

# Tucson economy: MAP Dashboard

| Monthly Stats   | Change Year/Year |   |
|---|------------------|---|
| Education and Health Service jobs <b>68,200</b> (Dec. 2018) | <b>+4.0%</b>     | ▲ |
| Construction jobs <b>17,400</b> (Dec. 2018)                 | <b>+6.1%</b>     | ▲ |
| Median home price <b>\$218,000</b> (Jan. 2019)              | <b>+9.0%</b>     | ▲ |
| Housing permits* <b>224</b> (Nov. 2018)                     | <b>+9.3%</b>     | ▲ |


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

## Tucson ranks high for college grads with science, engineering majors

In 2017, 47.1 percent of college graduates in the Tucson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) reported a science and engineering or related field as their college major. This ranked Tucson third out of 12 comparable western MSAs. Choice of college major can have a profound impact on employability and earning potential throughout the course of one's career. The distribution of college majors in a region can also affect location decisions of firms eager to capitalize on a talented and diverse workforce. Recent reports have found higher rates of full-time, year-round employment among science and engineering or related majors.



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### About the MAP Dashboard

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