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## We Hit 1 Million Today

### Population milestone got here before anyone thought it would

Our population was supposed to hit 1 million in 2009. Instead, Pima County's millionth resident arrives today.

That's the prediction of Tucson planning administrator David Taylor, who studies census numbers, building permits, household sizes, vacancy rates, school enrollments, car registrations, Medicare records and reams of other data to come up with his widely respected population prophecies.

He knows that someone moves to Pima County every nine minutes, while someone else moves out every 15 minutes. One person is born every 41 minutes and another dies every 67 minutes.

And that makes today the day — a physical and psychological landmark.

We reached half a million people just 28 years ago.

We'll add our next million 45 years from now.

And we'll do so in a state that's swelling so rapidly it's expected be the nation's fifth-most populous by 2040.

Growth in the next two decades will change everything — how long we'll be stuck in traffic, whether our low wages will increase, whether we'll have to drink treated wastewater.

Today the Arizona Daily Star launches a yearlong series of reports on what it means for the Old Pueblo to be a metropolis of 1 million ... and counting.

Learn more about Tucson at a million, including stories looking at how we got here and where we're headed, a mini-documentary video examining the effects of growth on the city and more videos and slide shows.

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