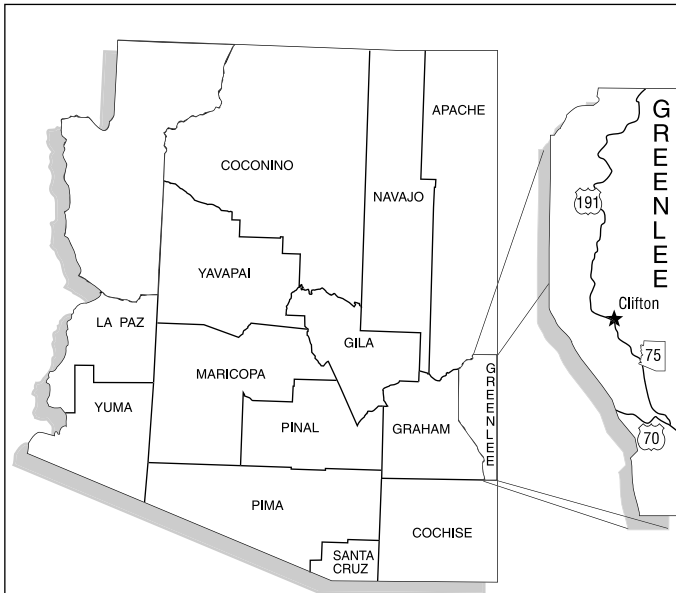


## Profile:

# Greenlee County, Arizona



**G**reenlee County, Arizona's 14th county, was created in 1909 by an act of the 25th Territorial Assembly. The county was formed from the eastern portion of Graham County and named for Mason Greenlee, an early settler in the Clifton area. There was significant resistance to the formation of the new county because Graham County would lose considerable revenue as a result. As a compromise, Greenlee County was considerably smaller than originally proposed. Clifton is, and has always been, the county seat.

Copper ore was discovered in the Clifton area in 1869, and claims and mines were established two years later. By 1918, most of the early copper mines – the King at Metcalf, the Longfellow claim near Clifton, the Shannon Copper Company holdings at Morenci – had been absorbed by the Arizona Copper Company. Later, Arizona Copper was purchased by Phelps Dodge Corp., which had developed its own mining and smelting interests in Morenci. Phelps Dodge remains a major employer in the county.

The topography consists of high mountain ranges, river valleys and desert terrain. The famed Coronado Trail (U.S. 191) twists and turns 117 miles from Clifton (elevation 3,466) north to Springerville in Apache County (elevation 6,856 feet) and affords breathtaking, panoramic views.

In addition to the major contribution copper makes to the county's economy, ranching, agriculture and tourism are factors as well. Apache National Forest in the northern half of the county is home to deer, elk, antelope and bear. Hannagan Meadow, at 9,092 feet, and the Blue Range Primitive Area are popular for hunters and campers.

Greenlee County covers 1,848 square miles and is only one of three counties in Arizona without an Indian Reservation. The vast majority of land is government-owned. The U.S. Forest Service controls 64 percent; the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 15 percent; the state of Arizona, 15 percent; and individual or corporate ownership, only 7 percent and other public lands comprise the remaining 1 percent.

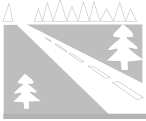


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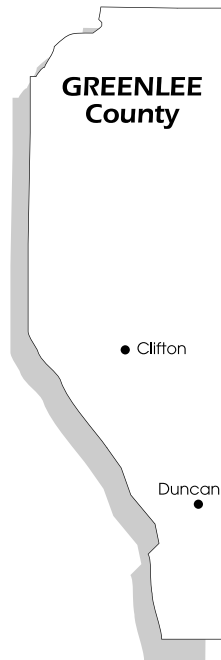


## Greenlee County At-A-Glance

<b>County Seat:</b>	Clifton
<b>2003 Population:</b>	8,605
<b>2003 Labor Force:</b>	3,655
<b>Unemployment Rate:</b>	8.6%
<b>Major Industries:</b>	Construction Retail Trade

Sources: Population Estimates, Population Statistics Unit, Research Administration and 2003 Preliminary Special Unemployment Report, Arizona Department of Economic Security.

### Incorporated Cities



### Population

	1990	2000	2003
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870
Greenlee County	8,008	8,547	8,605

#### Major Cities/Communities

	1990	2000	2003
Clifton	2,840	2,596	2,595
Duncan	662	812	825
Morenci	1,799	1,879	1,882*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Population Statistics Unit.

