




# MEMORANDUM

Date: February 18, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **FY2020 Per Capital Debt Aggregated by Arizona County**

The Arizona Department of Administration annually produces an indebtedness report covering all of the taxing jurisdictions in the State.<sup>1</sup> The most recent report is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The report includes the following table that aggregates the debt of each of the taxing jurisdictions within a county, including the county, cities and towns, school districts, and special districts. The debt per capita for Maricopa County residents is 56 percent higher than that of Pima County residents. In addition, the current year debt for Pima County declined as compared to the prior year whereas the current year debt for Maricopa County increased from the prior year.

**FY2020 Per Capita Debt by County or State**

County or State	Current Outstanding Principal	Current Per Capita Debt	Prior Year Outstanding Principal	Prior Per Capita Debt
Maricopa	\$18,773,796,664	\$4,298	\$17,303,296,804	\$4,029
Pima	\$2,874,250,424	\$2,751	\$2,990,604,301	\$2,892
Yavapai	\$499,848,950	\$2,151	\$468,863,349	\$2,048
Santa Cruz	\$107,578,998	\$2,024	\$98,960,519	\$1,889
Mohave	\$409,694,047	\$1,888	\$424,548,238	\$1,994
State	\$12,432,473,977	\$1,729	\$12,810,723,709	\$1,810
Pinal	\$691,479,442	\$1,519	\$632,011,636	\$1,434
Graham	\$51,611,121	\$1,341	\$45,133,835	\$1,184
Gila	\$66,325,653	\$1,202	\$57,551,672	\$1,047
Yuma	\$276,281,160	\$1,201	\$293,573,909	\$1,304
Cochise	\$128,552,832	\$983	\$130,542,973	\$1,002
Coconino	\$144,441,177	\$981	\$140,399,943	\$965
Navajo	\$107,401,534	\$952	\$118,953,330	\$1,055
La Paz	\$5,405,413	\$245	\$5,816,427	\$266
Apache	\$15,304,138	\$213	\$18,873,726	\$257
Greenlee	\$1,817,166	\$175	\$1,914,382	\$182
Grand Total	\$36,586,262,696		\$35,541,768,753	

<sup>1</sup><https://openbooks.az.gov/sites/default/files/FY%202020%20Outstanding%20Indebtedness%20Report.pdf>

The report also provides similar data for individual taxing jurisdictions. The table below shows the per capita debt for cities and towns in Pima County, as well as Pima County.

**FY2020  
Per Capita Debt in Pima County**

Jurisdiction	Per Capita Debt
South Tucson	\$2,181
Marana	\$1,877
Tucson	\$1,320
Sahuarita	\$1,272
Pima County	\$820
Oro Valley	\$772

While Pima County's debt for capital improvements will continue to decline as we transition to pay-as-you-go funding, the issuance of debt for pension fund obligations by the County and other jurisdictions within Pima County will increase our individual and aggregated per capital debt. Maricopa County is also considering debt issuances for pension fund obligations.

CHH/dr

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