

Telephone Facts..1940-1980

		<u>Toll Operator Positions</u>	<u>Operators</u>
1940	Phoenix	25	84
	Tucson	8	27
1950	Phoenix	62	210
	Tucson	35	115
1960	Phoenix	156	530
	Tucson	56	190

Toll Messages

1941	1.7 Million
1950	4.65 Million

Number of Employes

1941	700
1945	1,440

Construction Expenditures-Arizona

1941	2.6 million
1950	5.9 million
1960	43.4. million

Telephones in Arizona

1941	61,750	Mountain Bell's 400,000 telephone was installed in Tucson in 1951
1947	100,000	City of Mesa received it's 5,000 Telephone in 1952
1950	155,000	
1960	439,000	Company installed it's 1, 500,000 Telephone in San Manuel in 1954

1940-1950 Telephone Growth in Arizona was 279%

Milestones

- 1947 The last link of the first transcontinental coaxial cable was placed in service between Phoenix and Los Angeles.
- 1953 The Metro area was expanded to include Phoenix, Mesa, Glendale, Chandler and Tempe.
- 1955 Douglas converts to Dial.
- 1955 The first multi-party radio toll station is installed in Prescott.
- 1961 Arizona becomes completely mechanized with the dial telephone cutover at Safford.

Miscellaneous

- 1940 - Population in Arizona just under 500,000
Phoenix - 64,000
Tucson - 36,000
- 1941 - 700 employees in Arizona
61,750 Main Stations
\$ 2.6 Million Construction Program
- 1950 - Population in Arizona 750,000
Phoenix - 107,000
Tucson - 46,000
155,000 Main Stations
\$ 5.9 Million Construction Budget
- 1953 - Metro area dialing established (Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Glendale and Chandler)
- 1955- Engineering decentralized from Denver to the States.
- 1960 - Population in Arizona 1,300,000
Phoenix - 439,000
Tucson - 212,000
439,000 Main Stations
\$ 43.4 million Construction Program
- 1961 - Arizona is the first state in Mountain Bell to be 100% Dial (Safford #5 X-bar)
- 1980 - Population in Arizona 2.7 million
Phoenix - 790,000
Tucson - 331,000
1.3 million Main Stations
\$ 200 million Construction Program