

SIZING THE CLEAN ECONOMY

The Clean Economy in the Tucson, AZ Metropolitan Area

Why the Clean Economy Matters

The "clean" or "green" economy is an important element of America's emerging next economy. It will define our nation's low carbon future while providing opportunity for workers at all levels of the income and skills distributions. In this report, the clean economy is divided into 39 distinct segments, reflecting the economic activity involved in producing a broad spectrum of clean products, from goods such as wind turbines and solar photovoltaics to services such as mass transit and regulation.

Tucson's Clean Economy Profile

CLEAN JOBS

5,327

In terms of its overall size the clean economy in the Tucson metropolitan area ranks 79th among the 100 largest metro areas

INTENSITY

1.5%

Tucson's 5,327 clean economy jobs make up 1.5 percent of all jobs in the region. On this measure of concentration its clean economy ranks 74th

GROWTH

+1,771

Between 2003 and 2010 Tucson added 1,771 clean jobs to see the sector grow by 5.9 percent annually. Those readings placed the region 56th and 18th

EXPORTS PER JOB

\$12,627

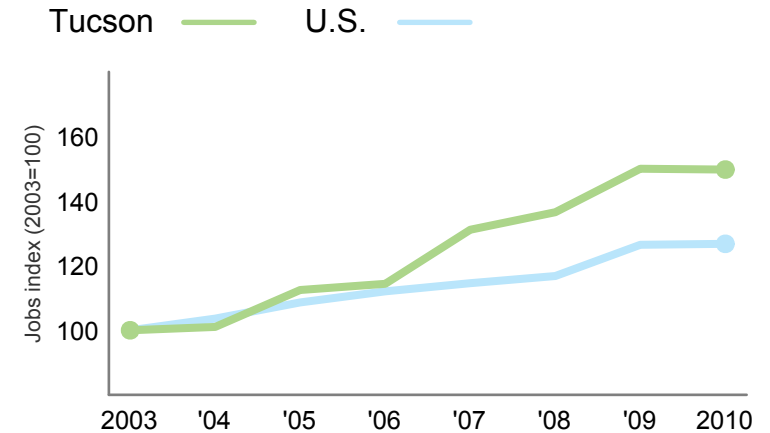
On average each clean economy job in Tucson produces \$12,627 in exports, which ranks it 61st on this measure

ANNUAL WAGE

\$38,838

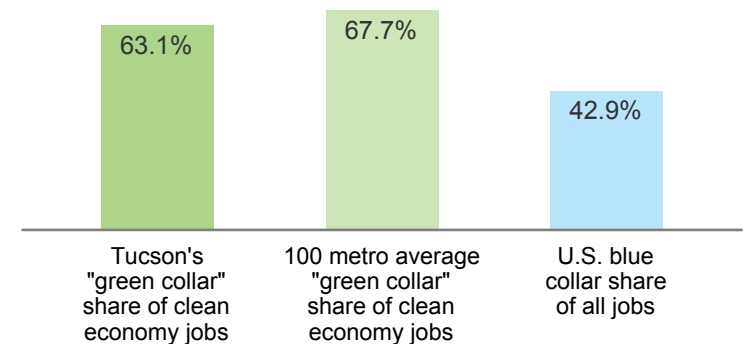
The estimated median wage in Tucson's clean economy is \$38,838. This compares to \$36,141 for all jobs in Tucson

Clean Economy Job Growth, 2003–2010



Note: Changes in employment do not include jobs lost from establishment closings. Some establishments in the database exhibited extreme employment changes, possibly exaggerating a place's growth curve (see report website for a listing of these cases).

Share of Clean Jobs Offering Good Pay for Modest Education, 2010



Note: Within the clean economy, occupations paying mid-level wages are referred to as "green collar" occupations and include jobs in the following occupational categories: production, transportation, installation, construction, office administration and support, protective services, and social services. The green collar designation is specific to the clean economy; when looking at the overall economy (clean or otherwise), these occupations are typically referred to as "blue collar."

Largest Segments

of Tucson's clean economy, 2010

Segment	Jobs, 2010	Job Change, 2003–2010	Annual Average Job Change, 2003–2010 (%)
Waste Management and Treatment	1,573	+354	+3.7%
Conservation	641	+234	+6.7%
Energy-saving Building Materials	486	+93	+3.1%
Public Mass Transit	434	+61	+2.2%
Professional Environmental Services	373	+189	+10.6%

Fastest Growing Segments

of Tucson's clean economy, 2003–2010

Segment	Jobs, 2010	Job Change, 2003–2010	Annual Average Job Change, 2003–2010 (%)
Solar Photovoltaic	350	+267	+22.8%
Recycling and Reuse	225	+159	+19.1%
Solar Thermal	50	+31	+14.8%
HVAC and Building Control Systems	73	+39	+11.5%
Professional Environmental Services	373	+189	+10.6%

Sample Clean Economy Employers

American Openings Inc
(Energy-saving Building Materials)

Global Solar Energy Inc
(Solar Photovoltaic)

Materials & Electrochemical Research
(Battery Technologies)

Schletter Inc
(Solar Photovoltaic)

Sion Power Corp
(Battery Technologies)

For More Information

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www.brookings.edu/metro/clean_economy.aspx

INTERACTIVE MAPPING TOOL:
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DATA NOTES:

This profile presents data developed for the Brookings-Battelle Clean Economy Database and the report "Sizing the Clean Economy." Methodological details of this database are described in an accompanying appendix document (see the report website listed above).

Readers should be aware that for the data presented here changes in employment do not include jobs lost from establishment closings and that the database does not cover establishments with fewer than five employees.