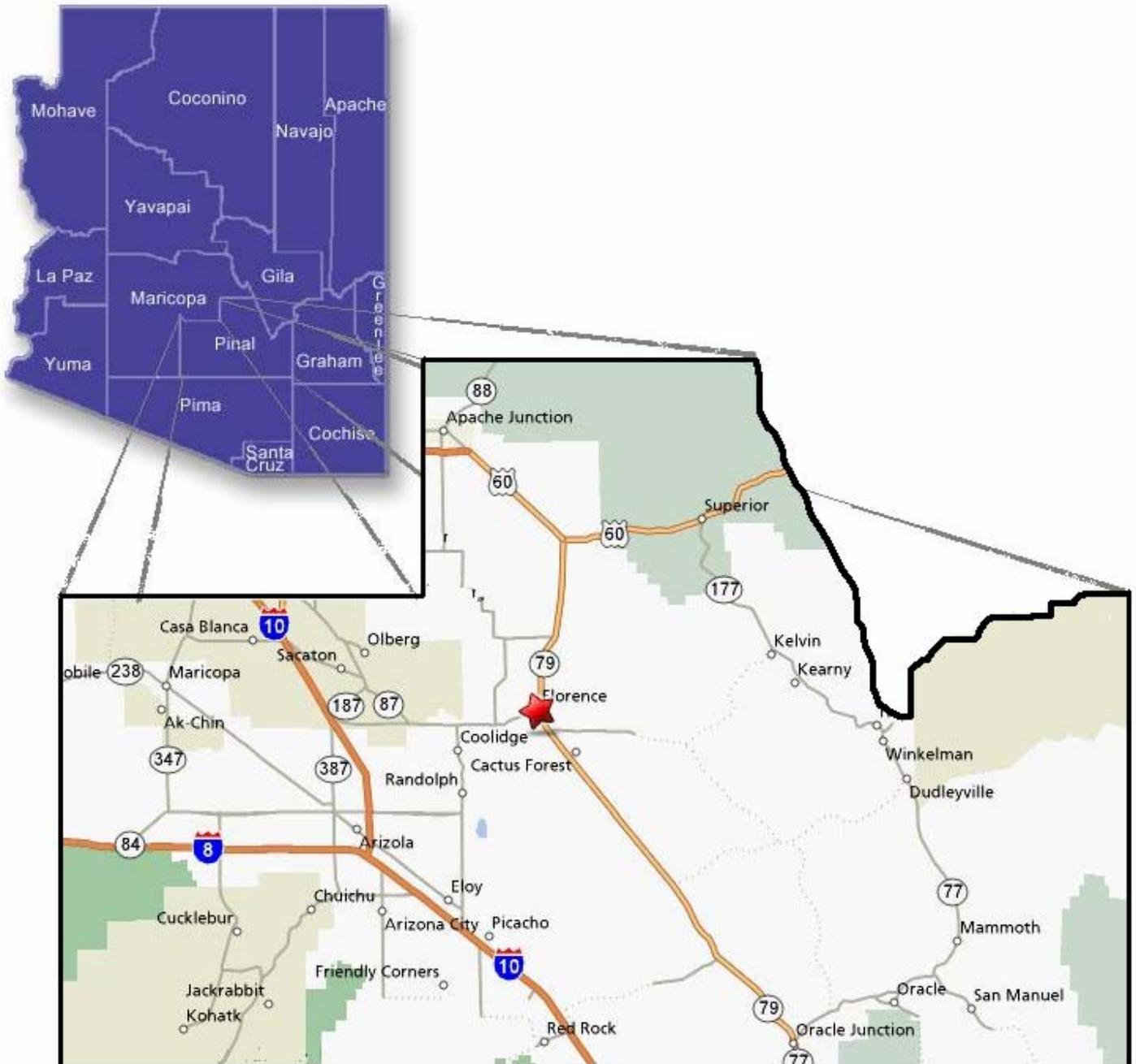




# PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA

Est. 1875





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## Pinal County Community Profile

**County Creation** - Pinal County was formed out of portions of Maricopa and Pima Counties on February 1, 1875. The County seat is in Florence, Arizona. The name, Pinal, is derived from the Pinal Apaches or “pine groves in the mountains.” The county is centrally located between Maricopa County (Phoenix-metro area) and Pima County (Tucson-metro area).

