

Tucson economy: MAP Dashboard

Monthly Stats	Change Year/Year
Non-farm jobs 378,700 (November 2017)	-0.7%
Unemployment rate 4.0% (November 2017)	-0.4% pts.
Median home price \$207,527 (November 2017)	+12.2%
Housing permits* 205 (November 2017)	+30.6%

*Single-family permits, based on U.S. Census Bureau data

Tucson's educational level middling among peers, progress lags U.S.

In 2016, the Tucson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) posted a four-year educational attainment rate of 30.8 percent. Tucson ranked seventh, tied with Albuquerque, when compared to the 12 MSAs explored on the MAP Dashboard. Tucson's educational attainment rate increased by 4.1 percentage points since 2000 but is losing ground to the U.S. The U.S. educational attainment rate increased 5.9 percentage points during the same time period. Educational attainment is a critical driver of long-run income, job, and population growth for nations, states, and local areas. Regions with a high concentration of educated residents tend to perform better across many socioeconomic indicators, including poverty, unemployment, and crime rates.



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About the MAP Dashboard

The MAP (Making Action Possible for Southern Arizona) Dashboard is produced by the UA Economic and Business Research Center in partnership with the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. A portion is published monthly in the **Arizona Daily Star**. To view more data, go to mapazdashboard.arizona.edu

