

**Demographic Analysis of the
Gila River Indian Community
Using 2011-2015 American Community Survey Estimates**



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Gila River Indian Community Demographic Analysis

Introduction

This analysis of Gila River Indian Community was undertaken by the Arizona Rural Policy Institute (ARPI) a unit of the Center for Business Outreach in the W.A. Franke College of Business at Northern Arizona University for the planning department of the Gila River Indian Community. The ARPI has produced the Demographic Profile for the Gila River Indian Community, with the latest information available from the 2015 American Community Survey (5-year estimates) American Indian and Alaska Native Tables. This document is provided to Arizona tribes as a product of the EDA University Center Grant provided by the EDA to the Center for Business Outreach at Northern Arizona University.

Since 2010 the American Community Survey (ACS) has been tasked with producing population, demographic and housing unit estimates for the United States on an annual and 5 year series basis. This analysis is entirely based the American Community Survey, 5-year estimate data for the period 2011 to 2015 and is annotated in the document as ACS 2015 (5-year estimates). The 2015 ACS 5-year estimates are based on data collected between January 2011 and December 2015. The data were used to analyze household income, poverty rates, employment, language use and household characteristics for Gila River Indian Community. Only the 5-year estimates are used as this is the only data that is provided for small population areas, the 5 year data represent the average characteristics over the 5-year period.

Demographic characteristics are outlined by three separate levels, the State of Arizona, Maricopa County and the Gila River Indian Community. Comparisons between the State of Arizona, and Maricopa County serve to provide further levels of comparison when examining demographic characteristics of the tribe. Maricopa County was chosen for comparison as a large portion of the Gila River Indian Community tribal lands and communities fall in Maricopa County.

Appendix A contains the margin of error estimates to be used to calculate the range of estimates for the American Community Survey data.

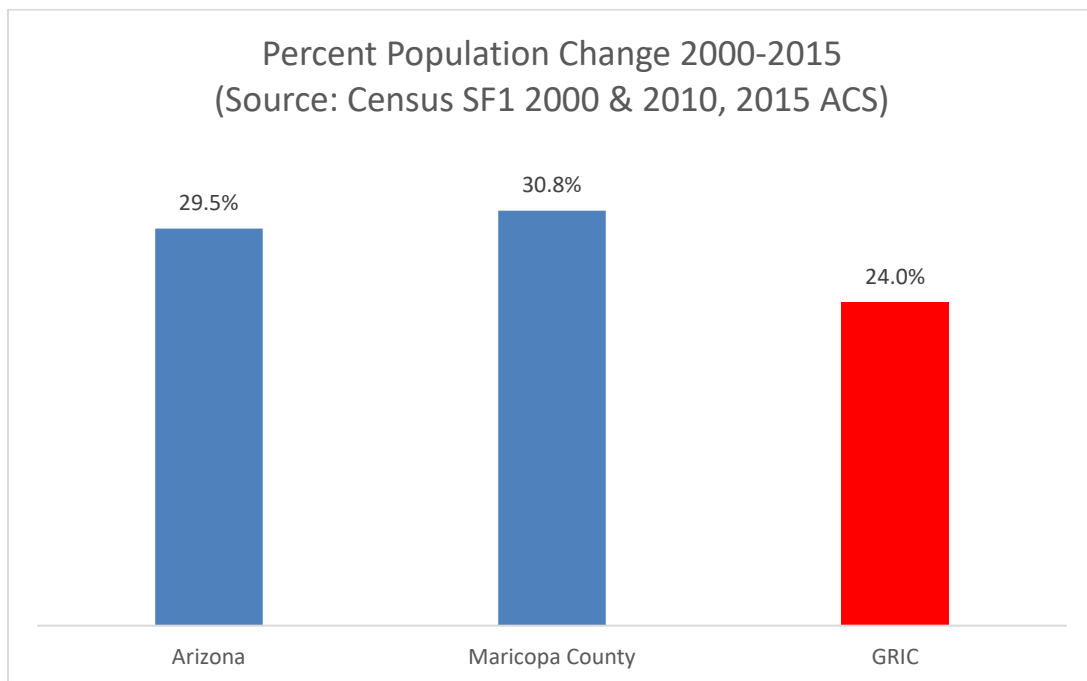
Population

The population of the Gila River Indian Community increased sharply, at rate of 22.7% between the last census in 2010 and 2015. The rate of increase was slower between 2000 and 2010 when the tribe grew at the rate of 1.1%. The 2010 SF1 census is considered the official count, and accounts for only the population within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Community. The rate of population growth is higher than both the State and the County. This rate, however, reflects growth by birthrate alone and not growth through in-migration as is the case with both the State and the County. Outmigration to border communities also impacts the population count as only on-reservation populations are counted.

Table 1. Total Population & Trends

Total Population and Trends	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total Population 2000	5,130,632	3,072,149	11,257
Total Population 2010	6,392,017	3,817,117	11,380
Total Population 2011-2015	6,641,928	4,018,143	13,959
Change in Population 2000-2015	29.5%	30.8%	24.0%
Source: Census 2000, 2010 SF1, ACS 2015 (5 year estimates)			

Figure 1. Percent Population Change 2000 to 2015 Gila River Indian Community



Gender

There are slightly more females (51.9%) than males (48.1%) within the Gila River Indian Community. The gender ratios in the Gila River Indian Community are similar to the State and County ratios where there are slightly fewer females (50.3% and 45.8%) respectively than males (49.7% and 50.6%) respectively. See Table 2.

Table 2. Gender Ratios

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Male	3,299,088	1,986,158	6,710
Female	3,342,840	2,031,985	7,249

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Age

The Gila River Indian Community is dominated by those under 20 years of age. The under-20 year population accounts for 37.1 percent of all tribal members, representing a far larger portion of tribal members than the same age group does for the State (27.1%) or Maricopa County (27.9%). The fact that more than one-third of the tribe is younger than 20 years of age carries with it some fairly important policy implications. The large portion of younger tribal members influences the provision of health and educational services as well as poverty and workforce issues as well.

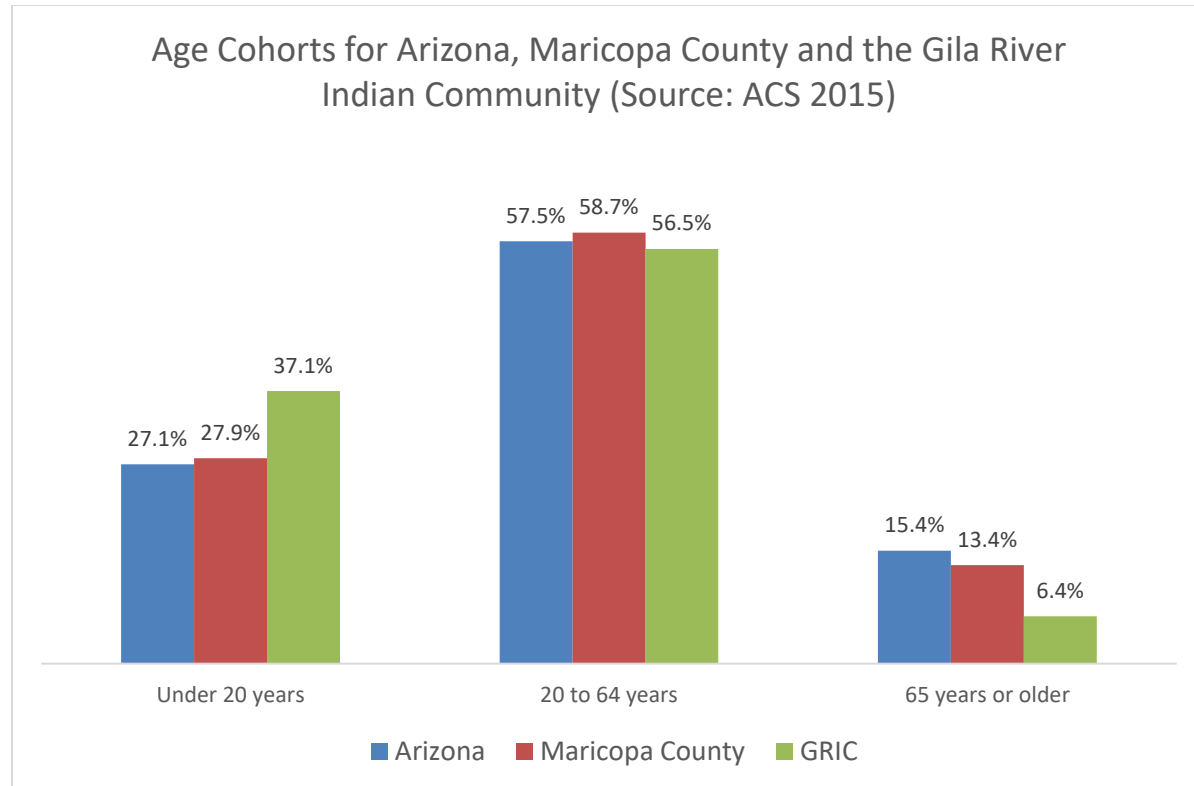
On the other hand, the tribe has fewer members who are 65 years or older. This age group, those who have retired and are out of the workforce account for only 6.4 percent of tribal members when compared to 15.4 percent for the state and 13.4 percent for the county. This increase in the retired population stands at odds with other tribes where the overall population tends to be younger. Finally, those age 20 to 64 years account for 56.5 percent of the tribal members, which compares favorably to the State (57.5%) and the County (58.7%). The large number of tribal young persons will have an effect on the development of the tribal workforce in the future. See Table 3, and Figure 2.