The County is comprised of two distinct geographic regions. The eastern portions of Pinal County are characterized by mountains reaching 6,000 feet in elevation, while the western area is primarily low desert valleys with irrigated agricultural land.

There are four Indian Nations – the Maricopa-Pima (Ak-Chin), Gila River, Tohono O’Odham and San Carlos Apache in Pinal County. They occupy twenty-three percent of the county.

The state of Arizona is the county’s largest landholder with 35 percent, followed by individuals and corporations, 22 percent; Indian reservations, 23 percent; the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, 14 percent, and the remaining 6 percent is other public land.

### County Historic Highlights:

- The area of Pinal County was once known as America’s 1<sup>st</sup> civilization.
- The Aztecs built the Walled Cities in this area.
- The area is known as the center of American irrigation.
- In the 1920’s, copper mining brought many workers to Pinal County.
- Cotton, vegetables, and fruit are the majority of agricultural products farmed in Pinal County.
- In March 2006, the United States Census Bureau reported that Pinal County was ranked as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest growing county in the United States based on population and housing unit estimates respectively.

\*\* RootsWeb.com and United States Census Bureau

**County Size** – approximately 5,400 square miles

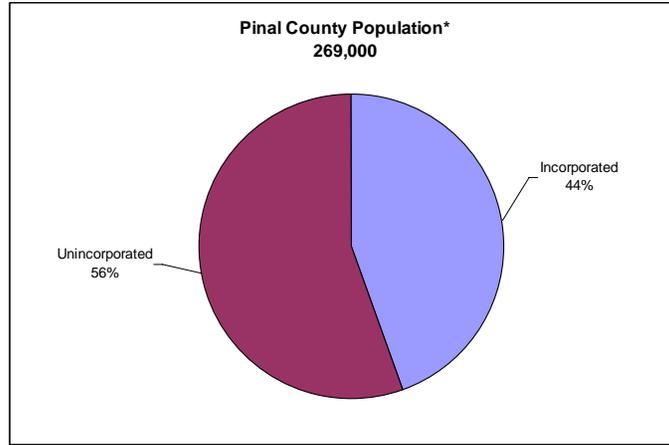
**Assessed Primary Value for Pinal County** - \$1,472,159,592 for FY07.

