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Amphi/Mountain View Community Profile

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AMPHI / MOUNTAIN VIEW



Population: 11,678

Location: In metro Tucson, about four miles north of downtown

Target Area Boundaries:

- North: Roger Rd.
- South: Fort Lowell Rd.
- West: Oracle Rd.
- East: Mountain Ave.

Land area: 1.49 mi²

Colonia: No

Congressional District: 7 & 8

Board of Supervisors District: 3

Census Tract: 26.01, 26.02

Ward: 3

Data Sources: This community profile contains information from multiple sources.



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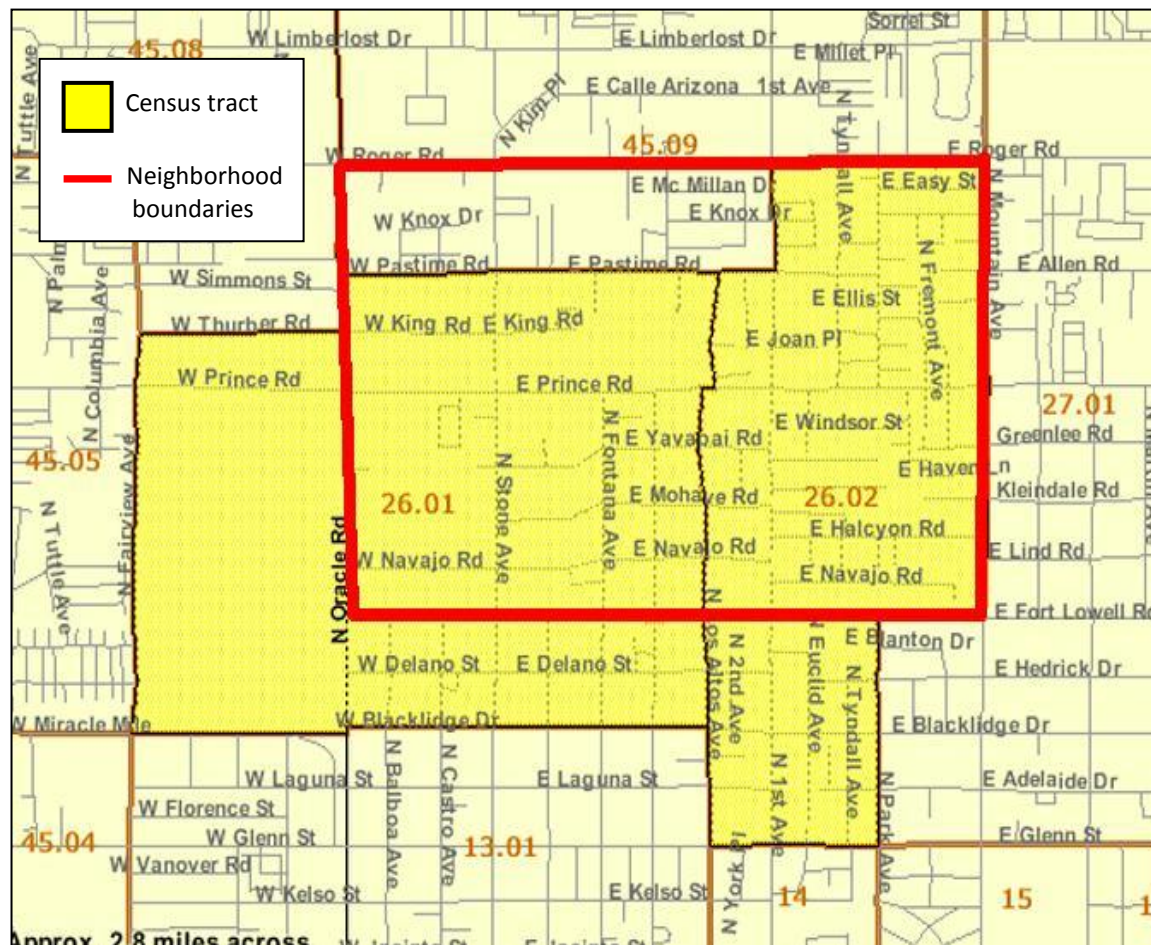
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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

The population of Amphi / Mountain View differs from the population of Pima County and the overall U.S. population (see table at right). Compared to these two groups, people in Amphi / Mountain View:

- *Are slightly younger* – The proportion of Amphi / Mountain View inhabitants under the age of 5 is greater and the proportion of those age 65 years or older is less than county and national figures.
- *Have lower incomes* – Per capita income in Amphi / Mountain View is slightly greater than half the national figure.
- *Are more Hispanic* – The population of Amphi / Mountain View is nearly half Hispanic (49%).
- Are more likely to be born outside of the U.S. – Better than 25% of those in Amphi / Mountain View are foreign born, compared to 12% of those in the U.S.
- *Are more likely to speak languages other than English* – More than 40% of those in Amphi / Mountain View speak a language other than English at home, compared to less than 20% of the U.S. population.

Employment by Industry

Of the Amphi / Mountain View population age 16 years and over, 62% is in the labor force, compared to 65% of those in the U.S. as a whole.

- *Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services* are the top source of labor in Amphi / Mountain View, accounting for 21% of labor. These industries account for 11% of labor in Pima County.
- *Educational, health and social services, the top sources of civilian labor in Pima County (24%),* account for 21% of labor in Amphi / Mountain View.