Table 3. Age Groups by 5 Year Cohorts

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Under 5 years	433835	272710	1229
5 to 9 years	455634	287752	1381
10 to 14 years	456495	286424	1103
15 to 19 years	456343	275870	1466
20 to 24 years	478317	283042	1276
25 to 34 years	886173	569970	2018
35 to 44 years	833412	539197	1661
45 to 54 years	840625	522995	1746
55 to 59 years	402381	232062	680
60 to 64 years	378638	209667	502
65 to 74 years	588977	308128	645
75 to 84 years	312535	163572	184
85 years and over	118563	66754	68

Source: ACS 2011-2015

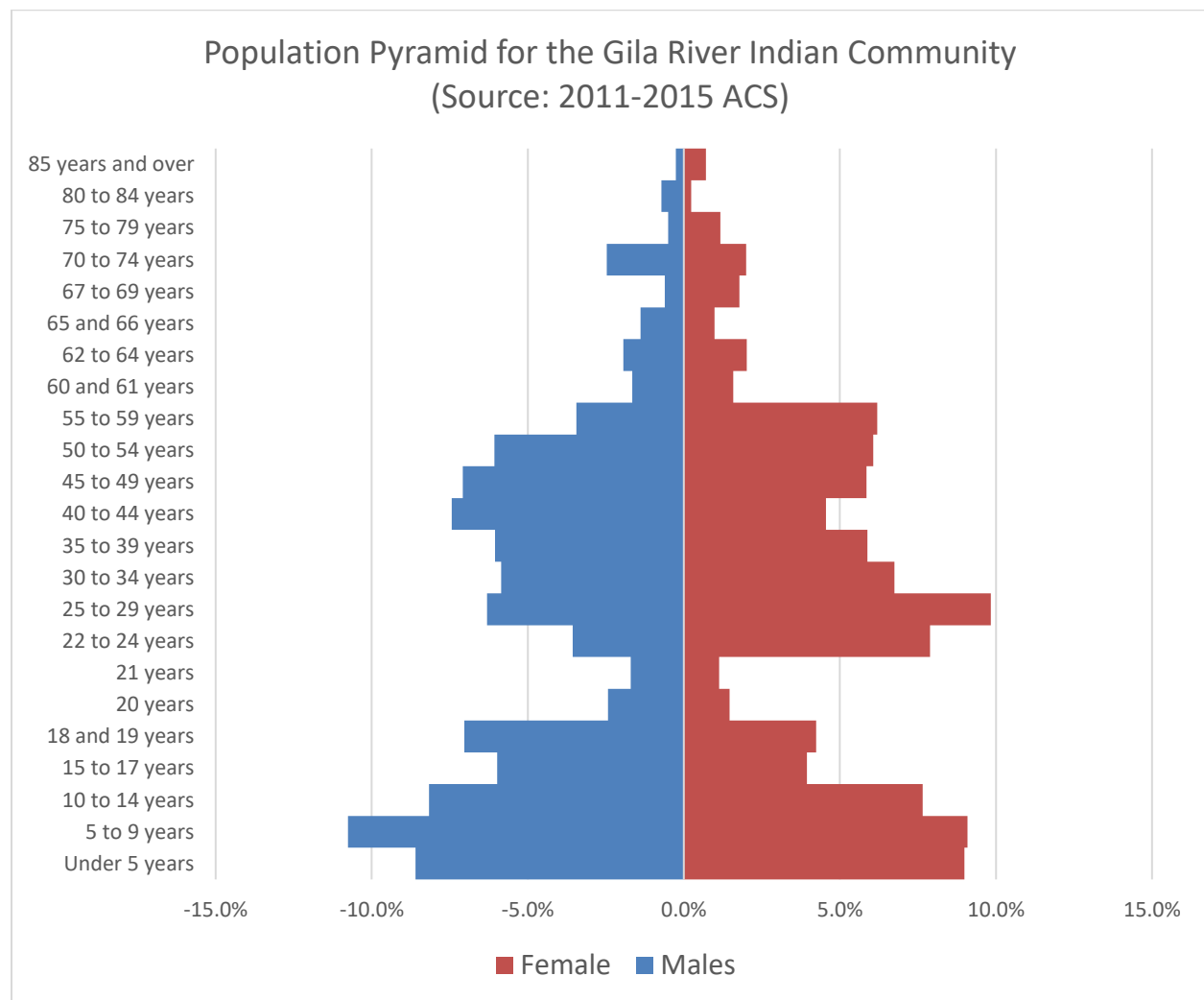
Figure 2. Age Cohorts for Arizona, Maricopa County & the Gila River Indian Community 2011-2015



A population pyramid, also called an age structure diagram, is a graphical illustration that shows the distribution of various age groups in a population (typically that of a country or region of the world), which forms the shape of a pyramid when the population is growing.

The population pyramid below (Figure 3) illustrates the difference between males and females for the 5 year age cohorts. The under-19 age cohorts are somewhat symmetrical indicating that there are an even number of males and females. At the top of the age pyramid there are more females than males. This is normal as demographically women tend to live longer than men. The age pyramid provides an illustrated snapshot of the age structure of the tribal members during the period 2011-2015.

Figure 3. Population Pyramid - Gila River Indian Community 2011-2015



Population Under 20 Years

Children those under 19 years of age account for 31.5 percent of all tribal members. There are 6,710 males and 7,249 female tribal members, of those 33.5 percent of all males are under age 19 and 29.6 percent of all females are under age 19. There are more females in each age group, with the greatest disparity in the 5 to 9 year age group where there are more males . See Table 4.

Table 4. Single year age by gender for those aged 19 years and under

	Males		Females	
Under 5 years	577	9.3%	652	10.5%
5 to 9 years	722	11.7%	659	10.6%
10 to 14 years	548	8.8%	555	9.0%
15 to 19 years	401	6.5%	286	4.6%
Total 19 years and under	2,248	36.3%	2,152	34.7%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Median Age

The median age (the point where 50% of the population are above and 50% are below) for the Gila River Indian Community tribal members is 27.0 years, with males younger at 26.0 years and females at 27.4 years. The median age of tribal members is considerably lower than the State (37 years of age) or the County 36 years. This once more serves to emphasize the overall young age of tribal members. See Figure 4.

Figure 4. Median Age in Years 2015

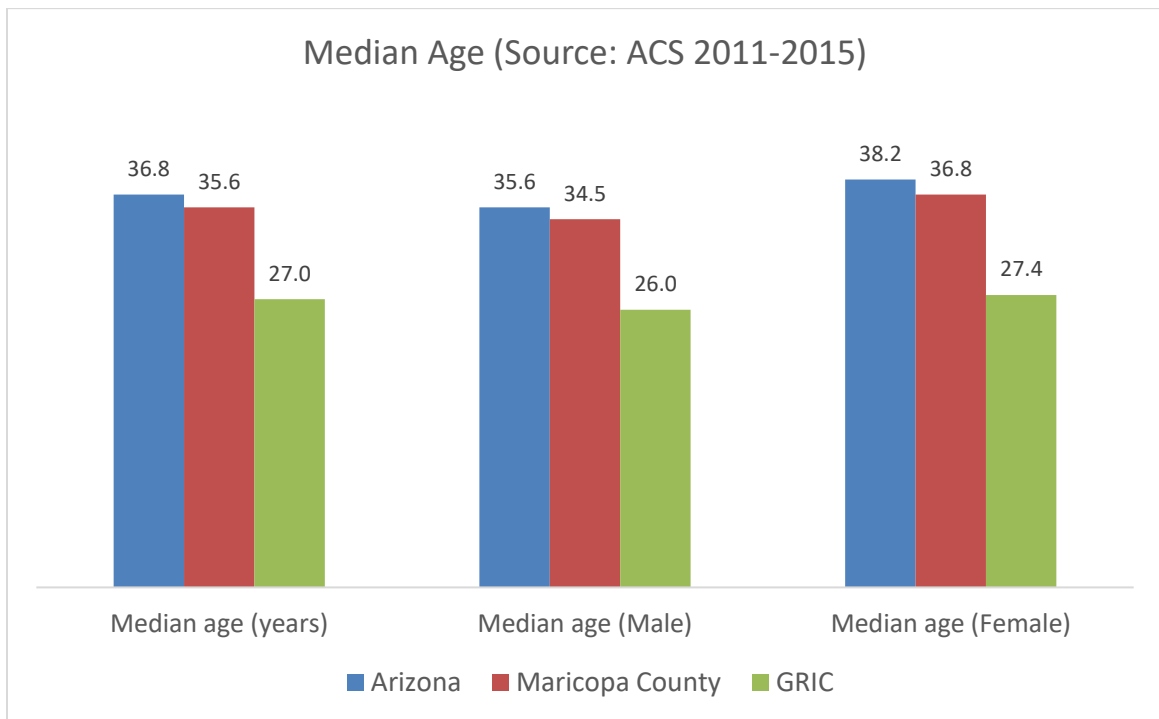


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Female	3,342,840	2,031,985	7,249
Percent Males	50.0%	49.0%	48.1%
Percent Females	50.0%	51.0%	51.9%
Under 5 years	433,835	272,710	1,229
5 to 9 years	455,634	287,752	1,381
10 to 14 years	456,495	286,424	1,103
15 to 19 years	456,343	275,870	1,466
20 to 24 years	478,317	283,042	1,276
25 to 34 years	886,173	569,970	2,018
35 to 44 years	833,412	539,197	1,661
45 to 54 years	840,625	522,995	1,746
55 to 59 years	402,381	232,062	680
60 to 64 years	378,638	209,667	502
65 to 74 years	588,977	308,128	645
75 to 84 years	312,535	163,572	184
85 years and over	118,563	66,754	68

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Table 5. Demographic Profile Gila River Indian Community ...continued

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Median Age	36.8	35.6	27.0
Median Age Males	35.6	34.5	26.0
Median Age females	38.2	36.8	27.4
Age 0 to 19 years	1,802,307	1,122,756	5,179
Age 20 to 24 years	478,317	283,042	1,276
Age 25 to 44 years	1,719,585	1,109,167	3,679
Age 55 to 64 years	1,621,644	964,724	1,182
Age 65 years and over	1,020,075	538,454	897
18 years and over	5,024,639	3,001,739	9,559
Males 18 years old and over	2,473,872	1,467,253	4,462
Females 18 years old and over	2,550,767	1,534,486	5,097
65 years and over	1,020,075	538,454	897
Males 65 years old and over	468,074	241,483	399
Females 65 years old and over	552,001	296,971	498

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Race

Not surprisingly, the majority of Gila River Indian Community tribal members identify themselves as American Indian or Alaska Native alone (84.2%), while the remaining 15.8 percent are split between white alone, some other race alone, and two or more races. This stands in strong contrast to the State which is 78 percent white alone, and the County which is 80 percent white alone. See Table 6.