### Incorporated Cities within the County

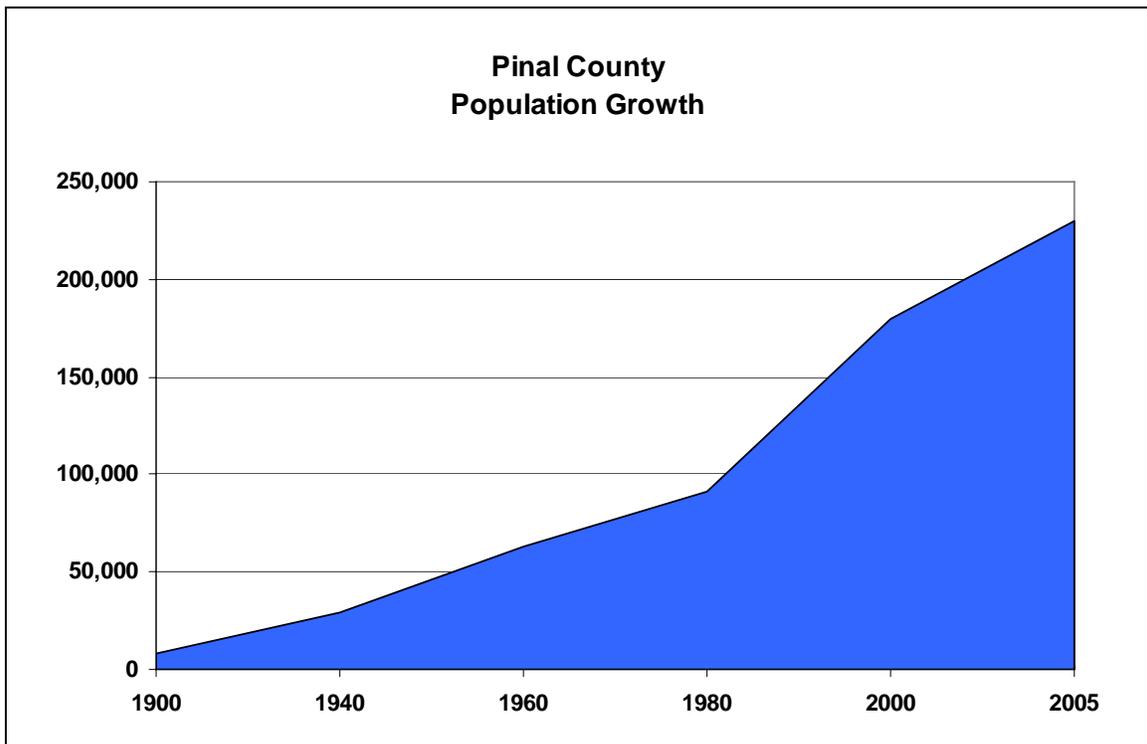
1. Apache Junction – population 34,070
2. Casa Grande – population 32,470
3. Coolidge – 8,500
4. Eloy – population 11,125
5. Florence – population 20,530
6. Kearny – population 2,200
7. Mammoth – population 1,800
8. Maricopa – population 12,000
9. Queen Creek (Pinal County portion) – population 1,600
10. Superior – population 3,220
11. Winkelman – population 450



### Population Demographics



Incorporated Population – 119,465\*  
 Unincorporated Population – 149,535\*  
 Pinal County Population – 269,000\*  
 \*estimates based on 2005 Arizona DES projections

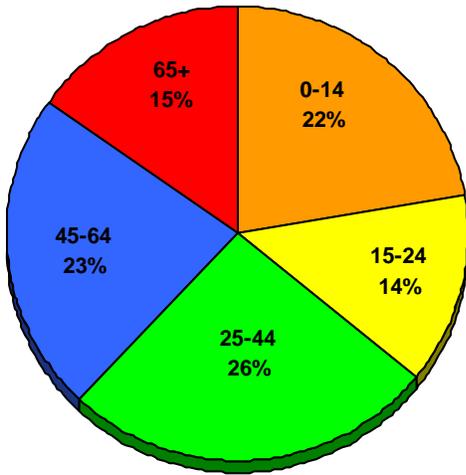


Year	1900	1940	1960	1980	2000	2005
Population	7,779	28,841	62,673	90,918	179,727	229,550

\*\*Data from The United State Census Bureau

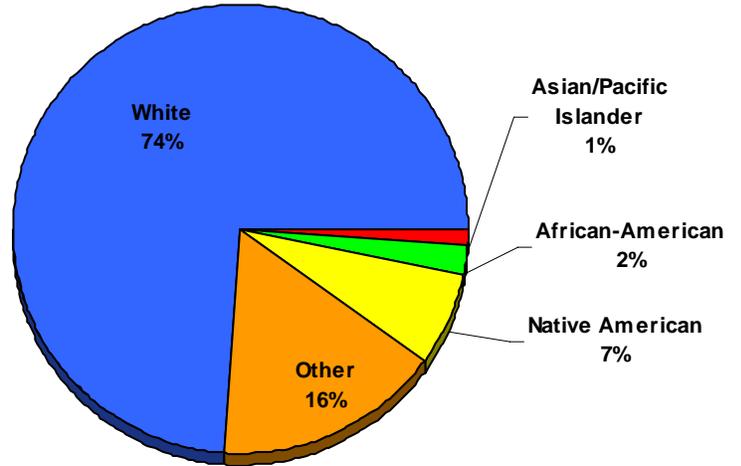


**Pinal County  
Age Distribution\*\***



Age Range	Percentage
0-14	22%
15-24	14%
25-44	26%
45-64	23%
65+	15%

**Pinal County  
Population Composition\*\***



Ethnicity	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
African-American	2%
Native American	7%
Other	16%
White	74%
***Hispanic Heritage	29%

