

3.3 POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT DATA AND PROJECTIONS BY COUNTY

Table 3.2 shows the estimated population and employment for the Eastern Arizona study area broken down by county. Population for the entire study area is expected to nearly double by 2030 growing from 326,000 to an estimated 645,000. Between 2030 and 2050 the population is estimated to grow another 36% to 877,000. Employment growth also doubles by 2030 and more than triples by 2050.

Table 3.2 Estimated Population and Employment by County

Jurisdiction	Population			% Change 2030-2050	Employment			% Change 2030-2050
	2005	2030	2050		2005	2030	2050	
Apache Total	74,000	103,000	133,000	29%	19,000	25,000	32,000	28%
Apache (portion within region)	21,000	41,000	65,500	60%	4,000	6,000	11,000	83%
Cochise Total	133,000	245,000	358,000	46%	48,000	83,000	151,000	82%
Cochise (portion within region)	133,000	245,000	358,000	46%	48,000	83,000	151,000	82%
Coconino Total	127,000	166,000	193,500	17%	62,000	88,000	118,000	34%
Coconino (portion within region)	1,000	2,000	2,000	0%	0	0	1,000	0%
Gila Total	52,000	64,000	73,000	14%	12,000	24,000	28,000	17%
Gila (portion within region)	30,000	37,000	43,500	18%	9,000	11,000	13,000	18%
Graham Total	34,000	50,000	88,000	76%	8,000	17,000	28,000	65%
Graham (portion within region)	34,000	50,000	88,000	76%	8,000	17,000	28,000	65%
Greenlee Total	9,000	10,000	12,000	20%	4,000	4,000	5,000	25%
Greenlee (portion within region)	9,000	10,000	12,000	20%	4,000	4,000	5,000	25%
Navajo Total	104,000	252,000	289,000	15%	30,000	78,000	90,000	15%
Navajo (portion within region)	57,000	195,000	225,000	15%	21,000	68,000	78,000	15%
Santa Cruz Total	41,000	65,000	83,000	28%	13,000	24,000	35,000	46%
Santa Cruz (portion within region)	41,000	65,000	83,000	28%	13,000	24,000	35,000	46%
Eastern Regional Total	326,000	645,000	877,000	36%	107,000	213,000	322,000	51%

Source: HDR