Table 6. Race

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
One race	6,430,083	96.8%	3,893,044	96.9%	13,103	93.9%
White alone	5,210,335	78.4%	3,197,669	79.6%	875	6.3%
Black or African American	281,576	4.2%	209,789	5.2%	55	0.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	294,721	4.4%	76,621	1.9%	11,751	84.2%
Asian	200,090	3.0%	152,248	3.8%	153	1.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	12,471	0.2%	8,062	0.2%	73	0.5%
Some other race	430,890	6.5%	248,655	6.2%	196	1.4%
Two or more races	211,845	3.2%	125,099	3.1%	856	6.1%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Ethnicity

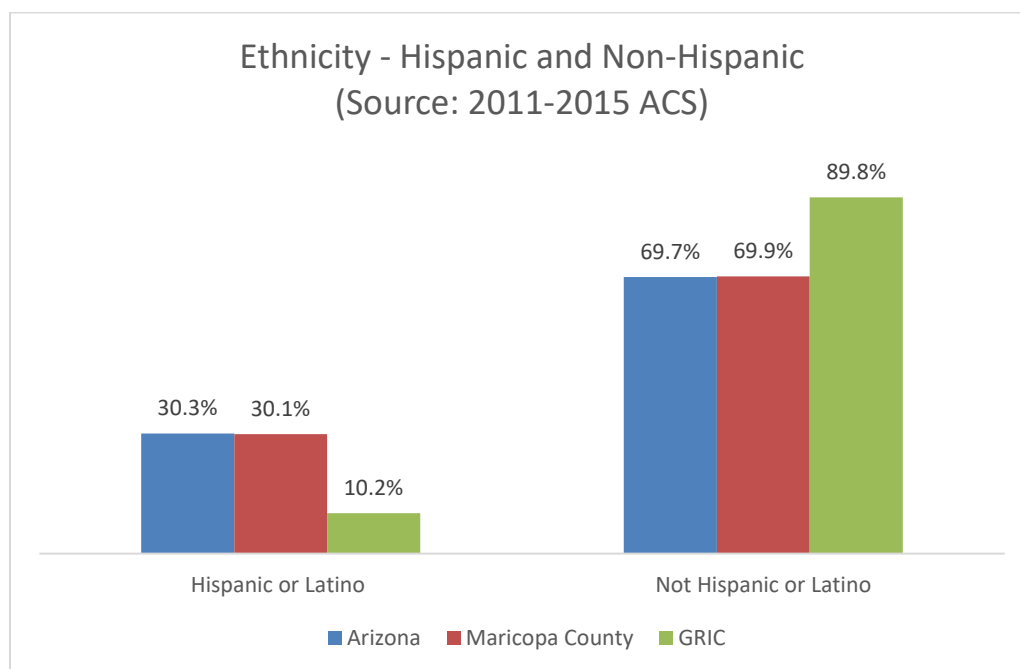
In terms of ethnicity, one-tenth (10.2%) of Gila River Indian Community tribal members identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino. This is lower than the surrounding County where one-third (30.1%) identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino and lower than the State where 30.3 percent identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino. See Table 7, and Figure 5.

Table 7. Ethnicity

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Total population	6,641,928		4,018,143		13,959	
Hispanic or Latino of any race	2,014,711	30.3%	1,209,034	30.1%	1,425	10.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	4,627,217	69.7%	2,809,109	69.9%	12,534	89.8%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

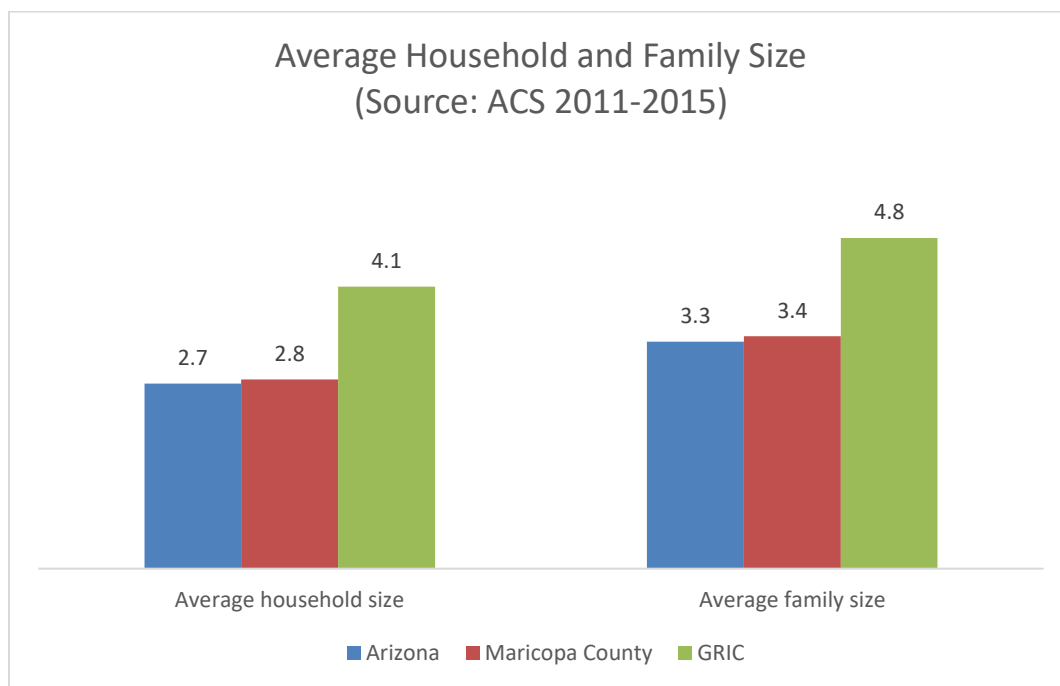
Figure 5. Ethnicity



Household Size

In 2011-2015, there were 3,331 households on the Gila River Indian Community, with an average household size of 4.1 persons and an average family size of 4.8 persons as well. The average household size of 4.1 persons is almost twice that of the State average (2.7 persons) and the County average (2.8 persons). The average family size for tribal members is also larger than the State and the County, where the average is 3.3 and 3.4 persons, respectively. See Figure 6.

Figure 6. Average Household and Family Size



Households

The next section of the demographic profile focuses on households and their structure. The Census defines a “household” as a person or group of people who occupy a housing unit. The “householder” is a person in whose name the housing unit is owned, being bought, or rented. A “family household” consists of a householder and one or more people living together in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption — it may also include people unrelated to the householder. If the householder is married and living with his/her spouse, then the household is designated a “married-couple household.” The remaining types of family households not maintained by a married couple are designated by the sex of the householder. A “nonfamily household” consists of a person living alone or a householder who shares the home with nonrelatives only; for example, with roommates or an unmarried partner.

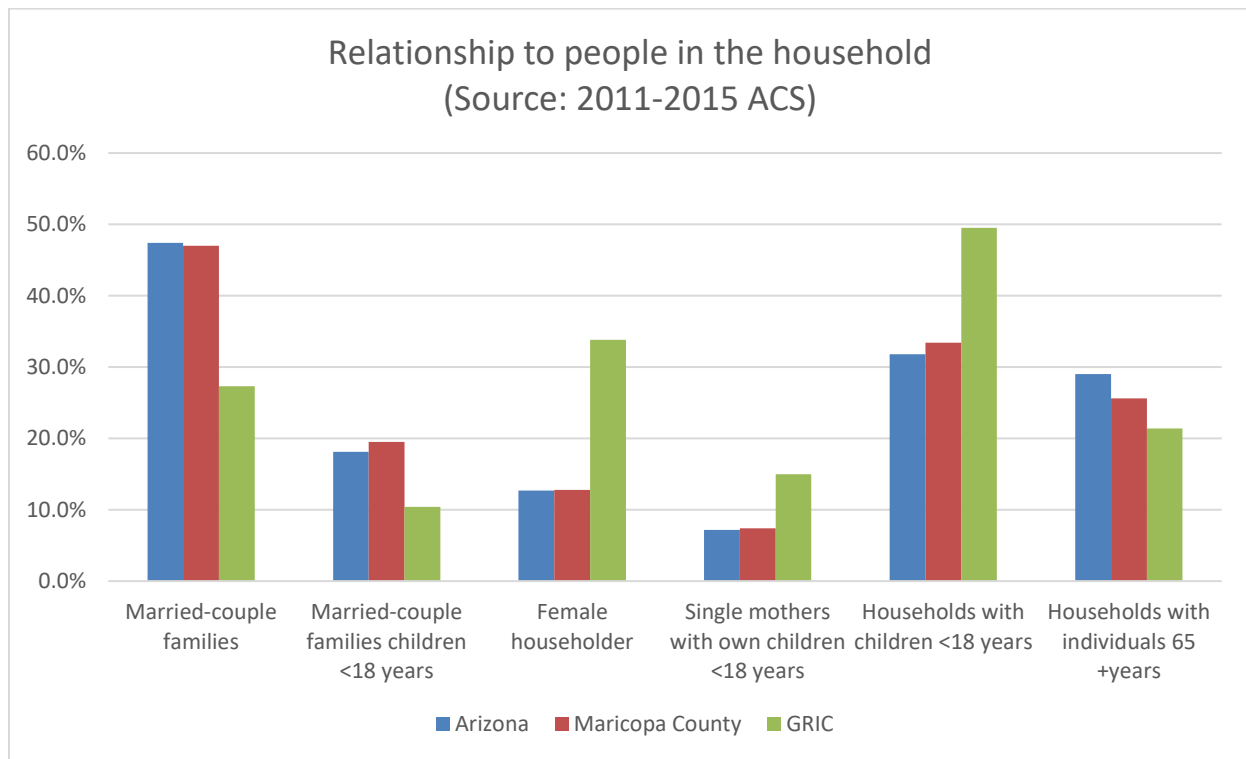
Family households (74.3%) predominate in the Gila River Indian Community, although traditional married couple families are in the minority (27.3%), at rates lower than the State (47.4%) or the County (47.0%). Households headed by a female head of household (single moms) account for one-third (33.8%) of all households. Two-thirds (61.1%) of all households are either married couple families (27.3%) or households headed by single mothers (33.8%). See Table 8 and Figure 7.

