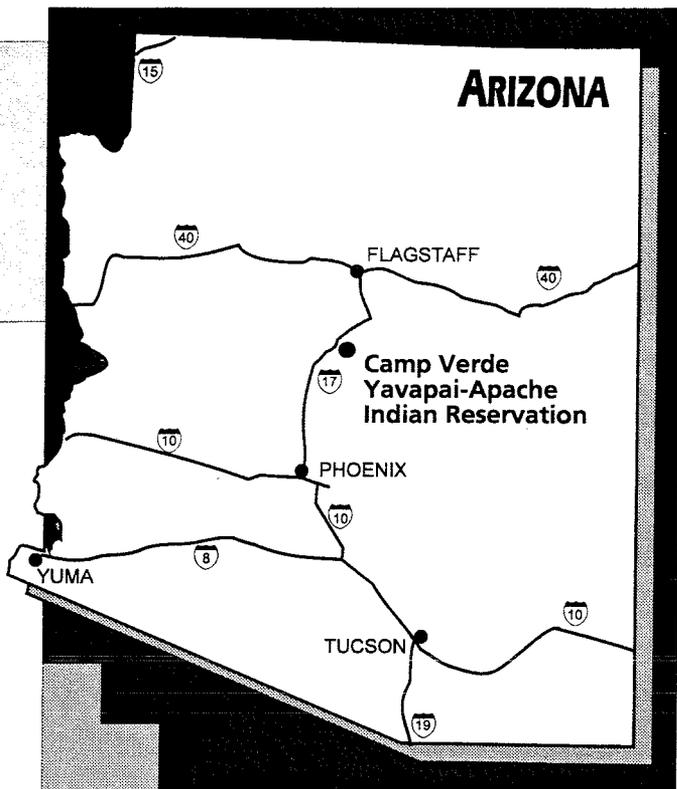


Community Profile

Camp Verde

Yavapai-Apache

Indian Reservation



Camp Verde Yavapai-Apache

Indian Reservation is in central Arizona's Verde Valley. Rolling hills suitable for irrigated agriculture or grazing characterize the terrain. The reservation is populated by the Yavapai and Tonto Apache Indian Tribes, inhabitants of this area for centuries.

President U. S. Grant, upon the recommendation of Vincent Colyer, then Secretary of the United States Board of Indian Commissioners, established the reservation in 1871. The President abandoned the reservation in 1875 and its people were moved against their will to the San Carlos Apache Reservation. A migration back to their traditional homeland, the Verde Valley, began immediately after 1900. A reservation area was re-established in 1909 and additional lands acquired in 1915, 1917, 1967 and 1974.

Today, the 636-acre reservation is composed of five separate parcels, Middle Verde (458 acres), Camp Verde (40 acres), Clarkdale (58.5 acres), Rimrock (375 acres), and Interstate 17 Visitor Activity Complex (74.84 acres). The reservation headquarters are located at Middle Verde, about 93 miles north of Phoenix.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

The tribe operates a convenience market, service station, and recreational vehicle park. This enterprise, owned by the Tribe, has created various employment opportunities. A casino recently opened near Cliff Castle Lodge.

Approximately 180 acres of the Camp Verde Reservation are leased for irrigated agriculture. Cattle are grazed on another 180 acres of rangeland. On the reservation, employment is limited to federal and tribal government and individual business sectors.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The reservation is in the Coconino National Forest with the Prescott National Forest to the east and the Kaibab National Forest to the north. Fort Verde State Park is within the nearby town of Camp Verde. Four of the original adobe fort buildings still stand and are open to the public. The park's museum contains early military artifacts, Indian relics, and implements used by Verde Valley settlers. Three national monuments—Montezuma Castle, Montezuma Well, and Tuzigoot—which are fascinating examples of prehistoric Indian cliff dwellings and pueblos are within 25 miles of the reservation.

Also nearby are the famous artist colonies of Sedona and Jerome, both popular tourist attractions. Jerome, the world's largest "ghost city," was once a famous mining town. Dining/lodging facilities are available in the Verde Valley. Fishing in the Verde River and area trout streams, as well as hunting for deer, elk, antelope, bear, quail, duck and geese, are popular pastimes.