\*\*Data from The United States Census Bureau

**Labor force** – 86,700 - Government is largest employer (19.4%), Trade (16.9%), Services (16.9%).

**2005 Employment By Sector\*\***

Mining & Construction	3,425
Educational & Health Services	4,150
Financial Activities	1,025
Government	16,900
Leisure & Hospitality	3,925
Manufacturing	3,350
Professional & Business Services	3,825
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,900
Information	300
Services & Miscellaneous	1,475

**2005 Total of All Occupations\*\***

<i>Employment</i>	46,275
<i>Hourly Comp.</i>	
Median Wage	\$12.47
Average Wage	\$14.77
Entry Wage	\$6.71
Experienced	\$18.04



**Major Employers**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abbott Labs/Ross Prod Div.          | Frito-Lay                     |
| Albertsons                          | Fry’s Food & Drug Store       |
| Apache Junction Health Center       | Gila River Indian Community   |
| Apache Junction Schools             | Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino       |
| Arizona State Prison                | Hexcel Corp.                  |
| Asarco                              | Holiday Inn                   |
| Bashas                              | Hunter Douglas Wood Products  |
| Casa Grande Regional Medical Center | Mayville Metals               |
| Casa Grande Schools                 | Mulay Plastics of Casa Grande |
| Casa Grande Valley Newspapers       | Pinal County                  |
| Central Arizona College             | Regional Care Service Corp.   |
| Coolidge Unified Schools            | Safeway Supermarkets          |
| Corrections Corp. of America        | Tanger Outlet Center          |
| Eloy Schools                        | Truckstop of America          |
| Evergreen Air Center                | Wal-Mart                      |
| Flying J Truckstop                  | Westile Roofing Products      |

**Unemployment Rates**

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Pinal County</b>	5.3%	7.2%	6.8%	5.7%	5.4%	5.1%
<b>Arizona</b>	4.7%	6.1%	5.7%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%
<b>United States</b>	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%

\*\*Data from Arizona DES and The United State Bureau of Labor Statistics; 2006 data as of September 30, 2006

**Places of Interest**

**Boyce-Thompson Arboretum** - founded by the late Colonel William Boyce-Thompson. A 320-acre collection of desert flora and fauna at the foot of the Picketpost Mountain, near Superior, Arizona.

**Picacho Peak State Park** – site of the only Civil War battle fought in Arizona. On April 15, 1862, 12 Union soldiers defeated 17 Confederate soldiers.

**Florence, Arizona** – one of Arizona’s oldest towns, founded in 1866 by Levi Ruggles, named by Territorial governor, Richard McCormick, after his sister, Florence.

**Silver King Mine** – southwest of Superior, incorporated in 1877, produced \$6 million in silver by 1888, the richest silver mine in Arizona