Table 8. Household Relationships

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Total households	2,412,212		1,442,518		3,331	
Family households	1,581,380	65.6%	945,115	65.5%	2,474	74.3%
Families with own children under 18 years	677,012	28.1%	431,784	29.9%	1,022	30.7%
Married-couple families	1,142,828	47.4%	678,510	47.0%	910	27.3%
Married-couple families with own children under 18 years	436,891	18.1%	281,647	19.5%	346	10.4%
Male householder, no wife present	131,803	5.5%	81,373	5.6%	439	13.2%
Single fathers with own children under 18 years	67,558	2.8%	43,008	3.0%	175	5.3%
Female householder, no husband present	306,749	12.7%	185,232	12.8%	1,125	33.8%
Single mothers with own children under 18 years	172,563	7.2%	107,129	7.4%	501	15.0%
Householder living alone	659,485	79.4%	390,613	78.5%	741	86.5%
65 years and over living alone	242,076	29.1%	128,789	25.9%	192	22.4%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	767,607	31.8%	481,944	33.4%	1,648	49.5%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	700,522	29.0%	369,625	25.6%	712	21.4%
Average household size	2.7		2.8		4.1	
Average family size	3.3		3.4		4.8	

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Figure 7. Household Relationships



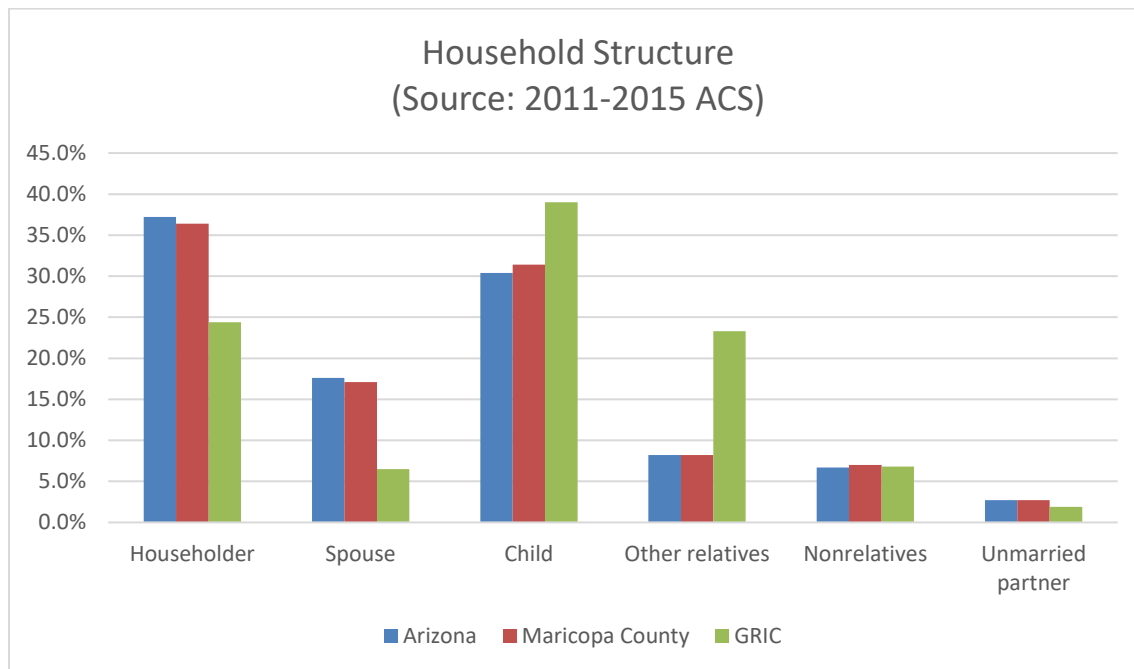
In terms of household characteristics 24.4 percent of all households are headed by a householder, lower than the State (37.2%) and the County (36.8%) of households are headed by a householder. Spouse headed households comprise a minority of Gila River Indian Community tribal households (6.5%) far less than the State (17.6%) or the County (17.1%). Children comprise more than one-third of all households (39.0%), more than the State (30.4%) and the County (31.4%). Households on the Gila River Indian Community are about twice as likely to contain other relatives (23.3%) than the State (8.2%) or the County (8.2%). See Table 9 and Figure 8.

Table 9. Household Structure

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Householder	2,412,212	37.2%	1,442,518	36.4%	3,331	24.4%
Spouse	1,141,965	17.6%	678,144	17.1%	895	6.5%
Child	1,970,330	30.4%	1,245,007	31.4%	5,334	39.0%
Other relatives	531,709	8.2%	325,356	8.2%	3,185	23.3%
Nonrelatives	434,944	6.7%	275,962	7.0%	266	6.8%
Unmarried partner	173,826	2.7%	106,375	2.7%	98	1.9%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Figure 8. Household Structure



Family households dominate among Gila River Indian Community tribal members (74.3%), however, at a higher rate than the State (65.6%) or the County (65.5%). Non-family households (7.7%) account for less than one-tenth of Gila River Indian Community tribal member households less than the State (16.8%) or County (16.7%). Husband and wife families account for slightly more than one-fifth (27.3%) of households, whereas residents of the State (47.4%) or the County (47.0%) live in husband and wife households. Households on the Gila River Indian Community are three times more likely to be headed by a female householder (33.8%) with no husband present when compared to the State (12.7%) and County (12.8%) where single mother households are far less prevalent. Households on the Gila River Indian Community are more likely (49.59%) to have children under the age of 18 living in the household, than the State (31.8%) and the County (33.4%). See Table 10, and Figure 9.

Figure 9. Households headed by single mothers

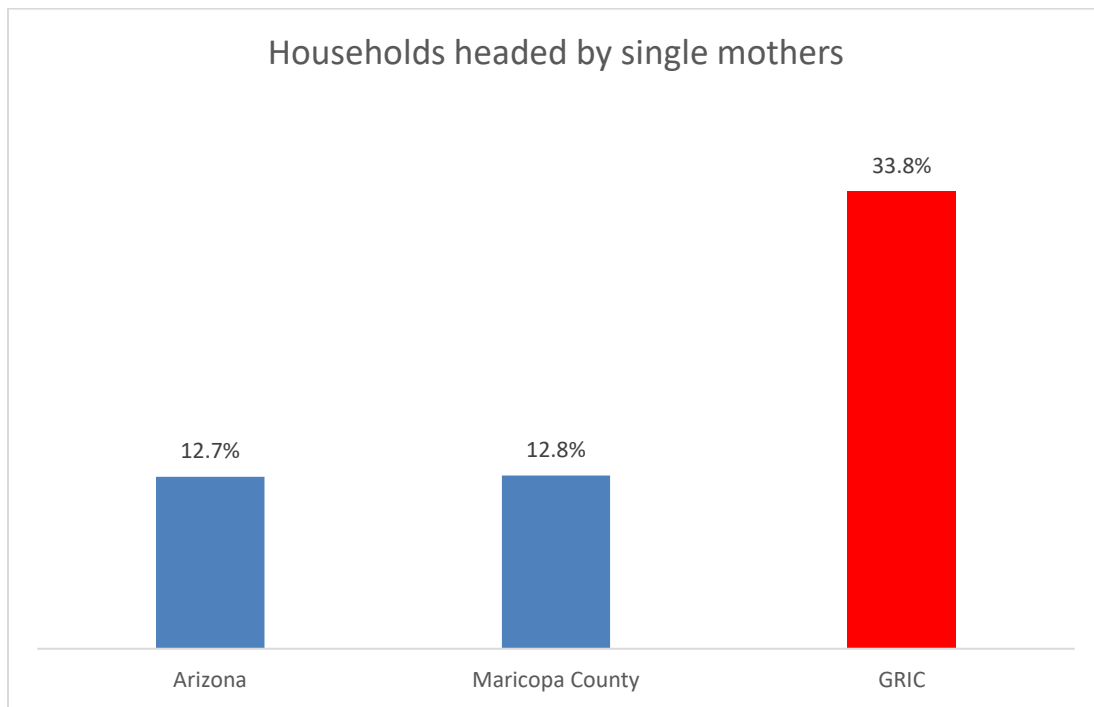


Table 10. Household by Type of Household Structure

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Total population	6,641,928		4,018,143		13,959	
Under 18 years of age	1,617,289	24.3%	1,016,404	25.3%	4,400	31.5%
18 years and over	5,024,639	75.7%	3,001,739	74.7%	9,559	68.5%
Average household size	2.69		2.75		4.1	
Average family size	3.3		3.38		4.8	
Total households	2,412,212		1,442,518		3,331	
Family households	1,581,380	65.6%	945,115	65.5%	2,474	74.3%
Married-couple families	1,142,828	47.4%	678,510	47.0%	910	27.3%
Male householder, no wife present	131,803	5.5%	81,373	5.6%	439	13.2%
Female householder, no husband present	306,749	12.7%	185,232	12.8%	1,125	33.8%
Living in nonfamily households	1,091,938	16.8%	663,963	16.7%	1,056	7.7%
Householder living alone	659,485	79.4%	390,613	78.5%	741	86.5%
65 years and over living alone	242,076	29.1%	128,789	25.9%	192	22.4%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	767,607	31.8%	481,944	33.4%	1,648	49.5%
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Source: ACS 2011-2015