Demographics (ACS 2005-2009)

	AMPHI / MTN VIEW	PIMA COUNTY	U.S.
GENDER			
Male	50.2%	49.0%	49.3%
Female	49.8%	51.0%	50.7%
AGE			
Median age	-	36.8 years	36.5 years
Under 5 years	8.4%	6.9%	6.9%
18 years and over	76.9%	76.3%	75.4%
65 years and over	6.0%	14.7%	12.6%
HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES			
Average household size	2.23 people	2.62 people	2.60 people
Average family size	3.32 people	3.30 people	3.19 people
Median household income	-	\$45,885	\$51,425
Median family income	-	\$56,711	\$62,363
Per capita income	\$13,969	\$24,556	\$27,041
RACE AND ETHNICITY			
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White alone	39.4%	57.2%	65.8%
Black or African American alone	3.0%	3.1%	12.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2.9%	2.5%	0.7%
Asian alone	1.8%	2.4%	4.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Some other race alone	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%
Two or more races	2.8%	1.6%	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	48.6%	32.8%	15.1%
NATIVITY / LANGUAGE			
Foreign born	27.7%	13.2%	12.4%
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	41.8%	28.0%	19.6%

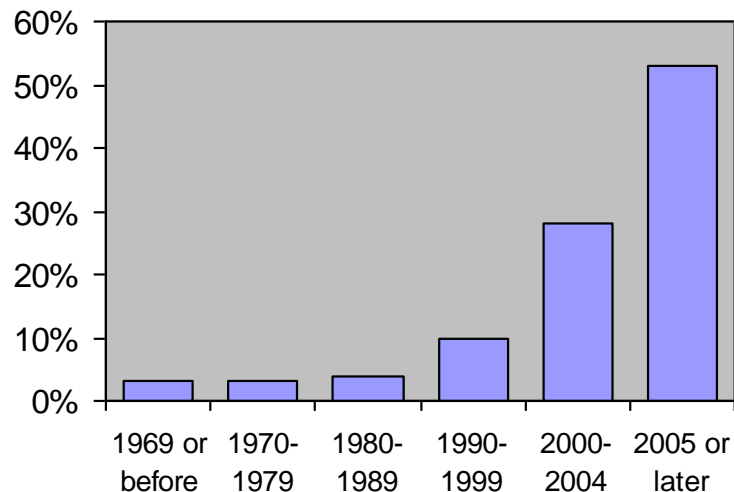
NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS: HOMES VS. COMMERCIAL DESTINATIONS

Residential Areas

Housing characteristics:

- Amphi / Mountain View has 5,994 housing units
- About 15% of housing units in Amphi / Mountain View are vacant, compared to 12% in Pima County.
- Amphi / Mountain View is comprised of more renters than homeowners: About one-fifth of housing units in Amphi / Mountain View is owner-occupied and four-fifths are renter-occupied.

**Occupied Housing Units by Year
Householder Moved Into Unit**



0.2% of housing units lack complete plumbing facilities

0.8% lack complete kitchen facilities

11.2% have no telephone services

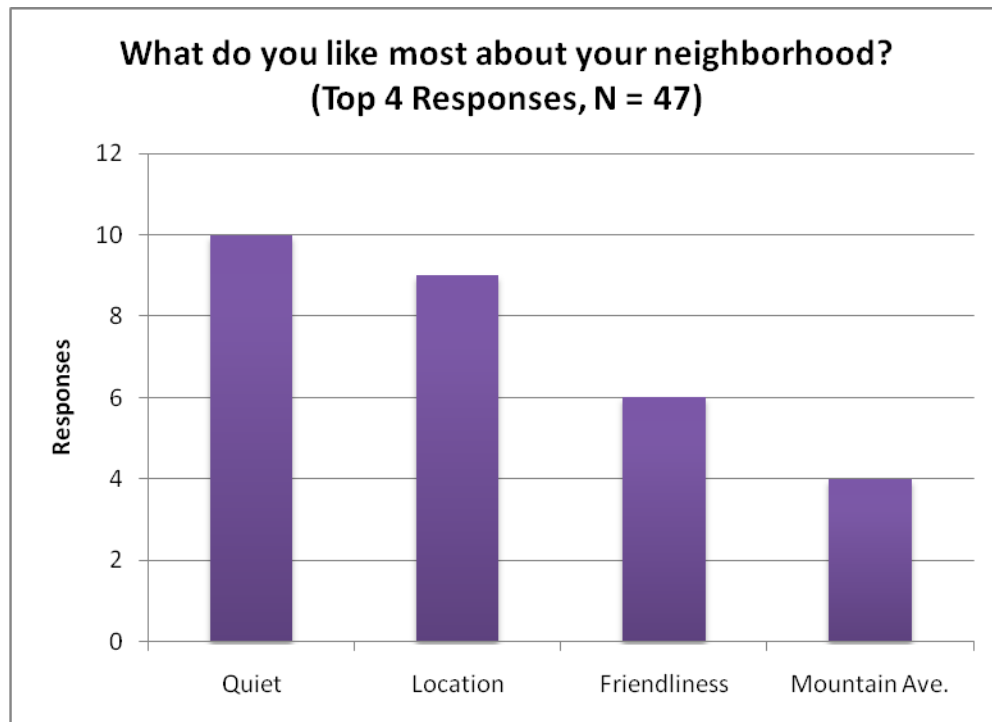
Commercial / Public Access Destinations

Of approximately 200 commercial or public access destinations in Amphi / Mountain View, the greatest proportions are other services (19%) and auto shops (18%). Additionally:

- There are more auto shops (35) than health and human services and fitness facilities (22)
- Restaurants, taquerías, and other food vendors account for 13% of all destinations
- There are as many liquor stores (3) as there are fitness facilities

Destination	Count (approx.)	Percentage
Other service (salon/beautician, lawyer, laundry)	37	19%
Auto shop	35	18%
Abandoned home/building/vacant lot	30	15%
Other retail (card shop, video rental, florist, etc.)	24	12%
Restaurant or other food vendor	24	12%
Health and human services	19	10%
Other civil service	7	4%
Place of worship	6	3%
Check cashing business	4	2%
Liquor store	3	2%
Fitness facilities	3	2%
Junior college/college/university/vocational school	2	1%
Taquería/mobile stand	1	1%
Farm	1	1%
Hotel/motel	1	1%
Offices	1	1%
Library	1	1%

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS



Who answered the survey?

