

2008 Arizona Metro & Non-metro Definitions

Flagstaff MSA = Coconino County
Lake Havasu-Kingman MSA = Mohave County
Phoenix MSA = Maricopa & Pinal Counties
Prescott MSA = Yavapai County
Tucson MSA = Pima County
Yuma MSA = Yuma County

MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area. The general concept of an MSA is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. These are defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a standard for Federal agencies in the preparation and publication of statistics relating to metropolitan areas. For 2008 data, there are six Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Arizona: Flagstaff, Lake Havasu-Kingman, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Prescott, Tucson, and Yuma.

2008 Non-metro Regions

In addition to wage and employment data files for all Arizona counties and MSAs, non-metro region files are available: Northern Arizona Non-metro and Southeast Arizona Non-metro. These files include combined occupational wage and employment data from non-metro counties not included in the MSAs. The regional data files require less confidentiality suppression than some of the non-metro county files by themselves and often provide more data for those respective areas. The non-metro files are defined as follows:

Northern Arizona Non-metro = Apache, Navajo, Gila, and La Paz counties

Southeast Arizona Non-metro = Cochise, Graham, Greenlee & Santa Cruz counties