Children Under 18 Years Age Living with Grandparent

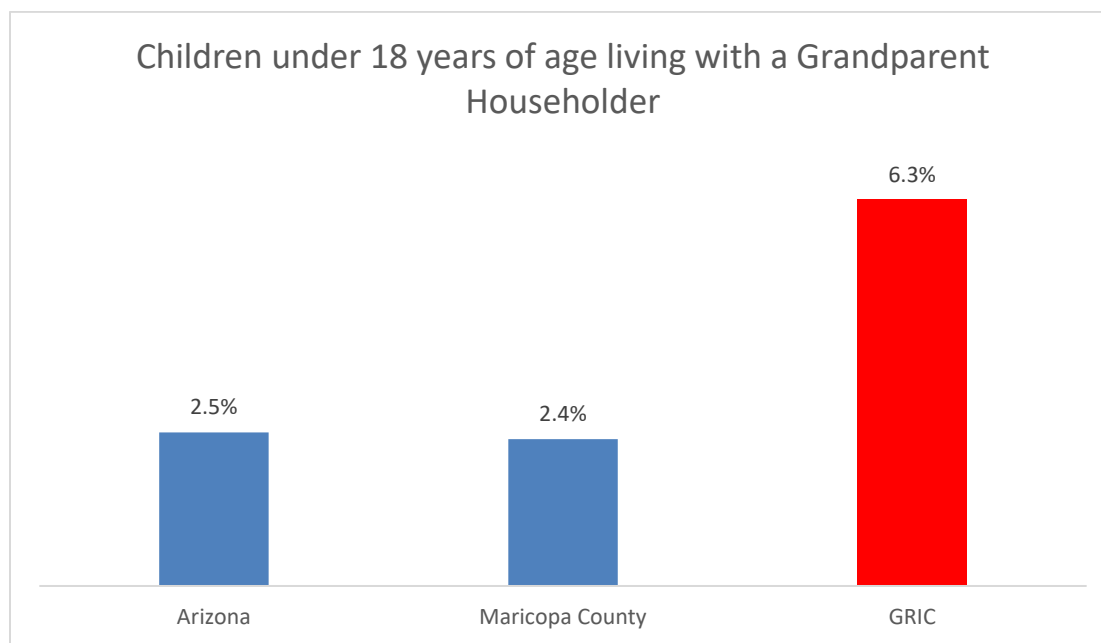
Children under age 18 are twice as likely to live with grandparents on the Gila River Indian Community (6.3%) as they are at the State (2.5%) or in the County (2.4%). There are a number of differences between the proportions of children by age living with grandparents. One third of all grandchildren (39.8%) cared for by grandparents are aged 5 or older, potentially placing a greater burden on the grandparents. See Table 11 and Figure 10.

Table 11. Children under 18 years of age living with a grandparent householder

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	166,232	2.5%	96,176	2.4%	878	6.3%
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	64,681	38.9%	33,256	34.6%	543	61.8%
Less than 1 year	14,491	22.4%	8,417	25.3%	80	14.7%
1 to 2 years	14,319	22.1%	7,702	23.2%	55	10.1%
3 to 4 years	9,947	15.4%	4,838	14.5%	192	35.4%
5 or more years	25,924	40.1%	12,299	37.0%	216	39.8%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Figure 10. Percentage of children under 18 living with a grandparent householder



Household Income

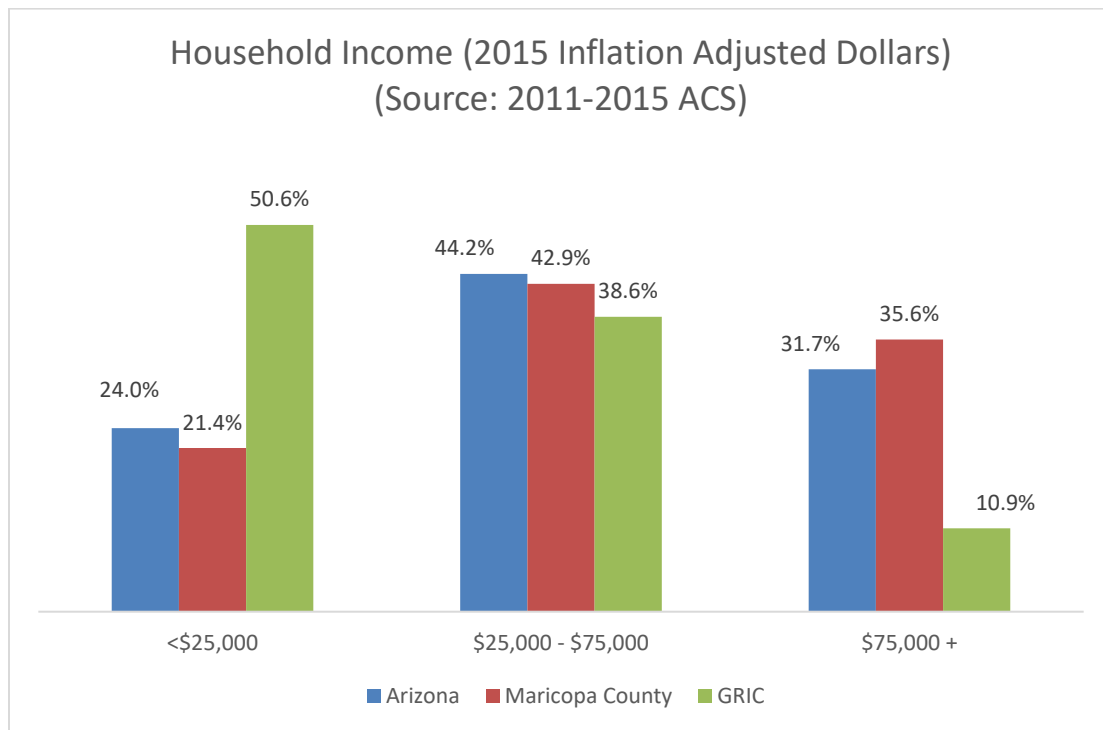
The median household income for the Gila River Indian Community is \$24,320, less than both the County (\$54,229) and the State (\$50,255). Tribal members are more likely to have lower household incomes than either the State or the County. In fact households are almost twice as likely to have incomes of less the \$25,000 (50.6%) than is the State (24.0%), or the County (21.4%). Tribal members (38.6%) are likely to have similar household incomes between \$25,000 and \$74,999 as the State (44.2%) and the County (42.9%). Correspondingly, tribal households are a third as likely (10.9%) to have incomes over \$75,000 compared to the State (31.7%) and the County (35.6%). See Table 12, and Figure 11.

Table 12. Household Income (In 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Total households	2,412,212		1,442,518		3,331	
Less than \$10,000	185,629	7.7%	99,549	6.9%	1,075	32.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	125,386	5.2%	65,358	4.5%	314	9.4%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	268,065	11.1%	144,738	10.0%	295	8.9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	267,669	11.1%	148,677	10.3%	472	14.2%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	352,984	14.6%	205,124	14.2%	424	12.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	446,513	18.5%	266,089	18.4%	390	11.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	285,636	11.8%	178,890	12.4%	203	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	288,720	12.0%	194,519	13.5%	100	3.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	99,975	4.1%	71,054	4.9%	39	1.2%
\$200,000 or more	91,635	3.8%	68,520	4.8%	19	0.6%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Figure 11. Percentage of household income by range



Supplemental Income

Households on the Gila River Indian Community are more than twice as likely to receive Food Stamps (35%) than are residents of the State (14%) and the County (12%). They are also two times more likely (5%) to receive public assistance income than the State (2%) or the County (2%). They also tend to have fewer households with retirement income (15%) than the State at large (20%) and higher than the County (17%). See Table 13 and Figure 12.

