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Fort Huachuca

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In 1877, the establishment of Fort Huachuca and its presence of soldiers encouraged settlers from the East to head West. The fort continues to encourage settlement in Arizona today, as evidenced by the presence of state-of-the-art corporations such as General Dynamics, Northrop-Grumman and L-3 Communications. The fort contributes more than \$838 million to Arizona's economy, and its presence has led to improvements in the community that include high-speed digital communications and upgrades to the highway system.

In addition, the University of Arizona, Cochise College, Western International University and other academic institutions operate satellite campuses on the base to support the educational needs of the community and provide research and development resources for Fort Huachuca.

More than 5,800 civilians and military personnel are employed full-time at the fort. An additional 3,400 employees are part-time workers, including students attending classes at Fort Huachuca and employees at the clubs and retail venues on site. Nearby military-industrial corporations such as Northrop-Grumman and General Dynamics, among others, employ more than 4,400. These businesses provide support to the fort and the community. Fort Huachuca draws employees and contracted support personnel from local communities as far away as Tucson, Santa Cruz County, Bisbee and Tombstone. The fort has also been an incubator for several small businesses in the defense industry and other commercial enterprises.

Fort Huachuca is working toward sustainability by setting the standard for other businesses in regard to water conservation. It uses only 60 percent of the water it used 10 years ago to support a population that has grown considerably.



Fort Huachuca was established in 1877, and is now home to many state-of-the-art corporations.

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Year Established

1877

AZ Employees

9,754

It also serves as a center of entertainment for the community. In the summer, live concerts are performed, and in the winter, historic homes are showcased within its gates. Its open communication with Sierra Vista has helped make Fort Huachuca the heart of that community.