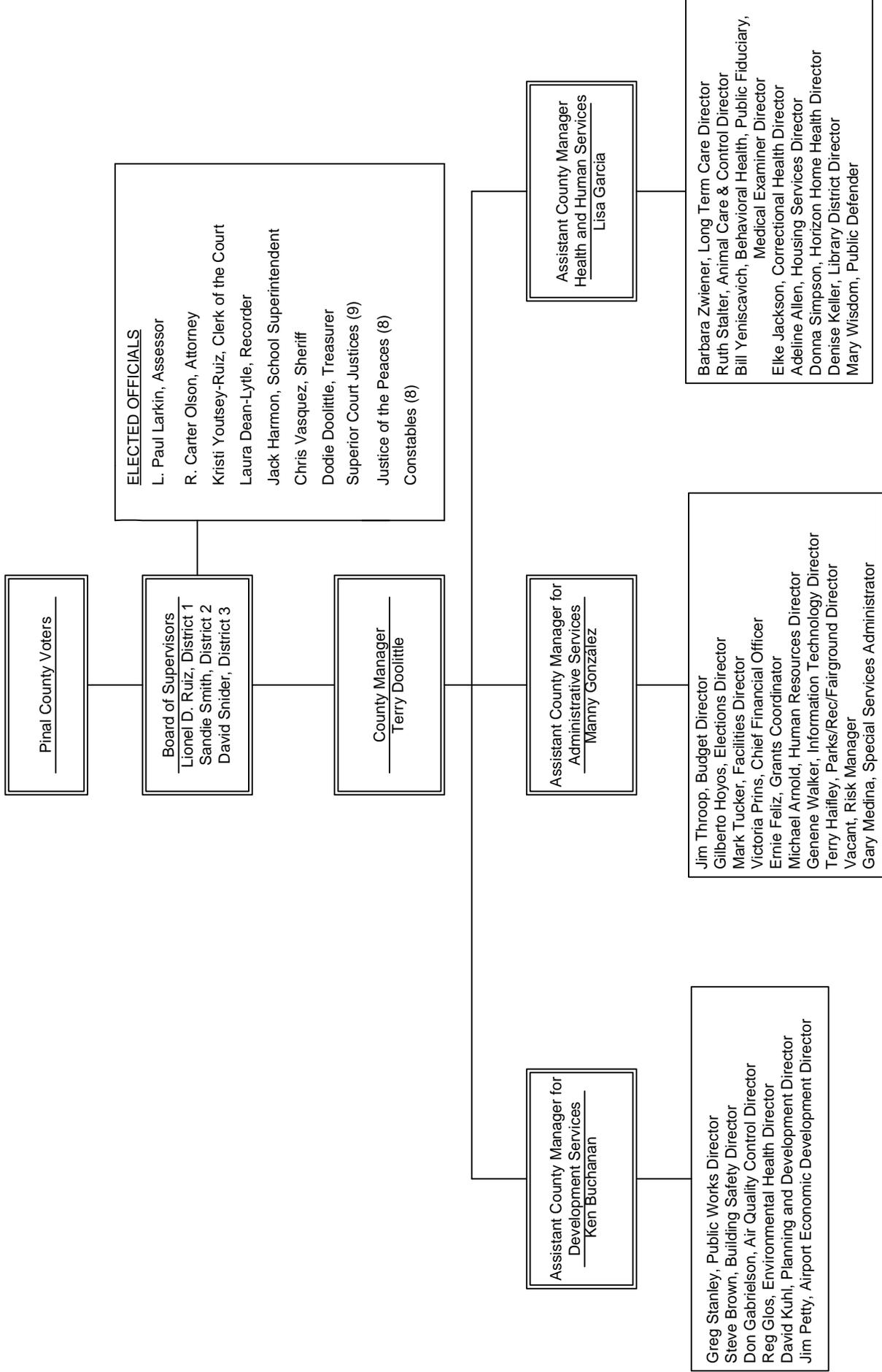


**Biosphere II** – The largest living laboratory in the world. A monumental feat of engineering, it includes a glass and metal shell that holds several different types of biomes or land types. Located near Oracle, Arizona, is currently under contract with Columbia University for management. Tours are available.

**Superstition Mountains** – home of the famous “Lost Dutchman’s Mine”. This giant monolith rises 3,000 feet above the desert floor and dominates the eastern fringe of the Salt River Valley. It contains approximately 160,000 acres of Arizona’s rugged desert mountain terrain. A beautiful desert landscape, but can also be dangerous. The “old-timers” say that anything that survives in this desert wilderness either sticks, stings, bites or eats meat! Snow is not uncommon in the winter on the higher elevations, nor is 125-degree days in the summer.

**Casa Grande Ruins National Monument** – The first prehistoric and cultural site established by the United States Government. This happened in 1892, by proclamation of President Benjamin Harrison. These ruins of the Hohokam Indians were first built in approximately 1200 A.D.. They are located in the city of Coolidge. The name Casa Grande, the same as one of the cities within Pinal County, stands for Big House.