Figure 12. Supplemental Income

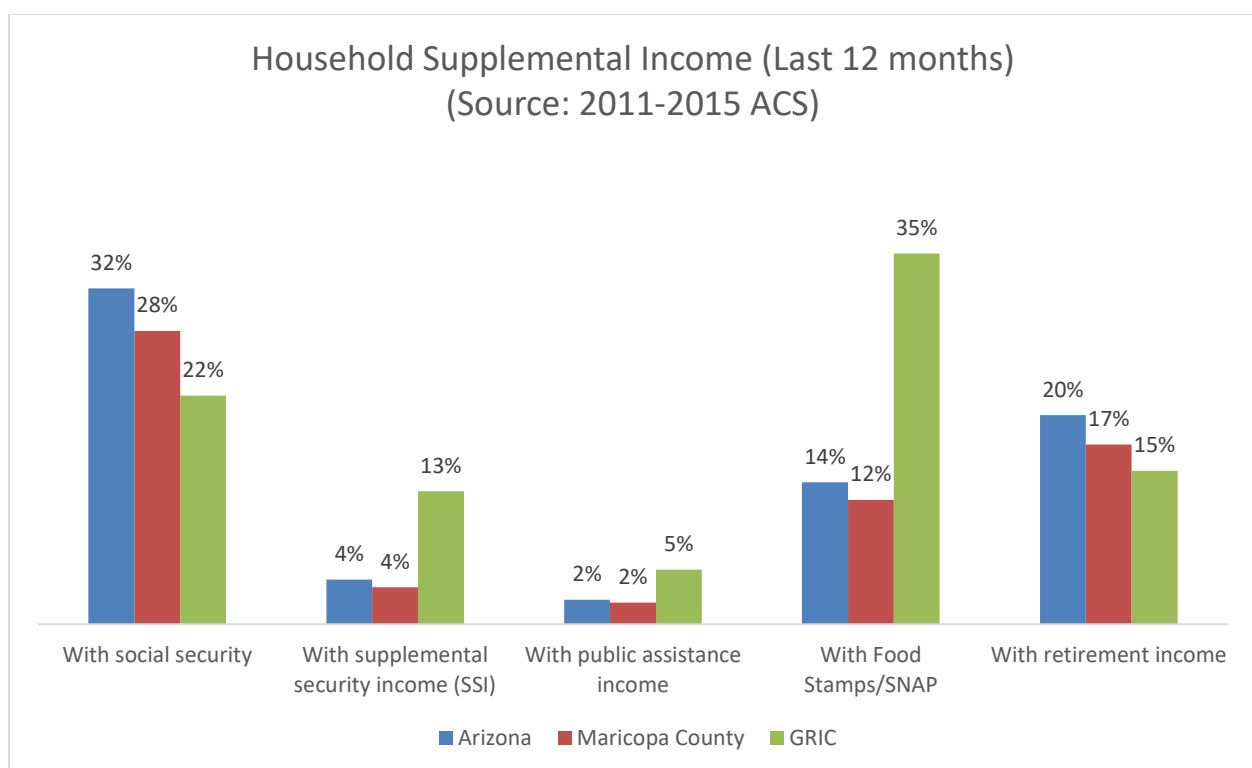


Table 13. Household Income and Benefits (In 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total households	2,412,212	1,442,518	3331
Less than \$10,000	185,629	99,549	1075
\$10,000 to \$14,999	125,386	65,358	314
\$15,000 to \$24,999	268,065	144,738	295
\$25,000 to \$34,999	267,669	148,677	472
\$35,000 to \$49,999	352,984	205,124	424
\$50,000 to \$74,999	446,513	266,089	390
\$75,000 to \$99,999	285,636	178,890	203
\$100,000 to \$149,999	288,720	194,519	100
\$150,000 to \$199,999	99,975	71,054	39
\$200,000 or more	91,635	68,520	19
Median household income	\$50,255	\$54,229	\$24,320
Households with earnings	1,804,676	1,131,555	2025
Households with social security	771,485	402,858	725
Households with retirement income	480,074	246,671	487
Households with supplemental security income	102,392	50,703	422
Households with cash public assistance income	56,036	29,878	173
Households with food stamp benefits in the past 12 months	325,831	170,880	1176
Mean household income	\$68,297	\$74,347	\$32,444
Mean household earnings	\$68,904	\$75,196	\$41,247
Mean household social security income	\$18,862	\$19,202	\$10,881
Mean household retirement income	\$24,807	\$24,612	\$15,681
Mean household supplemental security income	\$9,698	\$9,872	\$7,856
Mean household cash public assistance income	\$3,188	\$3,157	\$1,660

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Other Income

Per capita Income on the Gila River Indian Community (\$9,563) is almost one-third that of the per capita income for the County (\$27,832) and the State (\$25,848). See Table 14

Table 14. Other Income Measures (In 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Per-capita income	\$25,848	\$27,832	\$9,563
Median nonfamily income	\$32,283	\$36,106	\$9,283
Mean nonfamily income	\$45,752	\$49,918	\$21,262
All male full-time workers	1,135,824	748,800	1,323
All female full-time workers	833,743	553,537	1,096
Median earnings for workers	\$29,627	\$31,575	\$21,997
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers	\$45,090	\$46,716	\$29,428
Median earnings for female full- time, year-round workers	\$37,264	\$39,412	\$31,174

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Poverty

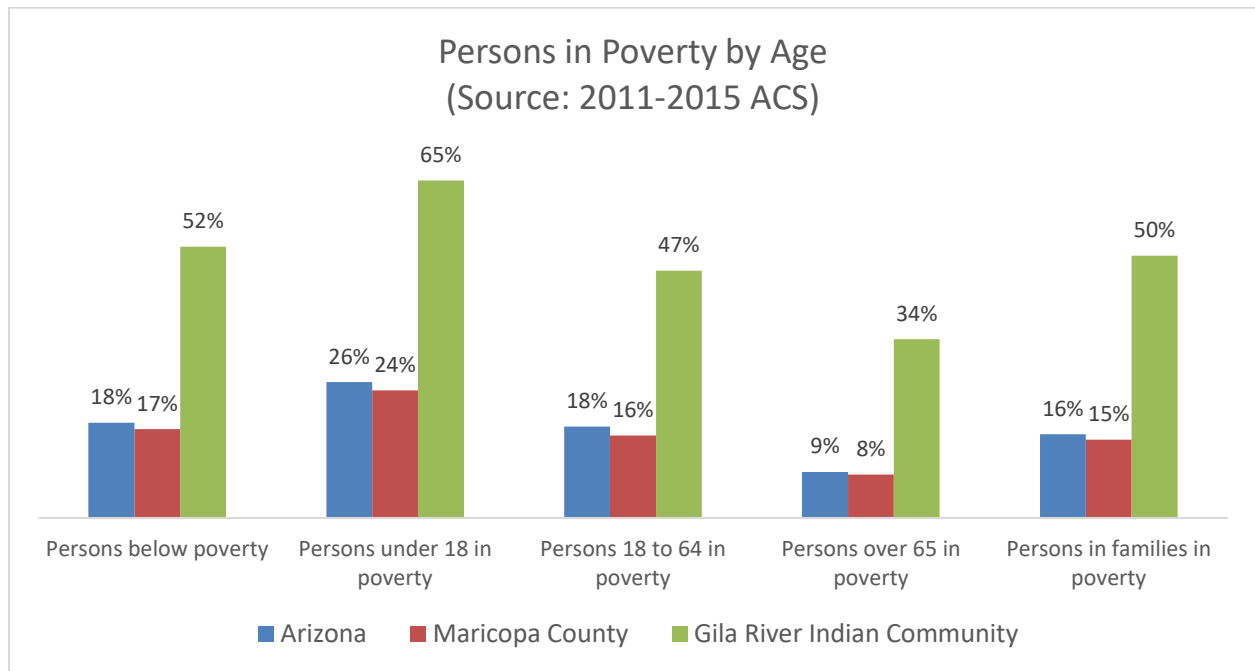
Poverty rates on the Gila River Indian Community (52%) are almost three times higher than the State (18%) and the County (17%) rates. Almost two-thirds of children under 18 years of age (65%) are considered to be living in poverty, while almost half (47%) of those between 18 and 64 also live in poverty. One-third (34%) of tribal members over 65 years of age live in poverty, more than the State (9%) and the County (8%) rates. A correspondingly high number of families (48%) live in poverty. See Table 15 and Figure 13.

Table 15 Poverty Status over the Last 12 Months

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Persons for whom poverty status is determined	6,488,917		3,965,553		13,583	
Persons below poverty	1,180,690	18.2%	673,527	17.0%	7,052	51.9%
Persons under 18 for whom poverty status is determined	1,590,936		1,001,396		4,259	
Persons under 18 in poverty	412,953	26.0%	244,141	24.4%	2,751	64.6%
Persons aged 18 to 64 for whom poverty status is determined	3,890,111		2,432,110		8,494	
Persons aged 18 to 64 in poverty	678,960	17.5%	385,368	15.8%	4,017	47.3%
Persons over 65 for whom poverty status is determined	1,007,870		532,047		830	
Persons over 65 in poverty	88,777	8.8%	44,018	8.3%	284	34.2%
Persons in families for whom poverty status is determined	5,225,384	80.5%	3,193,622	80.5%	11,888	87.5%
Unrelated individuals for whom poverty status is determined	1,263,533		771,931		1,695	
Unrelated persons in poverty 15 years and over	346,628	27.4%	193,059	25.0%	1,081	63.8%
Persons in families in poverty	834,062	16.0%	480,468	15.0%	5,971	50.2%
Family households in poverty	210,204	13.3%	118,645	12.6%	1,177	47.6%

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Figure 13. Persons in Poverty by Age



Children in Poverty

The rates of children under 18 years of age living in poverty are higher for the tribe (39%) than for the State (30%) or the County (31%). The largest proportion of children under age 18 living in poverty is for the 5 and 11 year age cohort (16.3%), where the tribal rate is higher than the State (14.1%) and the County (14.8%). ACS Table B17001 was used to create this table. See Table 16.

Table 16. Poverty Status over the Last 12 Months - Children in Poverty

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Persons for whom poverty is determined	6,488,917		3,965,553		13,583	
Persons with income below poverty level	1,180,690	18.2%	673,527	17.0%	7,052	51.9%
Children under 5 in households with income below poverty level	122,402	10.4%	72,632	10.8%	864	12.3%
Children 5 to 11 in households with income below poverty level	166,520	14.1%	99,720	14.8%	1,149	16.3%
Children 12 to 17 in households with income below poverty level	64,075	5.4%	37,554	5.6%	738	10.5%

Source: ACS 2011-2015, Table B17001

Persons in Poverty

The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is poor. If a family's income is less than a family's threshold, then that family and every individual in it, is considered poor. Further the ratio of income to poverty can be used to measure the degree or depth of poverty. The ratio of income to poverty compares a person's income with their poverty threshold, and expresses the comparison as a fraction. For example, a poverty ratio of 1.0 (income at 100% of poverty level) means a person is living right at the poverty line; a ratio of 0.5 (income at 50% of poverty level) would mean that a person is living in a household making only half the income designated as the poverty threshold. The Census Bureau describes those with family incomes below one half of their poverty threshold as being "severely poor." People with incomes at or above their threshold but below 125 percent of their threshold are classified as "near poor."