\* Based on county growth rate

## Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	25.9%
15-24	13.4%
25-44	28.2%
45-64	22.6%
65+	9.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

## Population Composition\*

Race	% of total
White	74.2%
African American	0.5%
Native American	1.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%
Other	23.5%
Totals	100.1%
Hispanic Heritage*	43.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

\* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race



## Labor Force

### 2003 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,690,294	5.6%
Greenlee County	3,688	7.5%
<i>Major Cities/Communities</i>		
Clifton	1,254	6.5%
Morenci	914	8.1%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security, 2003 Special Unemployment Report.

### 2003 Employment by Sector

Goods Producing	2,300
Government	525
Other Private Service-Providing	350
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	225

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

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

### 2003 Total All Occupations

Employment	3,370
<i>Hourly Compensation</i>	
Median Wage	\$16.37
Average Wage	\$16.63
Entry Wage	\$7.81
Experienced	\$19.97

## 2003 Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative Support	220	\$12.34
Sales & Related	190	\$10.63
Food Preparation & Serving Related	160	\$ 7.34
Transportation & Material Moving	140	\$10.68

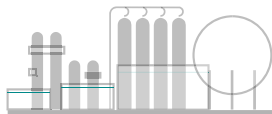
Source: Prepared by the Ariz. Dept. of Economic Security, Research Administration in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2004

## Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Clifton Elementary Clifton	Elementary and Secondary Education
Clifton High School Clifton	Elementary and Secondary Education
Copperroom Restaurant & Lounge Morenci	Restaurant
Duncan Public Schools Duncan	Elementary and Secondary Education
Fairbanks School Morenci	Elementary and Secondary Education
Greenlee County Clifton	Government
Kempton Chevrolet, Buick, Geo Clifton	New and Used Car Dealers
Morenci Health Care Center Morenci	Medical Doctors Office
Morenci High School Morenci	Elementary and Secondary Education
Morenci Public Schools Morenci	Elementary and Secondary Education
Morenci Water and Electric Co. Morenci	Electric Services
Phelps Dodge Morenci	Mining and Processing
Town of Clifton Clifton	Government

Local Sources

## Electric Service



## Utilities

**Major Suppliers:**  
 Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (928) 359-2503  
 Morenci Water & Electric Co. (928) 865-3681

## Natural Gas Service

**Major Suppliers:**  
 Duncan Rural Service Corporation (928) 359-2442  
 Southwest Gas Corporation (800) 766-9722

## Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the chamber of commerce directly.

## Telephone

**Major Suppliers:**  
 Copper Valley Telephone Co. (928) 865-2881  
 Qwest (800) 244-1111



## Medical

**Major Hospitals:**  
 Morenci Health Care Center, Morenci (928) 865-4511



## Tranportation

## Highways

U.S. 70, U.S. 191, state Highway 75, state Highway 78

## Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines (800) 231-2222

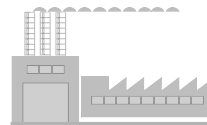
## Rail Service

Union Pacific Railroad (888) 870-8777

## Air Service

**Airport Name:** **Greenlee County** (928) 687-1307  
 Location: Clifton-Morenci  
 Functional Class: Community Service  
 Elevation: 3,811'  
 Ownership: Public  
 Use: Public/Commercial  
 Nav-aids: None  
 Runway: 07/25 Length: 4,995' Width: 75'  
 Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



## Industrial Facilities

## Clifton/Morenci and Duncan

An 80-acre Greenlee County Industrial Park is located contiguous to the Town of Duncan. Development of O'Conner Field, a regional airport, is actively underway. Completion of this excellent facility, midway between Phoenix and El Paso, is scheduled for early 2002. First class regional highways and a major branch of the Union Pacific Railroad provide superb transportation facilities to Duncan and the upper Gila River area. For more information, call the Duncan town manager at (928) 359-2791.



## Financial Authorities

### Greenlee County Industrial Development Authority

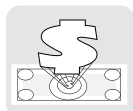
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## Commercial Banks

Stockmen's Bank



## Taxes

### State Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

*Source: Arizona Department of Revenue*

### Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Clifton	8.78	0.00	2.52	11.30
Duncan	7.60	0.53	2.52	10.65
Morenci	4.05	0.00	2.52	6.57

*Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2003 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)*

### Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Greenlee County imposes a 1/2 cent general sales tax. The communities of Clifton and Duncan have a 2 percent sales tax.

## Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 37 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

*Source: Arizona Department of Revenue*



## For Further Information

### Greenlee County Economic Development

P.O. Box 908  
Clifton, AZ 85533

(928) 865-2778  
FAX: (928) 865-4417

### Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

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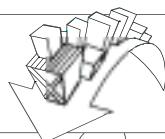
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## Distance to Major Cities