POPULATION

	1980	1990	1997
Camp Verde Reservation	618	1,026	1,353*
Yavapai County	68,145	107,714	142,075
Arizona	2,716,546	3,665,228	4,600,275

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau
 * Estimate based on 1990 Census data compared to county population growth rate

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1991	1996	1997
Civilian Labor Force	203	219	N/A
Employed	84	197	N/A
Unemployed	119	22	N/A
Unemployment Rate	59%	10.0%	N/A

Sources: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Arizona Department of Economic Security.

GROWTH INDICATORS

	1990	1996	1997
Postal Receipts (\$)	385,123	N/A	N/A
School Enrollment	230	N/A	N/A

* Postal receipts are for fiscal year.

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PROPERTY TAX RATE PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION

The State of Arizona does not tax Indian lands and Indian-owned property on reservations. Incomes of Indians residing on reservations are not taxed by the State if wholly derived from reservation sources. The Federal Government does not exempt individual Indians from income or other federal taxes. Indian people of Arizona are also exempt from state and local sales taxes on consumer goods purchased on the reservation. However, the State of Arizona collects taxes from reservation residents on sales of gasoline, electricity, natural gas, and telephone service. One retail outlet operates on the Camp Verde Yavapai-Apache Reservation. Reservation residents purchase goods in the communities of Camp Verde, Cottonwood and Clarkdale.

Source: Arizona Property Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The community facilities offered include a library, tribal headquarters, and a Head Start building.

Communication. In addition to communication resources from the rest of the state, the Camp Verde Yavapai-Apache Reservation has local bi-weekly newspapers, radio stations from Cottonwood and Sedona, and six television channels from Phoenix, one channel from Flagstaff and one channel from Prescott are received.

Educational. Cottonwood and Camp Verde both have Headstart programs for local reservation children. Elementary and high-school age children attend local public schools. College level courses are available from Yavapai College.

Medical. Medical services are available in the nearby towns of Camp Verde and Cottonwood, with numerous physicians, dentists, chiropractors and optometrists. There are no medical facilities on the reservation.

Financial. Complete banking services are provided by Arizona's major financial institutions and are available in Camp Verde, Cottonwood and Clarkdale. For information about state financial programs, contact the Arizona Department of Commerce, (602) 280-1300.

Governmental. The community is governed by a tribal chairman and eight council members and is served by the police department (three BIA officers) and the fire department with 12 fire fighters.

Airport. Residents have access to the Cottonwood Airport which has a paved runway, the Camp Verde Airport, with an unpaved runway, and the Montezuma Heights Airport which has a paved runway.

Utilities

Electricity:	APS	(520) 634-2246
Natural Gas:	Southern Union Gas Service	634-5555
Telephone:	U.S. West Communications	(800) 244-1111
Water:	Cottonwood Water Works (Clarkdale)	(520) 634-5559
	Middle Verde Indian Water System	567-3649
	Arizona Water Company (Rimrock)	282-5555
	Camp Verde Water System (Camp Verde)	567-5281
Sewer:	Middle Verde Sewer System	567-3649
	Septic tanks (Clarkdale, Rimrock, Middle Verde and Camp Verde)	

Lodging and Meeting Facilities. There is a hotel with 82 rooms and a conference center, a private campground, and Yavapai-Apache Tribal RV Campground. Also there is one meeting facility with seating for 200.

WEATHER

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Maximum	Daily Minimum	
January	59.1	25.6	0.05
February	64.5	28.5	0.88
March	69.9	32.4	1.04
April	78.4	39.5	0.78
May	87.8	45.6	0.27
June	87.8	45.6	0.27
July	101.0	63.2	1.47
August	98.0	62.0	1.99
September	94.1	54.0	1.34
October	83.1	47.6	0.80
November	69.6	31.3	0.72
December	59.9	25.5	1.16
Year	80.2	41.9	11.70

Average Total Snow, Sleet and Hail Annually: 3.1 inches

Source: Montezuma Castle National Monument Reporting Station, elevation 3,180 feet.

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