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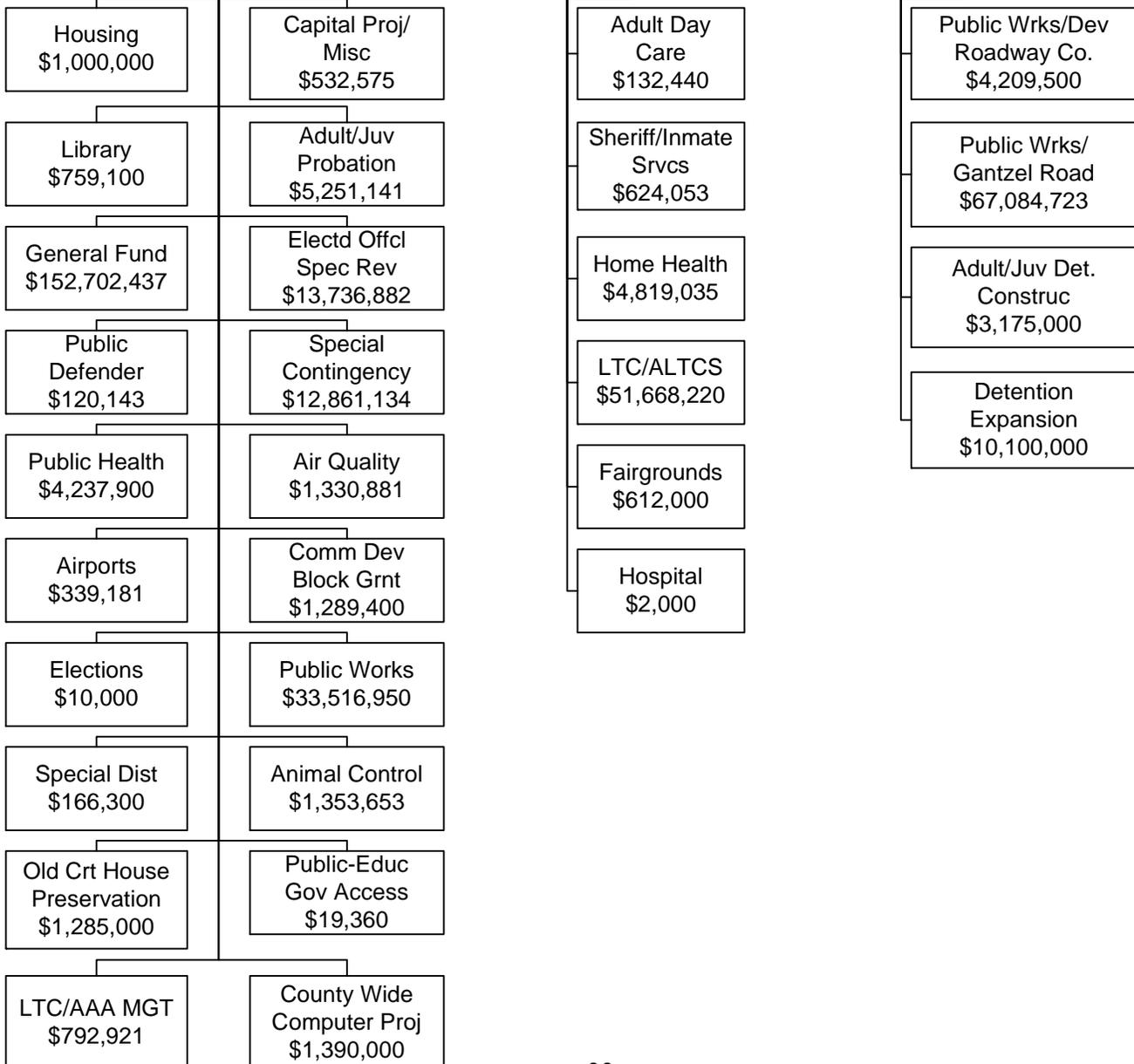
**TOTAL 2006-2007 Budget  
\$404,000,000**

