



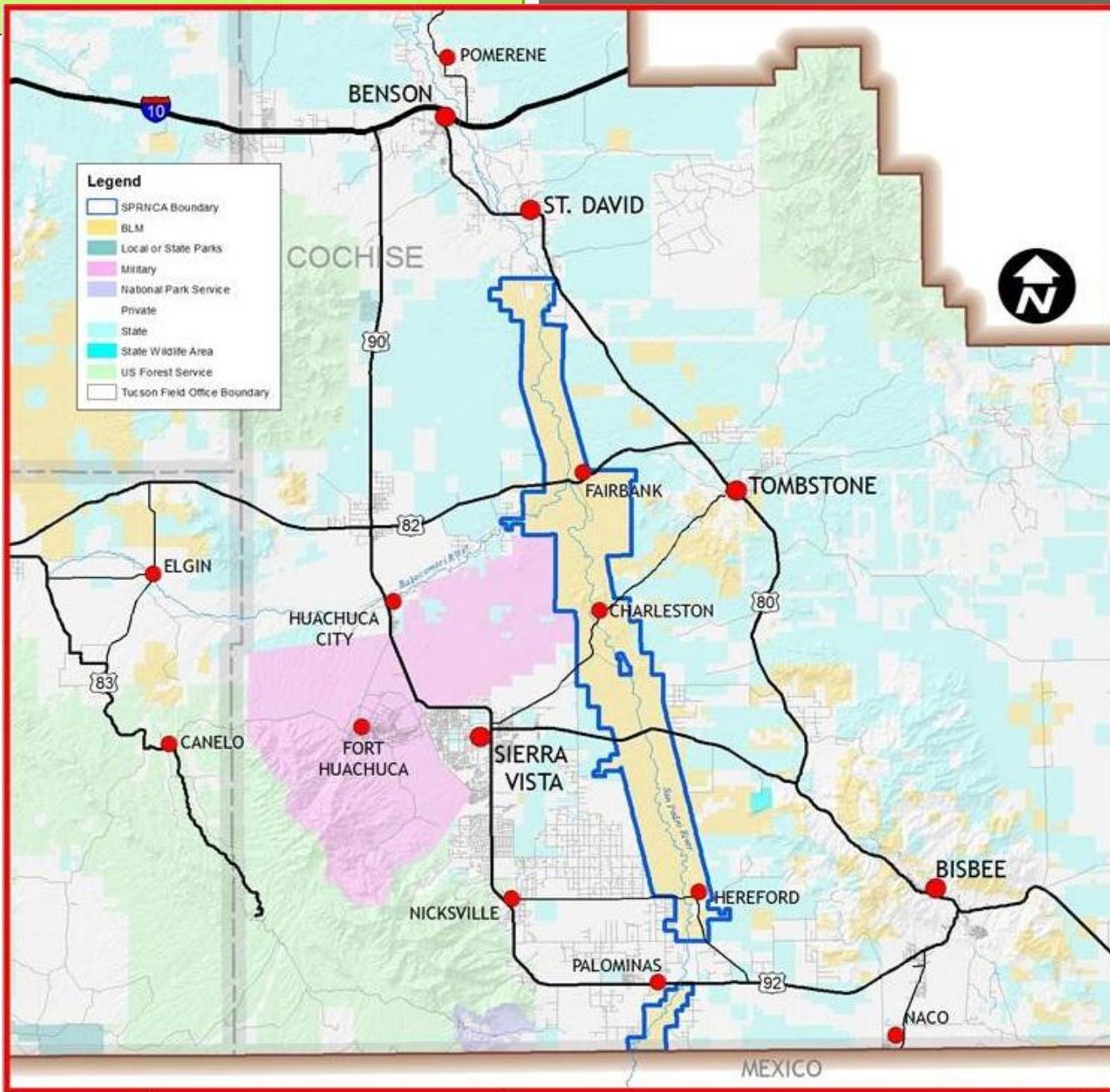
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Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca

- **Population:** 45,794 (*includes Fort Huachuca, approx. 4,100, excluding TDY*)
 - Nearby areas add another ~15,000-20,000)
- **Median Age:** 33 years
 - Fastest growing age groups are 60+
- **Income:** Sierra Vista is the most affluent area of Cochise County



Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca (Cont'd)

- **Economic Drivers:** Fort Huachuca, professional services, health care, and education
 - Defense contracting boom coming to an end
 - New hospital will help lure retirees and new businesses
 - Potential diversification = uncertainly



Benson

- **Population:** 5,071 (nearby areas add another 7,500)
- **Median Age:** 53 years
 - Fastest growing age groups are 60+
- **Income:** Lower than Cochise County, Arizona, and the United States
- **Economic Drivers:** I-10, Kartchner Caverns, Arizona's G&T Cooperatives, agriculture, healthcare & snowbirds. Commercial drones?



Tombstone

- **Population:** 1,350
- **Median Age:** 54 years
- **Income:** Lower than Cochise County, Arizona, and the United States
- **Economic Drivers:** Tourism



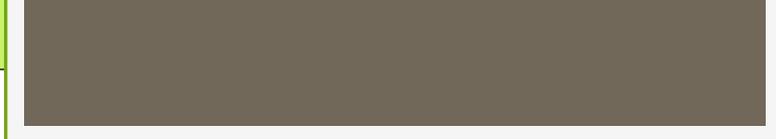
Bisbee

- **Population:** 5,466 (not including Naco and surrounding areas)
- **Median Age:** 49 years
- **Income:** Lower than Cochise County, Arizona, and the United States
- **Economic Drivers:** Tourism now, mining in the future



And don't forget Mexico...





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