- ❖ 47 members of the Amphi-Mountain View Community
- ❖ Surveys were collected door-to-door by a neighborhood connector.
- ❖ 100% were completed in English

Other things survey respondents like:

Speed bumps; people; houses/lots; no sidewalks; lights; memories; the neighborhood is nice; and age of the neighborhood



Within the neighborhood there are a lot of cul-de-sacs which encourages neighborliness. In the surveys that I have done so far, the neighbors prize safety, knowing the neighbors, quiet.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Amphi Neighborhood Association

The Amphi Neighborhood Association was formed on September 2nd, 1997, to preserve neighborhood integrity and to retain established land use patterns that enhance the quality of life for residents. Past accomplishments include establishment of Amphi Neighborhood Park, renovation of neighborhood houses, feeding the needy, building a neighborhood meeting place, building a community garden (since closed down), and obtaining grant funding for neighborhood improvements.

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Meets monthly at Metropolitan Community Church Water of Life.

Salvation Army Amphi Corps

The Salvation Army's Amphi Corps is a multi-purpose neighborhood center that serves the Amphi/Flowing Wells area, as well as the city of Tucson. A hub of the community for over a quarter of a century, the center offers programs and services aimed at the surrounding economically disadvantaged neighborhood, including weekday distribution of food boxes. Facilities include a fully equipped gymnasium, weight room, arts & crafts area and computer room. The center also operates after-school sport and recreation programs, as well as summer day camps, field trips and Vacation Bible School. Additionally, they sponsor numerous seasonal and ongoing community outreach programs, special events and services through the center. The Chapel provides full worship services, counseling and Sunday services in the adjoining chapel.

Casa de Los Niños Thrift Store


Casa de los Niños is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and the care of children who have already been abused. The thrift store is almost as old as the program itself.



The non-profit groups in Tucson, we have tremendous people out there doing incredible things. The U of A has a brain trust. The City Council is very accessible if one puts in the effort.

SOURCES: Neighborhood Link. Amphi Neighborhood Association. Available at: <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Amphi/home>. The Salvation Army. Amphi Corps. Available at: <http://www.thesalvationarmytucson.org/AmphiCorps.html>.

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Seven faith-based organizations were observed in  the Amphi and Mountain View neighborhoods, all of them churches.

Tucson Dream Church
166 E. Roger Rd.



Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church
3269 N. Mountain Ave.



Monte Vista Christian Union Church
1140 E. Roger Rd.

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church / Hellenic Center
1145 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.










A Church of the Word of God
3301 N. Park
(Not pictured)

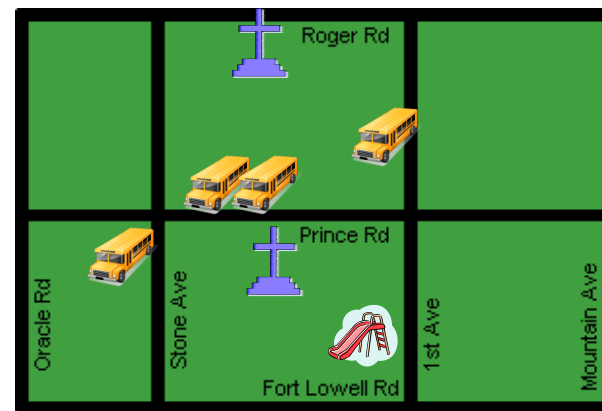
Sacred Heart R.C. School
601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.
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Amphi Bible Church
226 W. Prince Rd.
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















COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Seven recreational facilities were identified in the Amphi / Mountain View neighborhoods (see map at right). These include:

- Amphitheater High School  125 W. Yavapai Rd.
- Amphitheater Middle School  315 E. Prince Rd.
- Prince Elementary School  125 E. Prince Rd.
- Satori Charter School  3727 N. 1st Ave.
- Tucson Dream Church  166 E Roger Rd.
- Tucson Amphi Corps Community Center (Salvation Army)  218 E. Prince Rd.
- Amphi Neighborhood Park (“Navajo Park”)  SE corner of Navajo Rd. & Los Altos Ave.



Schools, parks, and other recreational facilities were assessed for the presence/visibility and quality of features:

	Open to the public?	Play equipment	Grass	Sports fields	Tennis courts	Benches	Picnic tables	Water fountains	Restrooms	Bike racks	Trash bins	Exercise stations	Walking trails	Lights	Pool	Vending machines	Auditory annoyance	Litter / broken glass	Dog refuse	Dogs unattended	Evidence of alcohol / substance use	Sex paraphernalia	Graffiti / vandalism	
Amphitheater High																								
Amphitheater Middle														Unknown (gated premises)										
Prince Elementary & Head Start																								
Satori Charter																								
Tucson Amphi Corps Community Center																								
Amphi Neighborhood Park (“Navajo Park”)																								
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COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – PARKS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