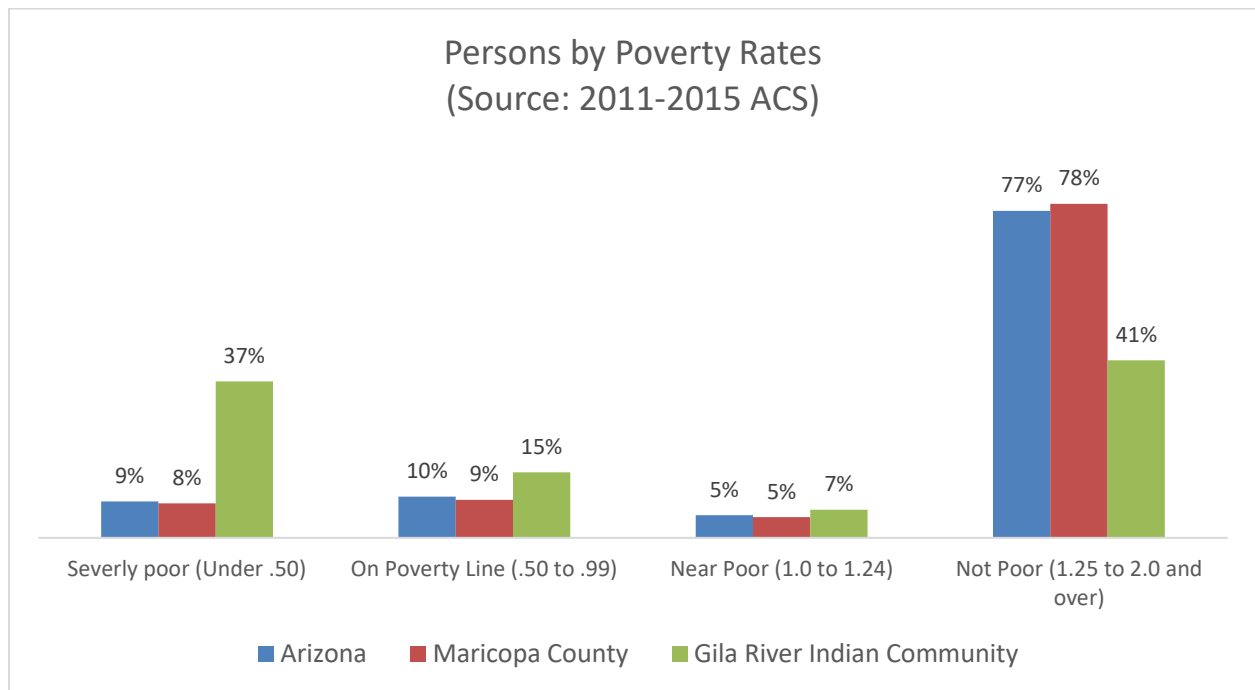
More than half (52%) of those living on Gila River Indian Community are classified as "severely poor," with poverty ratios that ranges from below 0.5 to .99. These rates are higher than those of the State (19%) and the County (17%). A further 7 percent of tribal members are classified as "near poor" with poverty ratios between 1.00 and 1.24. These data indicate that 59 percent of the Gila River Indian Community households are living in poverty, while the remaining 41 percent are classified as not living in poverty. See Table 17 and Figure 14. ACS Table C17002 was used to create this table.

Table 17. Persons within Poverty Rates

	Arizona		Maricopa County		Gila River Indian Community	
Persons for whom poverty status is determined	6,488,917		3,965,553		13,583	
Under .50	554,367	9%	320,941	8%	4,966	37%
.50 to .99	626,323	10%	352,586	9%	2,086	15%
1.00 to 1.24	343,500	5%	192,728	5%	896	7%
1.25 to 1.49	344,880	5%	193,053	5%	911	7%
1.50 to 1.84	455,541	7%	259,417	7%	893	7%
1.85 to 1.99	190,079	3%	109,928	3%	448	3%
2.00 and over	3,974,227	61%	2,536,900	64%	3,383	25%

Source: ACS 2011-2015, Table C17002

Figure 14. Population by Poverty Ratios



Households Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

One-half (35.3%) of all households on the Gila River Indian Community receive assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This rate is higher than the State (13.5%) and the County (11.8%). Less than one-tenth of households receiving SNAP assistance (7.6%) have at least one person in the household over 60 years of age. This rate is twice than of the County (2.7%), and the State (3.5%) rate. See Table 18. ACS Table S2201 was used to create this table.

Table 18. Households Receiving SNAP Assistance

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total Households	2,412,212	1,442,518	3,331
Household received Food Stamps/SNAP	325,831	170,880	1,176
At least one person in household 60 years or over	85,069	40,040	252
No people in household 60 years or over	240,762	130,840	924
Household did not receive Food Stamps/SNAP	2,086,381	1,271,638	2,155
At least one person in household 60 years or over	840,969	454,806	781
No people in household 60 years or over	1,245,412	816,832	1,374

Source: ACS 2011-2015, Table S2201

Fertility

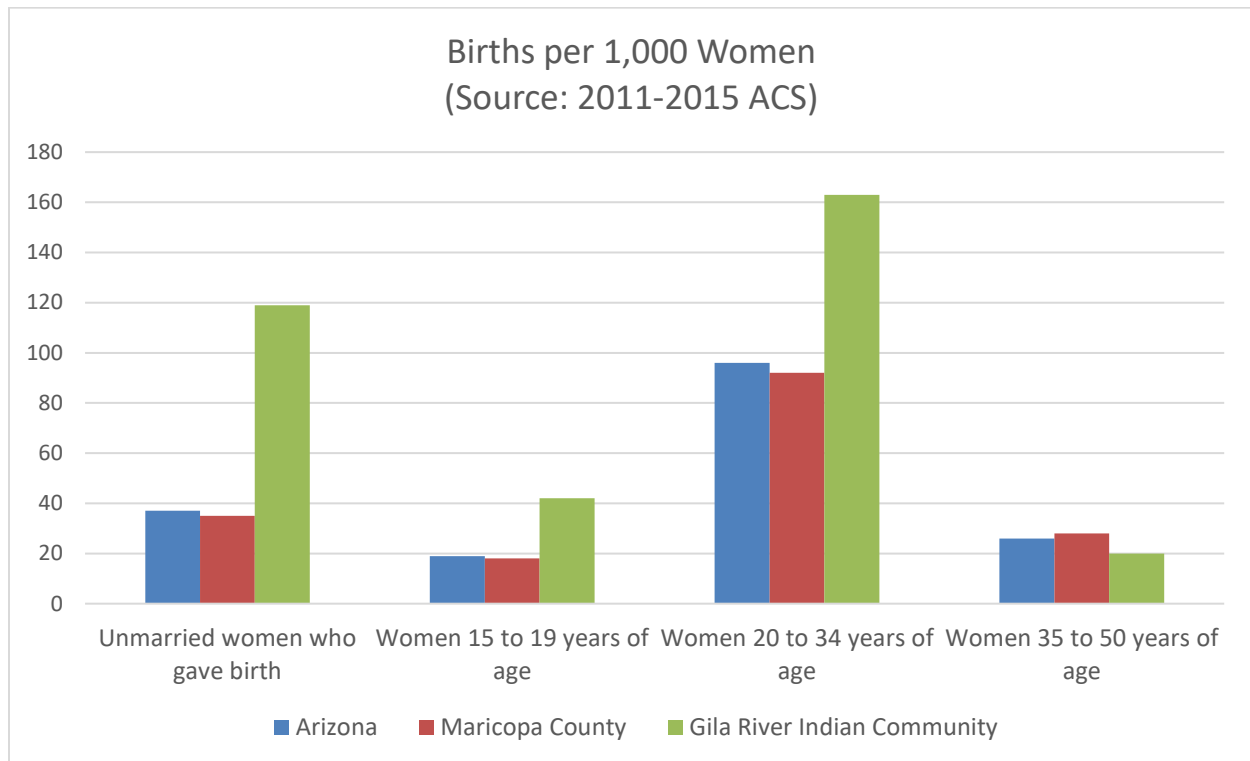
The birth rate for women between the ages of 15 and 50 years on the Gila River Indian Community (9.6%) is similar to the State (5.4%) and the County (5.3%). The proportion of unmarried women giving birth on the Gila River Indian Community (11.2%) is three times higher than the State rate (3.7%) and County (3.4%) rate. See Table 19 and Figure 15.

Table 19. Fertility

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Women 15 to 50 years old	1,550,356	985,425	3,826
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years old	883,019	558,292	2,825
Women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	85,255	53,136	369
Unmarried women who gave birth	32,962	19,527	337
Women 15 to 19 years of age	4,262	2,482	25
Women 20 to 34 years of age	63,694	38,713	319
Women 35 to 50 years of age	17,299	11,941	25
Births per 1,000 unmarried women	37	35	119
Births per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	54	96
Births per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	19	18	42
Births per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	96	92	163
Births per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	26	28	20

Source: ACS 2011-2015

Figure 15. Births per-1000 Women



These data provide a snapshot in time for the Gila River Indian Community, primarily the status of the population at the time of the 2011-2015 American Community Survey estimates for the period.

APPENDIX A:
THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 2011-
2015, 5-YEAR ESTIMATES MARGIN OF ERROR ESTIMATES

ACS Margin of Error Estimates

The ACS estimates are based on data from a sample of housing units and people in the population, not the full populations. For this reason, ACS estimates have a degree of uncertainty associated with them, called sampling error. In general, the larger the sample, the smaller the level of sampling error. The ACS calculates standard errors for each estimate produced and publishes the 90 percent confidence level margins of error (the Census Bureau standard). You can be 90 percent confident that the interval within the margin of error from the estimate includes the true value. Users can add and subtract the margin of error value from the estimate to find the top and bottom of the range within which the ACS is 90 percent confident that their estimate lies in.

Understanding margin of error

A term you will often come across in survey research is "within the margin of error." Most people hear the term frequently during election season when results from polls are reported. Many surveys and polls collect data from a representative sample of a population to make determinations about a larger population. Results would be somewhat different each time the survey is administered to a different representative sample. The margin of error accounts for these differences by calculating an upper and lower boundary the true result would likely fall between if every member of population was surveyed.

For example, in the case of Gila River Indian Community the ACS has established that there are 13,959 persons present on the Gila River Indian Community. The survey also indicates that there are 6,710 males and 7,249 females in the total population, with a margin of error of plus or minus (\pm) 858 males and (\pm) 705 females. See Table 2 margin of error estimates. The margin of error tells us that if the same survey were administered to the Gila River Indian Community tribal members again, it is highly probable that the true population for males would be between 5,852 and 7,568 males and similarly that the true population of females would be between 6,544 and 7,954.

