



JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM – QUICK YUMA STATS

Yuma is located near the confluence of the Gila and Colorado Rivers in Arizona's southwest corner, bordering California and two Mexican states (Sonora to the south, Baja California to the west).

Yuma's latitude and longitude are 32° 41' 32" N, 114° 36' 55" W. Its altitude is 138 feet above sea level near the river, 194 feet at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma on the mesa to the south. Yuma and all of Arizona are in the Mountain time zone. Arizona does not observe daylight savings time except on the Navajo Reservation.

The Colorado River, which defines the border between Arizona and California and shaped Yuma's history, runs along the city's northern and western edges. For time immemorial, this was the safest and easiest place to cross the river: trails used by Native Americans, Spanish explorers and early pioneers all led to Yuma. The "Yuma Crossing" also was the site of the first railroad (1877) and highway (1915) bridges across the Colorado River.

Yuma is nearly equidistant from Phoenix (178 miles) and San Diego (180 miles). Within a radius of just more than 300 miles are Tucson, Las Vegas, Mexicali, Palm Springs and Los Angeles.

Interstate 8 runs through Yuma; more than 9 million cars enter Arizona from California each year. Highway 95 runs north to Interstate 10 and south to Mexico. Commercial air service with multiple daily arrivals and departures is available from American Airlines (through Phoenix). Amtrak provides passenger rail service and intercity bus service is available through Greyhound.

Yuma is the county seat and largest city of Yuma County. It is the 11th largest city in the state, with an estimated population of 91,923 (2013 estimate), up just slightly from the 2010 count of 90,702. Yuma is Arizona's largest populated area *outside* metro Phoenix and Tucson. Yuma County has an estimated population of 203,247 (2014 estimate), reflecting our border heritage, more than 61 percent of Yuma County residents report they are of Hispanic origin.

Yuma is recognized by Guinness World Records as the sunniest place on earth with an annual mean of 4,055 hours of sunshine out of a possible 4,456 hours – meaning it's bright 91 percent of all daylight hours. Yuma also is the nation's driest and least humid spot, with an average of just 3.01 inches of rain a year, average humidity of 22.5 percent and just 16 days per year with precipitation (<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/extremes/extreme-us-climates.php#SUN-CLOUD>). "Normal" highs range from 69 degrees in December to 107 in July.