

Yavapai County, one of the state's oldest counties, was among the original four created when Arizona was still a territory. Although Yavapai County originally encompassed more than 65,000 square miles, it now covers only 8,125 square miles, but is still as large as the state of New Jersey. It was called the "Mother of Counties," from which Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa and Navajo counties were all formed.

The provisional seat of the territorial government was established at Fort Whipple in Chino Valley on Jan. 22, 1864. Nine months later it was moved 20 miles away to the little mining community of Prescott. In 1867, the capital was moved to Tucson where it remained for 10 years. Then the capital was shifted back to Prescott, where it remained until 1889, when it was permanently relocated to Phoenix. Prescott is now the county seat of Yavapai County.

Yavapai County offers many local attractions ranging from natural to cultural to educational. Scenic pine forests provide year-round recreational opportunities, and museums, monuments and rodeos reflect Arizona's tribal and territorial past. Institutions of higher learning include two colleges and an aeronautical university. The county has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, with the population up by more than 30 percent since 1990.

The U.S. Forest Service owns 38 percent of the land in Yavapai County, including portions of Prescott, Tonto and Coconino national forests, while the state of Arizona owns an additional 25 percent. Twenty-five percent of land in the county is owned by individuals or corporations, and 12 percent is the property of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Yavapai Indian Reservation and other public lands each occupy less than half of a percent of land in the county.



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2014
Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518
Yavapai County	167,517	210,899	220,189
<i>Incorporated Cities & Towns</i>			
Peoria	108,364	154,171	166,340
Prescott	33,938	39,771	41,575
Prescott Valley	23,535	38,839	42,130
Cottonwood	9,179	11,238	11,749
Camp Verde	9,451	10,875	10,968
Chino Valley	7,835	10,825	10,974
Sedona	10,192	10,020	10,255
Wickenburg	5,082	6,353	6,978
Clarkdale	3,422	4,103	4,173
Dewey	3,421	3,896	3,952
Jerome	329	441	444

Arizona Dept. of Administration - population.az.gov

AGE DISTRIBUTION

0-14	14.4 %
15-24	10.3 %
25-44	18.0 %
45-64	30.1 %
65+	27.2 %

U.S. Census, American Community Survey (2013)

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES (FROM PRESCOTT)

Phoenix	102 miles
Tucson	213 miles
Los Angeles	379 miles
San Diego	373 miles
Las Vegas	252 miles

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LABOR FORCE

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	3,237,864	5.3 %
Yavapai County	99,838	4.9 %
<i>Incorporated Cities & Towns</i>		
Peoria	87,948	4.2 %
Prescott	17,529	5.4 %
Prescott Valley	20,367	4.3 %
Cottonwood	5,267	6.1 %
Camp Verde	4,917	6.3 %
Chino Valley	5,011	2.6 %
Sedona	5,584	4.2 %
Wickenburg	2,718	2.8 %
Clarkdale	1,962	6.2 %
Dewey	1,842	3.5 %
Jerome	298	2.3 %

Arizona Dept. of Administration - laborstats.az.gov

EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR (IN THOUSANDS)

Education, health care & social assistance	19.9	24.5 %
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	11.3	13.9 %
Retail trade	10.4	12.7 %
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	7.8	9.5 %
Construction	6.8	8.3 %
Other services, except public administration	4.9	6.1 %
Public administration	4.0	4.9 %
Manufacturing	4.0	4.9 %
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	3.7	4.6 %
Finance, insurance & real estate	3.7	4.6 %
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	2.3	2.8 %
Wholesale trade	1.6	1.9 %
Information	1.2	1.5 %

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PROPERTY TAX

	Schools	City/Fire	County	Total
Camp Verde	4.39%	3.25%	4.95%	12.59%
Chino Valley	4.65%	3.63%	4.95%	13.23%
Clarkdale	5.54%	3.22%	4.95%	13.71%
Cottonwood	6.09%	0.00%	4.95%	11.04%
Dewey	5.33%	0.00%	4.95%	10.27%
Jerome	5.54%	3.22%	4.95%	13.71%
Peoria (Yavapai County)	0.00%	0.00%	4.95%	4.95%
Prescott	3.09%	3.05%	4.95%	11.09%
Prescott Valley	5.33%	2.75%	4.95%	13.03%
Sedona (Yavapai County)	0.00%	0.00%	4.95%	4.95%
Wickenburg (Yavapai County)	0.00%	0.00%	4.95%	4.95%

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

	City	County	State	Total
Camp Verde	3.65%	0.75%	5.60%	10.00%
Chino Valley	4.00%	0.75%	5.60%	10.35%
Clarkdale	3.00%	0.75%	5.60%	9.35%
Cottonwood	3.00%	0.75%	5.60%	9.35%
Dewey	2.00%	0.75%	5.60%	8.35%
Jerome	3.50%	0.75%	5.60%	9.85%
Peoria (Yavapai County)	1.80%	0.75%	5.60%	8.15%
Prescott	2.00%	0.75%	5.60%	8.35%
Prescott Valley	2.83%	0.75%	5.60%	9.18%
Sedona (Yavapai County)	3.00%	0.75%	5.60%	9.35%
Wickenburg (Yavapai County)	2.20%	0.75%	5.60%	8.55%

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Prescott Valley Economic Foundation

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Coconino County Sustainable Economic Development Initiative

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Local First Arizona

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Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce

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Jerome Chamber of Commerce

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Greater Phoenix Economic Council

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Prescott Chamber of Commerce

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