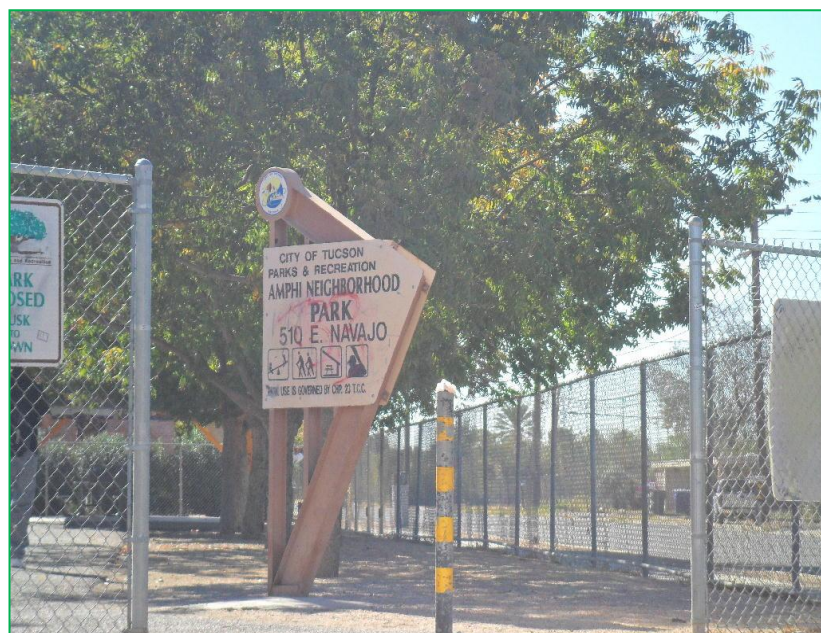
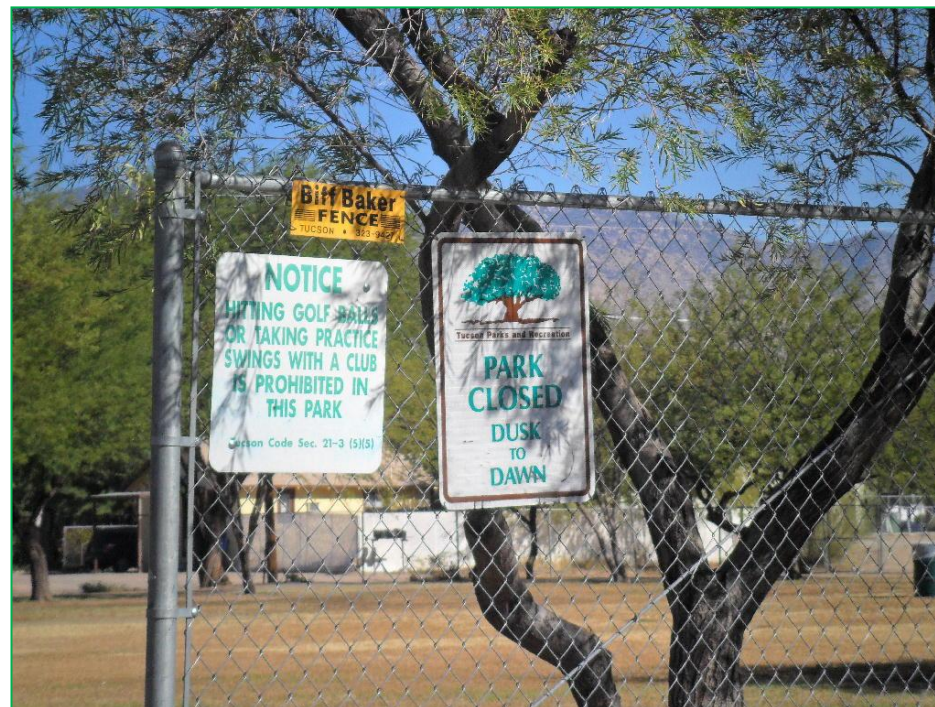


AMPHI NEIGHBORHOOD PARK (“NAVAJO PARK”)

Medium-sized recreational area that is accessible to the public from dusk to dawn (see photo at right). The area includes:

- Shaded play equipment
- Grassy areas
- Basketball courts
- Shaded picnic tables
- Water fountains
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Walking trail (around play area)

There was no evidence of alcohol or substance use, or sex paraphernalia. There was graffiti on some of the signage (see photo below).



Fourteen (**30%**) survey respondents say they are not aware of available neighborhood or local school recreational facilities; and fifteen (**32%**) said they are aware.

N = 47



COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SCHOOLS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

AMPHITHEATER HIGH SCHOOL

School recreational facilities are not open to the general public. Observation was limited to features observable from outside the gated recreational area. The area includes:

- Sports fields / grassy areas
- Tennis courts
- Unshaded picnic tables
- Restrooms
- Walking trails
- Lights
- Pool

The area is well-maintained, with no litter, graffiti, vandalism or evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.

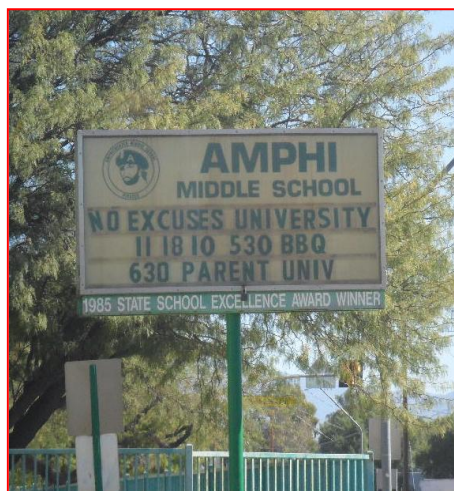


AMPHITHEATER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Recreational facilities are not open to the public. Observation was limited to features observable from outside the gated recreational area. The area includes:

- Benches
- Sports fields and grassy areas
- Basketball courts
- Trash bins

There was no litter, broken glass, graffiti, evidence of alcohol or substance use, or sex paraphernalia.





COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SCHOOLS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

PRINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Recreational facilities are not open to the general public. The area includes:

- Unshaded play equipment
- Benches
- Sports fields / grassy areas (see photo at right)
- Water fountains
- Restrooms (in the school)
- Bike racks
- Lights
- Trash bins

The area is well-maintained, with no litter or graffiti and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.



SATORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Recreational facilities are not open to the public, but include:

- Unshaded play equipment
- Shaded and unshaded benches and tables
- Sports fields
- Trash bins

There was no litter, graffiti, broken glass, evidence of alcohol or substance use, or sex paraphernalia.

Gated recreational facilities in Amphi / Mountain View



COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – OTHER FACILITIES NOT ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC

TUCSON AMPHI CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

Place of worship with medium-sized recreational area that is not accessible to the public. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment (see photo at far right)
- Benches
- Large sports fields
- Bike racks
- Fully equipped gymnasium
- Weight room
- Arts & crafts area
- Computer room

There was no litter, broken glass, graffiti, evidence of alcohol or substance use, or sex paraphernalia.