**OPERATING BUDGET  
\$375,121,929**

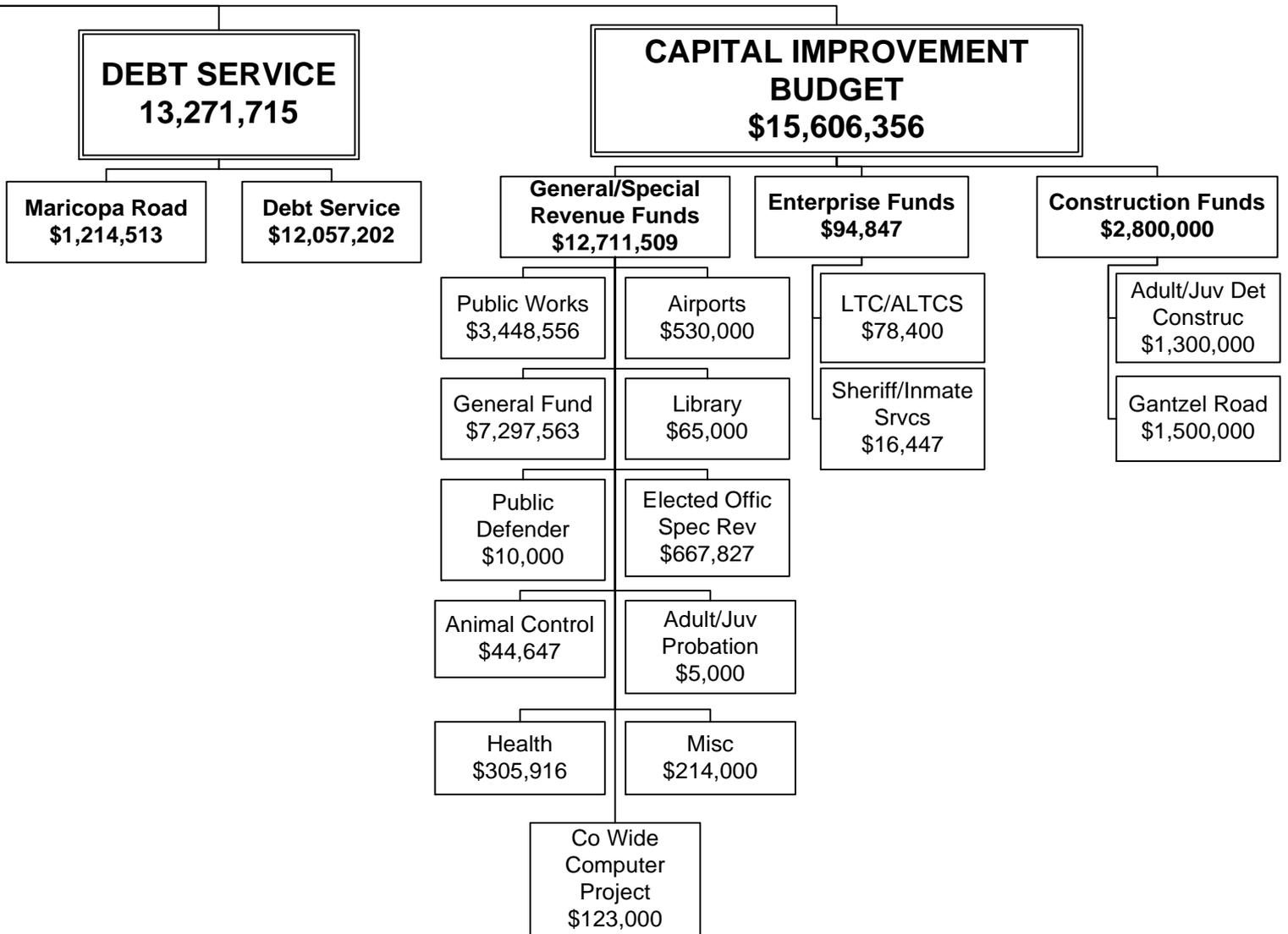
**General/Special  
Revenue Funds  
\$232,694,958**

**Enterprise Funds  
\$57,857,748**

**Construction  
Funds  
\$84,569,223**



# Financial Organization Chart





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