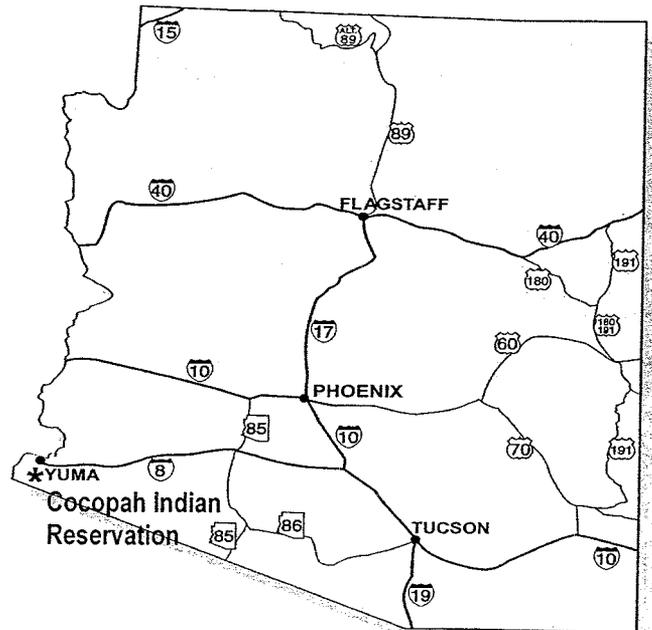


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Cocopah Indian Reservation was established through an executive order by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917. It created the west and east reservation with approximately 1,772 acres. In 1985, President Reagan signed the Cocopah Land Acquisition Bill, which increased the Cocopah Reservation by nearly 6,000 acres, including a north reservation of 600 acres. The total reservation is in southwestern Arizona, approximately 13 miles south of Yuma; five miles north of San Luis, Mexico; and 180 miles east of San Diego.

FOUNDED: 1917
 COUNTY: Yuma County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 180 miles

INCORPORATED: No
 ELEVATION: 103 feet
 HIGHWAYS: I-8



POPULATION

	1990	1998	1999
Cocopah Indian Reservation	515	894	941
Yuma County	106,895	135,200	139,650
Arizona	3,665,228	4,764,025	4,924,350

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
 Additional sources: Cocopah Tribal Enrollment Program.
 1998-1999 estimate projected from county population growth rates.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

With 2,400 acres of irrigated land on the reservation, agriculture is very important to the economy. Lands are farmed through leases to non-Indians and annual income amounts to about \$250,000. With the acquisition of 4,000 acres in 1985, the tribe started several new businesses and developments which created job opportunities and were designed to achieve a goal of tribal self-sufficiency. The tribe now operates the Bingo Hall and casino under a gaming compact with the state.

County Employment	1990	1999
Agricultural Services, Forestry & Fishing	688	
Construction	1,672	2,775
FIRE	1,130	1,225
Manufacturing	1,810	2,325
Mining	188	
Retail Trade	7,865	
Services	6,699	8,000
TCPU	1,141	1,800
Trade		11,475

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	240	235	234
Unemployed	90	33	26
Unemployment Rate	37.5%	14.0%	11.1%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators	1990	1998	1999
New Building Permits	0	0	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	0	0	0
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	0	0	0

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Department of Revenue.
 Note: 1998-1999 civilian labor force estimate based on county labor growth rates.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Train excursions from Yuma to the west reservation are provided in cooperation with the Yuma Valley Live Steamers. At the end of the line, an early 1800s Cocopah Indian Village has been recreated and Cocopah Elders sell authentic Cocopah jewelry and fry bread. The tribe is building a museum this year at the location. Attractions in the vicinity include the California dunes; fishing, water skiing, swimming at lakes along the Colorado River; Yuma's historic areas, and golf courses. Night spots and shopping are popular activities in San Luis, Mexico, a port-of-entry community. Special events include Cocopah Land Acquisition Day, Cocopah Festivity Days, the Miss Cocopah Pageant, an annual Powwow, and Cocopah Street Fair.

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TAXES

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, unless such taxes are imposed by the tribal government. However, the State of Arizona collects taxes from reservation residents on sales of gasoline, electricity, natural gas, and telephone service.

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Cocopah Indian Tribe.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-5405
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Individual wells	

Cable Providers: No
 Digital Switching Station: No
 Internet Service Provider: No
 Cable Internet Service Provider: No
 Fiber Optics: No

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Cocopah Reservation offers many community facilities, including the Cry House (used for funerals), a Head Start program, baseball and softball fields, basketball court, playground, Elderly Training Center, and East Residential Home, East Reservation Park, and a Drug Treatment Center. North Cocopah has a community building and Powwow grounds.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	N	Y
High School	N	Y
Middle School	N	Y

Financial

Number of Banks: 4

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Tribal Volunteer

Law Enforcement: Tribal Police

Airports

Yuma International Airport (15 miles away): lighted 13,300-ft. runway.

Medical

Fort Yuma Indian Hospital has 19 beds; Fort Yuma Service Unit provides community health nursing.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

The tribe has council chambers for meetings, conferences or social activities

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	36.8	68.4	0.33
February	39.6	73.5	0.23
March	44.1	78.0	0.23
April	50.5	86.0	0.09
May	56.9	93.9	0.02
June	63.1	100.8	0.01
July	73.6	106.6	0.18
August	74.2	105.4	0.30
September	66.4	101.5	0.20
October	54.8	91.4	0.20
November	44.0	78.2	0.20
December	38.0	69.3	0.46
Yearly Avg	53.5	87.8	2.57

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