TUCSON DREAM CHURCH

Place of worship with small recreational area that is not open to the public. Hours are not posted. The area includes:

- Unshaded play equipment
- A sports field / grassy area (see photo at near left)
- Lights

There was no broken glass or evidence of alcohol or substance use, no sex paraphernalia, and no graffiti or vandalism. However, some litter was present.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SunTran (Tucson's regional bus service)

Service

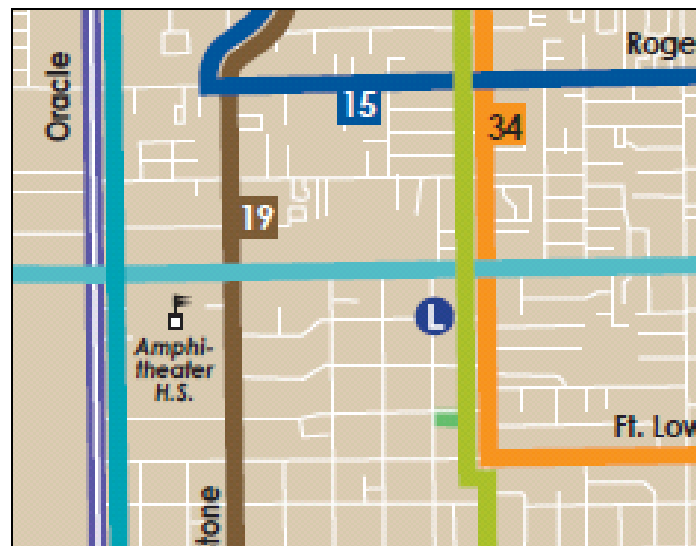
At least six full-service routes run through Amphi / Mountain View (see map at right). Additionally, one Express route passes through the area.

Bus Stops

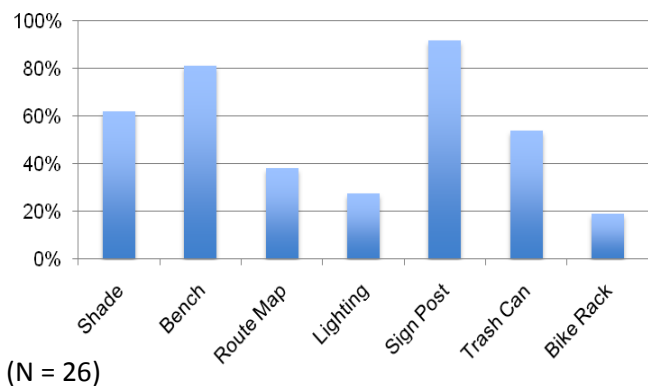
Of 26 bus stops observed (see chart below):

- Most had a sign post and bench
- Some had shade or a trash can
- Few had a route map, lighting, or a bike rack

Map of Sun Tran Routes in Amphi / Mountain View



Amphi Bus Stop Characteristics



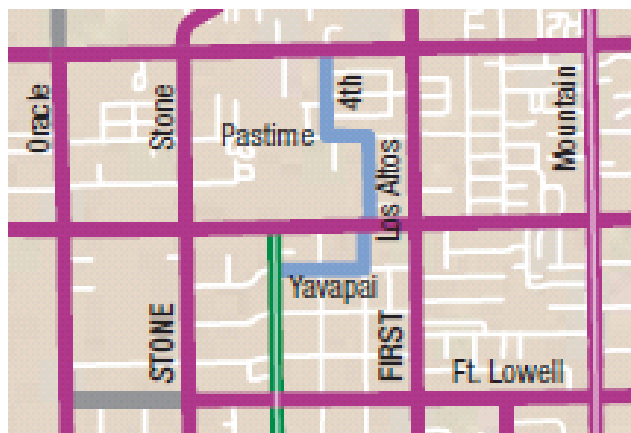
Variability among bus stops in Amphi / Mountain View

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bikeability

Bike Routes

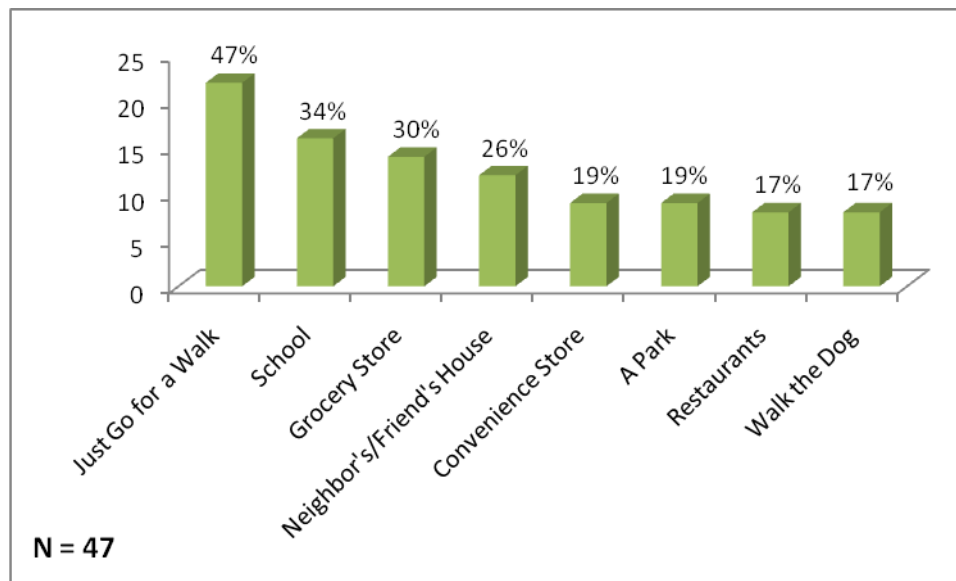
Amphi / Mountain View has numerous bike routes and several bikeable residential streets (see map below).



Notes from observational assessment:

- Mountain Avenue bikeway north of Ft. Lowell Road looks more freshly paved than other roads (see photos at right).
- Oracle Road bike route is located on a busy street.
- Of 6 neighborhood food sources assessed for accessibility by bike, all are located on designated bike routes or bikeable streets; none has a bike rack.

