

CHINO VALLEY

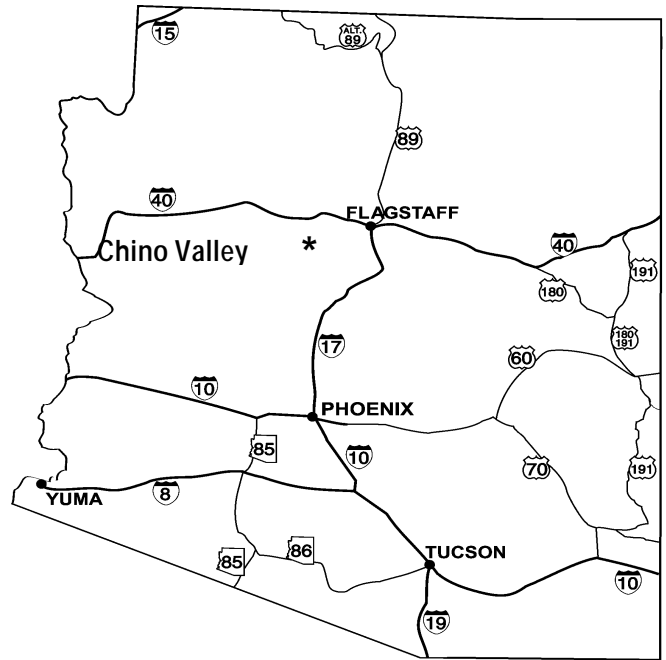
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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.

FOUNDED: 1871
 COUNTY: Yavapai County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 115 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-17; I-40; SR 69; SR 89

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1970
 ELEVATION: 4,750 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 228 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2002
Chino Valley	4,837	7,835	8,205
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	180,260
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,472,750

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. 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	1990	2002
Agriculture		815
Construction	2,325	4,900
FIRE	1,050	1,550
Government	5,875	10,400
Manufacturing	2,325	3,250
Mining	925	775
Services	6,625	15,725
TCPU	1,075	1,350
Trade	7,625	14,400

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 NOTE: Agriculture figure from 2001 4th Qtr., AZ ES 202 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Major Private Employers

American Sandstone Safeway Incorporated

Major Public Employers

Chino Valley Unified School District #5 U.S. Post Office

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2002
Civilian Labor Force	1,751	2,832	3,127
Unemployed	69	116	159
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.1%	5.1%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2002
New Bldg. Permit	49*	220*	N/R
Taxable Sales (\$)	25,941,263	78,923,650	102,781,300
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	14,990,743	31,377,540	41,081,320

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation
 *Incomplete Data: One or more months not available; N/R: No Report

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.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2002
Elem/High School	6.46	6.26	5.48
City/Fire District	1.89	0.00	2.04
Countywide	5.14	4.18	4.50
Total	\$13.49	\$10.44	\$12.02

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

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
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 12

Governmental Agencies

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 and Lodging Facilities

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)	800.253-9407
	Citizens Utilities	928.445.2210
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities Co. (Statewide)	800.352.3010
Propane	Columbia Propane	928.636.9359
	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: Yes Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: Yes Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	21.2	52.1	0.97
February	23.4	56.0	0.94
March	27.9	62.0	0.98
April	33.7	69.6	0.57
May	41.0	78.0	0.39
June	49.4	88.4	0.35
July	58.6	92.2	1.94
August	56.8	89.6	2.09
September	48.9	85.5	1.29
October	37.9	75.3	0.84
November	27.0	63.5	0.65
December	20.9	54.4	0.91
Yearly Avg	37.2	72.2	11.93

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2001. Average Total Snowfall 7.6".

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