

Chino Valley

Community Profile

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Chino Valley is the site of the first Territorial Capital of Arizona. U.S. Army Cavalry Lt. Amiel W. Whipple gave the community its name while traveling through the area. "Chino" is the Mexican name for the abundant, curly, grama grass growing in the area. For many years Chino Valley farmers have grown corn and alfalfa, and raised cattle. The capital moved to the town of Prescott, 15 miles south in 1864. A narrow-gauge branch of the United Verde and Pacific Railroad was completed to Jerome in 1895. This joined the Prescott and Arizona Central, and established the Jerome Junction. Between 1900 and 1925, the activities of Jerome Junction were absorbed by Chino Valley.

Basic Information

Founded: 1871
 Incorporated: 1970
 Elevation: 4,750
 Located in Yavapai County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-17; I-40; SR 69; SR 89
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 115 miles
 Tucson: 228 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2007
Chino Valley	4,837	7,835	13,098
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	223,934
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

The economy of Chino Valley is based on a mix of retail, commercial & government activities. With the significant growth in Chino Valley, employment has been created in construction, service & supplies. Retirement in the quiet community is popular. Agriculture is also a viable business. Willowcreek Greenhouses, NAB Nursery, & other nurseries & agricultural producers are active in the area.

County Employment

	2007
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,700
Government	12,100
Educational and Health Services	10,000
Mining and Construction	8,800
Leisure and Hospitality	8,200
Professional and Business Services	4,600
Manufacturing	3,500
Financial Activities	2,500
Other Services	2,000
Information	600

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

American Sandstone
 Safeway Incorporated

Major Public Employers

Chino Valley Unified School District
 #51
 U.S. Post Office



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	1,912	3,654	4,714
Unemployed	131	147	181
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	4.0%	3.8%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
New Bldg. Permits	49	220	312
Taxable Sales (\$)	25.9 million	78.9 million	164.7 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	15 million	31.4 million	81.3 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 1990 and 2000 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available

Scenic Attractions

The Chino Valley area offers many recreational opportunities offering historical landmarks, scenic drives, & miles of hiking & equestrian trails. Camping, fishing & numerous lakes are within an hour's drive, including Watson, Goldwater & Lynx Lakes. Major annual events in Chino Valley celebrate the Towns rural heritage. Patriotic pride is evident at the day long Fourth of July Celebration at Old Home Manor, ending with one of the largest displays in northern Arizona. On Labor Day, the Town honors its history with the annual First Territorial Capital Celebration. Highlights include vendors & crafts at Memory Park, a parade, pancake breakfast, Corn Dinner & rodeo. The Territorial Days Rodeo kicks off with a barbecue & dance, then provides a weekend full of entertainment for all ages.

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Community Facilities

Chino Valley offers a range of community facilities, including a library, a senior center, a social services office, a park and a community center with tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, and baseball, football and soccer fields.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Community College	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 12

Government

Fire Department: Fire District
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Prescott Municipal Airport, 15 miles south, has paved runways (7,600-ft/4,408-ft.) Charter services available.

Medical

Chino Valley has ambulance service & medical outpatient center. Hospitals are located 16 mi. away.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 7
Meeting Rooms: 3
Capacity of Largest Facility: 85

Industrial Properties:

For information, contact the Town of Chino Valley or the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Electricity	Citizens Utilities	928.445.2210
Natural Gas	Unisource (Statewide)	800.352.3010
Propane	Columbia Propane	928.636.9359
Propane	Santa Fe Propane	928.636.1313
Sewer	Septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	City of Prescott (private wells)	928.776.6291

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: Y
Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2007
Elementary/High Schools	6.46	6.26	4.46
City/Fire District	1.89	0.00	0.00
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.41
Totals	13.49	10.44	7.87

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Valley Academy of Career and Technology Education (VACTE).

Sales Tax

	2007
City/Town	3.00%
County	0.75%
State	5.60%

Sources: Arizona League of Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	21.5	52.2	1.0
February	23.7	56.1	1.0
March	28.1	61.7	1.0
April	33.9	69.7	0.6
May	41.1	78.1	0.4
June	49.5	88.4	0.3
July	58.7	92.3	1.9
August	56.9	89.5	2.0
September	49.0	85.5	1.3
October	38.0	75.2	0.9
November	27.2	63.3	0.7
December	21.1	54.3	0.9
Yearly Avg.	37.4	72.2	11.8

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2005.
Average Total Snowfall 6.9".

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