Most Common Bike/ Walk Destinations



Thirty-six (77%) of survey respondents walk or bike in the neighborhood.

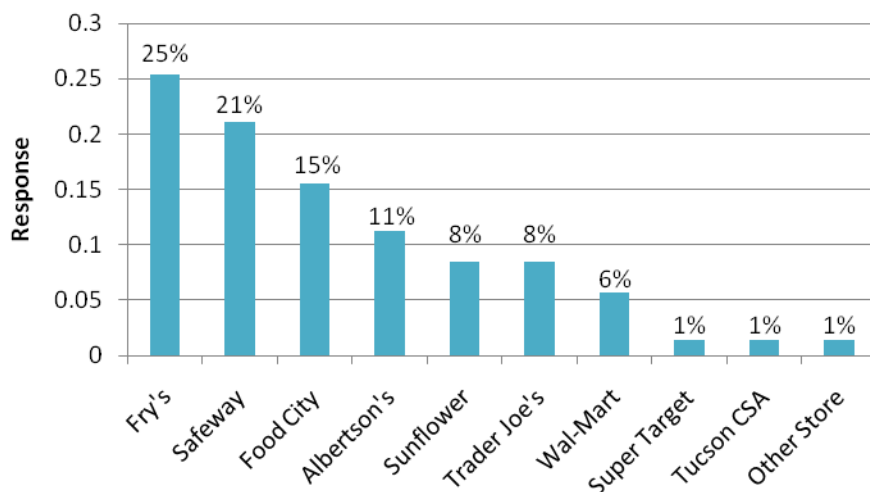


FOOD ACCESSIBILITY



Where do you usually buy your groceries?

N = 47



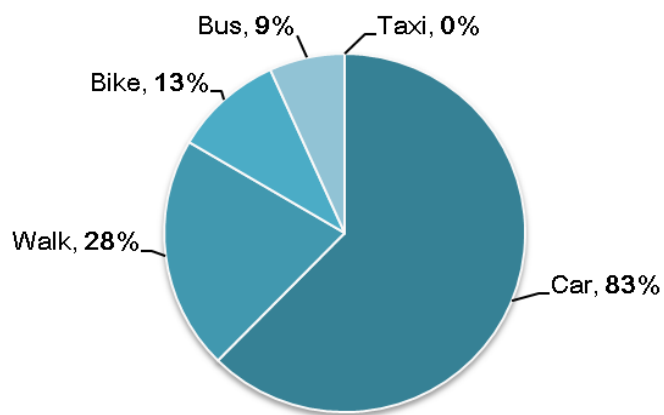
What would help your family eat more fresh vegetables and fruits?

(N = 47)

More nearby vendors	26%
We already eat enough fruits/vegetables	26%
More gardens	22%

How do you get to the grocery store?

(N = 47)



Thirty-nine (83%) of respondents say they drive their car to the grocery store.

The average amount of time it takes to get to the grocery store is *17 minutes*, with a range of 1 minute to 60 minutes.

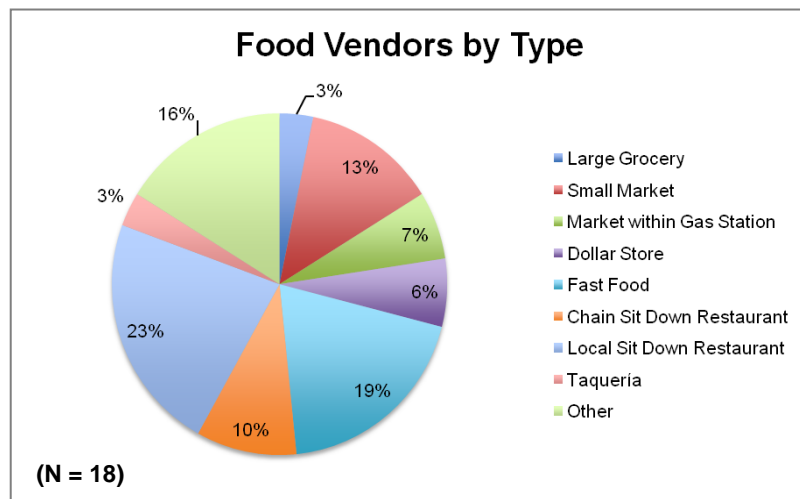
Twenty-four (51%) of respondents say it is possible for them to grow fruits, vegetables or eggs; and 40% said they want to grow them.

Main reasons for NOT being able to grow fruits, vegetables or eggs were:

1. Resources (Time/Money) (43%)
2. Environment (Soil, Water) (21%)
3. Unsure How (14%)

Other reasons: just haven't, too old, no eggs, do not wish to raise chickens.

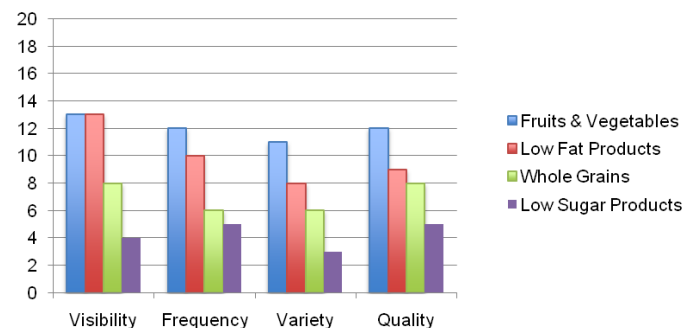
FOOD ACCESSIBILITY



Together, fast food restaurants, taquerias, and dollar stores account for more than one-quarter of food vendors in Amphi / Mountain View. Local sit-down restaurants (23%) account for the greatest proportion of food vendors.

ASSESSMENT OF HEALTHY FOODS

Food Vendor Characteristics by Food Type (of 18 vendors assessed)



Of the 18 food vendors assessed, more than half stock fruits and vegetables. At locations where produce was stocked, these items are found frequently, with some to a lot of variety and adequate to good quality. Low fat products were also visible at more than half of these locations, while whole grain products were visible at less than half and low sugar products were found at less than one-quarter.