TABLE 1 TOTAL POPULATION MOE

	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total population	6,641,928	4,018,143	13,959
Total population MOE	0	0	1,424

TABLE 2 GENDER RATIOS MOE

	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Males MOE	845	0	858
Females MOE	845	0	705

TABLE 3. AGE 5 YEAR COHORTS MOE

	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total population MOE	0	0	1424
Under 5 years MOE	392	0	234
5 to 9 years MOE	3808	3138	273
10 to 14 years MOE	3777	3137	233
15 to 19 years MOE	1001	86	282
20 to 24 years MOE	4624	3142	281
25 to 34 years MOE	855	0	301
35 to 44 years MOE	4771	3765	308
45 to 54 years MOE	555	0	253
55 to 59 years MOE	3190	2255	145
60 to 64 years MOE	3581	2598	106
65 to 74 years MOE	4273	2966	123
75 to 84 years MOE	2919	2079	75
85 years and over MOE	2186	1447	58
Median age in years MOE	.10	.10	2.00
5 years and over MOE	280	0	1270
15 years and over MOE	390	0	842
Under 18 years of age MOE	5400	4437	462
18 years and over MOE	10025	7149	660
21 years and over MOE	9678	6951	611
25 years and over MOE	8852	6421	553
62 years and over MOE	6223	4400	173
65 years and over MOE	266	0	153

TABLE 4. AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION MOE

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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Males MOE	845	0	858
Males 18 years old and over MOE	648	0	545
Males 65 years old and over MOE	3615	2532	105
Females MOE	845	0	705
Females 18 years old and over MOE	554	0	442
Females 65 years old and over MOE	4300	2966	114

TABLE 5 AGE MOE

TABLE 5 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE MOE

	Gila River Indian Community		
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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
One Race MOE	14284	11772	1506
White alone MOE	10167	8331	171
Black or African American MOE	2672	2363	34
American Indian and Alaska Native MOE	2084	1672	1480
Asian MOE	1909	1739	107
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander MOE	774	492	100
Some other race MOE	9216	7585	164
Two or more races MOE	4480	3484	294
White (alone or in combination) MOE	9838	8330	294
Black (alone or in combination) MOE	2388	1985	156
American Indian (alone or in combination) MOE	2924	2022	1481
Asian (alone or in combination) MOE	1777	1433	238
Native Hawaiian (alone or in combination) MOE	1277	862	109
Some other race (alone or in combination) MOE	9372	7962	189

TABLE 7 HISPANIC OR LATINO MOE

TABLE 7 ETHNICITY MOE

	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Hispanic or Latino of any race MOE	0	0	306
Not Hispanic or Latino MOE	0	0	1431
Not Hispanic or Latino - White alone MOE	834	589	121
Not Hispanic - Black or African American alone MOE	2194	1961	34
Not Hispanic - American Indian and Alaska Native alone MOE	1532	1126	1484
Not Hispanic - Asian alone MOE	1797	1584	107
Not Hispanic - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone MOE	633	395	100

TABLE 8 HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE MOE

	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total households MOE	7194	4990	289
Family households MOE	7010	5237	211
Families with own children under 18 years MOE	6505	5082	151
Married-couple families MOE	8342	5858	155
Married-couple families with own children under 18 years MOE	5518	4162	95
Male householder, no wife present MOE	2529	2042	97
Single fathers with own children under 18 years MOE	1834	1344	64
Female householder, no husband present MOE	3854	3323	170
Single mothers with own children under 18 years MOE	2915	2589	98
Householder living alone MOE	467242	276795	528
65 years and over living alone MOE	180309	97464	136
Households with one or more people under 18 years MOE	5616	4396	186
Households with one or more people 65 years and over MOE	3194	2164	123
Average household size MOE	.	.	.24
Average family size MOE	.01	.01	.38

TABLE 9 HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIPS MOE

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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Householder MOE	8450	6347	277
Spouse MOE	8418	5946	153
Child MOE	7237	5754	809
Other relatives MOE	7863	6231	490
Nonrelatives MOE	6700	5168	238
Unmarried partner MOE	3057	2120	87
Unmarried-partner	0	0	30
Households per 1000 MOE			

TABLE 10 HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE OF HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE MOE

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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years MOE	3868	2966	180
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren MOE	2130	1650	156
Grandparents caring for children less than 1 year old MOE	1102	931	46
Grandparents caring for children 1 to 2 years old MOE	1067	895	31
Grandparents caring for children 3 to 4 years old MOE	743	498	119
Grandparents caring for children 5 or more years old MOE	1221	858	88

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Less than \$10,000 MOE	3119	2238	163
\$10,000 to \$14,999 MOE	2588	1874	134
\$15,000 to \$24,999 MOE	3555	2404	88
\$25,000 to \$34,999 MOE	3841	2841	131
\$35,000 to \$49,999 MOE	4153	3250	100
\$50,000 to \$74,999 MOE	4933	3467	96
\$75,000 to \$99,999 MOE	3727	3017	71
\$100,000 to \$149,999 MOE	3915	3213	42
\$150,000 to \$199,999 MOE	2354	1859	34
\$200,000 or more MOE	1912	1559	24
Median household income MOE	211	365	4295
Mean household income MOE	341	481	3346
Households with earnings MOE	6876	5081	227
Mean household earnings MOE	364	488	4158
Households with social security MOE	3788	2623	117
Mean household social security income MOE	20	48	1373
Households with retirement income MOE	4149	2785	121
Mean household retirement income MOE	257	286	3060
Households with supplemental security income MOE	2271	1800	89
Mean household supplemental security income MOE	167	229	866
Households with cash public assistance income MOE	1519	1096	56
Mean household cash public assistance income MOE	132	178	553
Households with food stamp benefits in the past 12 months MOE	3646	2582	149

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TABLE 14: OTHER INCOME MEASURES MOE

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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Per-capita income MOE	123	173	1013
Median nonfamily income MOE	223	330	2892
Mean nonfamily income MOE	373	547	5967
All male full-time workers MOE	5500	4265	263
All female full-time workers MOE	5213	3976	195
Median earnings for workers MOE	222	141	2021
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers MOE	275	337	3438
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers MOE	203	382	3147

TABLE 15: POVERTY MEASURES MOE

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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Persons for whom poverty status is determined MOE	1611	1899	1420
Persons below poverty MOE	14340	10409	1081
Persons under 18 for whom poverty status is determined MOE	7989	6403	428
Persons under 18 in poverty MOE	4849	3733	360
Persons aged 18 to 64 for whom poverty status is determined MOE	8793	6672	654
Persons aged 18 to 64 in poverty MOE	6086	4675	500
Persons over 65 for whom poverty status is determined MOE	2909	1986	138
Persons over 65 in poverty MOE	1995	1397	84
Persons in families for whom poverty status is determined MOE	21485	15447	1455
Unrelated individuals for whom poverty status is determined MOE	8205	6930	313
Persons in families in poverty MOE	13868	9919	1079
Family households in poverty MOE	3202	2299	168
Unrelated persons in poverty 15 years and over MOE	4757	3795	238
Poverty ratio under 0.5 MOE	10598	8028	1022
Poverty ratio in 0.5 to 0.99 MOE	10550	7896	572
Poverty ratio in 1 to 2 MOE	15951	12461	608
Poverty ratio in 2 and over MOE	17641	12988	680

TABLE 16: POVERTY STATUS IN PAST 12 MONTHS – CHILDREN IN POVERTY MOE – CENSUS
TABLE B17001

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Persons for whom poverty is determined	+/-1,611	+/-1,899	+/-1,420
Persons with income below poverty level	+/-14,340	+/- 10,409	+/-1,081
Children under 5 in households with income below poverty level	+/- 3,906	+/- 2,986	+/-1186
Children 5 to 11 in households with income below poverty level	+/- 5,581	+/- 4,379	+/-445
Children 12 to 17 in households with income below poverty level	+/- 6,144	+/- 4,591	+/-365

TABLE 17 PERSONS WITHIN POVERTY RATES CENSUS TABLE C17002 - MOE

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total:	+/-1,611	+/-1,899	+/-1,420
Under .50	+/-10,598	+/-8,028	+/-1,022
.50 to .99	+/-10,550	+/-7,896	+/-572
1.00 to 1.24	+/-7,774	+/-5,731	+/-253
1.25 to 1.49	+/-8,721	+/-5,987	+/-345
1.50 to 1.84	+/-8,740	+/-7,472	+/-359
1.85 to 1.99	+/-6,446	+/-5,547	+/-240
2.00 and over	+/-17,641	+/-12,988	+/-680

TABLE 18 FOOD STAMPS/SNAP – CENSUS TABLE S2201 – MOE

	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Total:	+/-7,194	+/-4,990	+/-289
Household received Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	+/-3,646	+/-2,582	+/-149
Households with 1 or more persons with a disability	+/-2,448	+/-1,702	+/-71
Households with no persons with a disability	+/-2,805	+/-2,065	+/-137
Household did not receive Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	+/-7,580	+/-5,185	+/-284
Households with 1 or more persons with a disability	+/-4,353	+/-3,107	+/-133
Households with no persons with a disability	+/-7,571	+/-5,208	+/-231

TABLE 19: FERTILITY - MOE

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	Gila River Indian Community		
	Arizona	Maricopa County	Gila River Indian Community
Women 15 to 50 years old MOE	1746	1178	424
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years old MOE	5969	4253	538
Women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months MOE	2125	1830	111
Unmarried women who gave birth MOE	1402	1116	102
Women 15 to 19 years of age MOE	455	324	27
Women 20 to 34 years of age MOE	1866	1471	104
Women 35 to 50 years of age MOE	876	739	20
Births per 1,000 unmarried women MOE	0	0	40
Births per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old MOE	0	0	30
Births per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old MOE	0	0	30
Births per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old MOE	0	0	60
Births per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old MOE	0	0	20