

**WORKFORCE SKILL/EDUCATION LEVELS\***



- Educational attainment of the adult population within the SCCC Labor Shed is relatively high with 85% of the population having completed high school and 35% having completed a college degree.\*
- Current enrollment in college or graduate studies by residents within the SCCC Labor Shed is above the regional average, indicating a strong pipeline of future educated workers.\*
- Programs at local community colleges in precision production, construction, mechanics, transportation, engineering technology and agricultural sciences provide a ready workforce for future businesses at the Santa Cruz Commerce Center. These programs have produced over 5,000 graduates in the past three years.\*
- Nearly 89% of the City of Maricopa workforce has at least some college education with 46% having a bachelor's or graduate degree, and has a relatively high concentration of engineers.\*\*
- The SCCC Labor Shed is quite similar to Maricopa County, but with a slightly higher share of workers in manufacturing and a slightly lower share in finance and professional services.\*
- Overall, there are workers in a broad range of industries that could support increased economic diversification in the Ak-Chin Indian Community.\*

**Wages**

The average weekly wage of Pinal County is \$758, among the lowest in Arizona and significantly lower than the national average of \$968/week.†

2016 Mean Hourly Wages for Pinal County <sup>††</sup>	
Construction & Extraction	\$22.93
Education, Training & Library	\$20.33
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$11.13
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$21.04
Management	\$41.04
Office & Administrative Support	\$15.82
Production	\$20.19
Protective Service	\$22.54
Sales & Related	\$14.80
Transportation & Material Moving	\$15.24
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$14.52
Business & Financial	\$29.89

\* Source: Ak-Chin Indian Community 2016 Labor Market Study, Applied Economics

\*\*Source: City of Maricopa 2013 Labor Survey Results, Elliott D. Pollack & Company

† Source: May 2016 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

†† Prepared by the Arizona Office of Employment and Population Statistics in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2016

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