ADVERTISING / PLACEMENT

(N = 18)

- Eight of the vendors assessed had visible promotional displays or signage for healthy foods
- Three vendors offered a price incentive for a healthy option
- One vendor had healthy foods available near checkout

Options at checkout in Amphi / Mountain View



Variability in produce offerings in Amphi / Mountain View

FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES

Farmers' Markets

NONE WITHIN TARGET AREA

Closest farmers' market (about one mile from the Amphi/Mountain View neighborhoods):

Tucson Farmers' Market at St. Phillip's Plaza

4380 N. Campbell Ave.

Sundays

9am - 1pm (Oct.-Mar.); 8am – 12pm (April-Sept.)

Does not accept WIC benefits or Food Stamps

Gardening



Garden at Water of Life Church

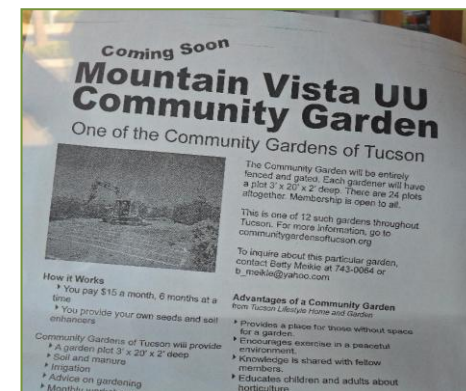
Gardens were observed at several locations in the Amphi / Mountain View communities (see photos)



Garden at Prince Elementary



I am aware of a couple of really nice operations in people's yard, but tucked away, not immediately visible...and chickens. The president of the neighborhood association has been a member of organic gardeners for a long time.



SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

Schools

Children and youth who reside in Amphi/Mountain View attend schools in Amphitheater School District (ASD). Of 21 ASD schools, four are located within the target area (see map at right). These include (with number label from map in parentheses):

Partial Map of Amphitheater School District



- **Amphitheater High School (1)**
125 W Yavapai Rd.
Enrollment: 1,466 students
Proportion qualified for free/reduced lunch status: 71.3
- **Amphitheater Middle School (2)**
315 E Prince Rd.
Enrollment: 723 students
Proportion qualified for free/reduced lunch status: 85.9
- **Prince Elementary School (18)**
125 E Prince Rd.
Enrollment: 725
Proportion qualified for free/reduced lunch status: 90.8%
- **Rillito Center (20)**
266 E Pastime Rd.
Enrollment: N/A

PRIVATE SCHOOLS:

- **Academy of the Sacred Heart**
601 E Ft. Lowell Rd.
- **Satori Charter School**
3727 N 1st Ave.

Child Care

Early Bird Daycare & Learning

132 E. Prince Rd. Capacity: 142

Kids Forever Prince LLC

216 E. Prince Rd. Capacity: 111

Kids World Preschool

321 E. Yavapai Capacity: 63

Prince Head Start

90 E. King Rd. Capacity: 59

Satori

3801 N. 1st Ave. Capacity: 125

Sunshine Child Care

131 E. Mohave Rd. Capacity: 45

Young Leaders Preschool & Enrichment – Ft. Lowell

40 W. Ft. Lowell Rd. Capacity: 49

SOURCES: Amphitheater School District. District Map. Available at: <http://www.amphi.com/district/parent/files/AA14847125474DA8B9E226965FD2FCA8.pdf>.
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HEALTH SERVICES

Closest hospital (located 2.5 miles southeast of Amphi / Mountain View):

University Medical Center
1501 N. Campbell Ave.

Services: Emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory, inpatient/
outpatient surgery, behavioral health, and more

Health care providers observed in Amphi / Mountain View:

Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) (see photo)

All Bright Dental Center

Back Fire Chiropractic

C ODAC Behavioral Health Services

Carondelet Medical Group – Fort Lowell

Chiropractic Center

El Rio Health Center Northwest

Services: Family Practice, Midwives, Internal Medicine, Urgent Care,
Pediatrics, Dental, Pharmacy, Lab

First Steps Family Center (Ob-Gyn)

Generations Chiropractic

J2 Laboratories

Mendoza Cipollo Family Chiropractic

Metta Healing – Holistic Physical Therapy

Oracle-Prince Family Practice

Pima County Health Department – North Family Planning Office

Services: Family Planning (females, males, teens)

Safe Place

Safeway House

W. Dental & Orth.



El Rio Health Center is just right down the road on Prince that is helpful. Casa de los Niños does a great job in providing basic necessities that greatly reduces stress and anxiety and helps neighbors a lot.



Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)

COMMUNITY STRESS INDICATORS

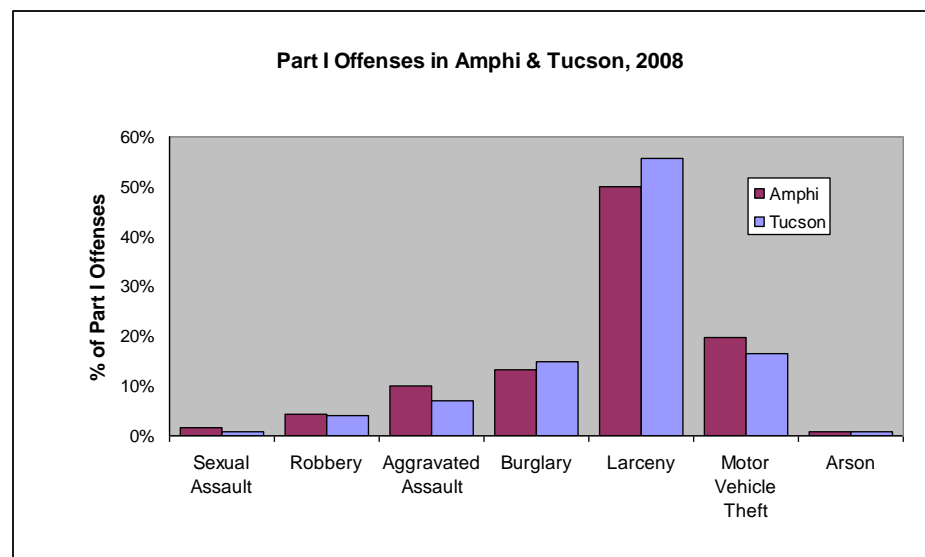
Poverty

In Amphi / Mountain View, proportions of individuals and families living below the poverty level are substantially greater than in Pima County or the U.S. as a whole.

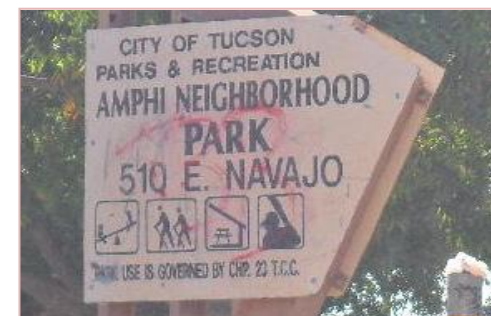
Percent whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level			
	Amphi / Mountain View	Pima County	U.S.
All people	40.8%	15.7%	13.5%
18 years and over	36.1%	13.8%	11.8%
65 years and over	29.7%	8.4%	9.8%
Families	34.2%	10.7%	9.9%
With related children under 18 years	48.4%	17.6%	15.3%
With related children under 5 years	45.1%	19.4%	16.6%
Families with female householder, no husband present	43.0%	27.5%	28.7%
With related children under 18 years	50.3%	35.5%	37.1%
With related children under 5 years	53.0%	45.1%	45.6%

Crime

Compared to all of Tucson, there were greater proportions of aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts in Amphi in 2008.



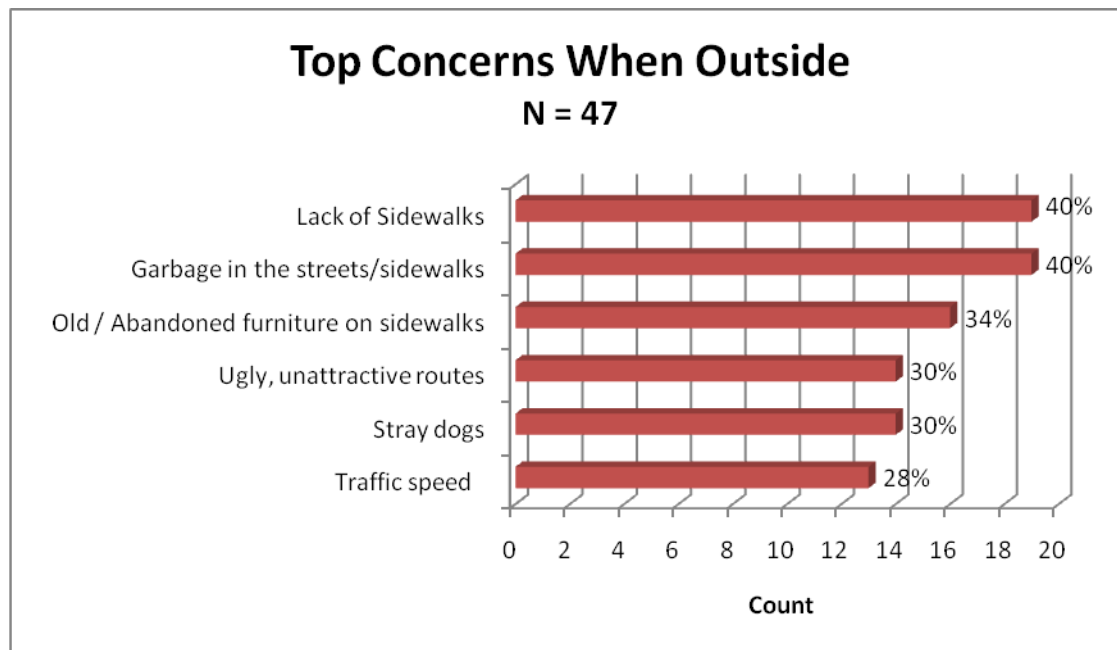
Young families with both parents working full time and they are running all the time trying to keep up and they don't have the time for slow meals and healthful cooking.



A vandalized sign at Amphi Neighborhood Park

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AMPHI-MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS



Issues Survey Respondents Are Most Concerned About:

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- ★ Crime/ Safety
- ★ Trash/ Unkempt yards
- ★ Graffiti
- ★ Gangs

Other concerns when outside: gangs; hot, sunny, exposed routes; unsupervised kids; threatening situations (drugs/crime/harassment); too much traffic; cars parked on sidewalks; poor air quality; dangerous street crossings; and too many bars/liquor stores.

THREE most popular ways to improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables:

N = 47

- ★ Provide technical assistance for vegetable growing and water-harvesting (32%).
- ★ Establish a community garden (30%).
- ★ Provide education and information on urban farming and chickens so we can produce our own food (28%).

OPPORTUNITIES



Are there additional resources that your neighborhood needs in order to make any of its health and wellness efforts more sustainable?

1. Increased Infrastructure

- The Arizona Opera Building redone into a center with space for non profits and a health and wellness center, parks and playgrounds
- Utility easement in a back alley – install a smooth river walk pathway for bikes and walking and transportation paths angled so that they serve as water funnel for community gardens.

2. Community projects

- Green retrofit co-op through which residents join together to do energy retrofits on homes.
- Water catchment systems with the assistance of the Watershed Management Group.

3. Community Gardens



(Community projects) will get people out exercising, give them healthy alternatives, increased socialization and contact that reduces stress and builds resilience between individuals and in the community so people don't feel all alone and isolated but they feel can work together to make connections.



PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OPPORTUNITIES

