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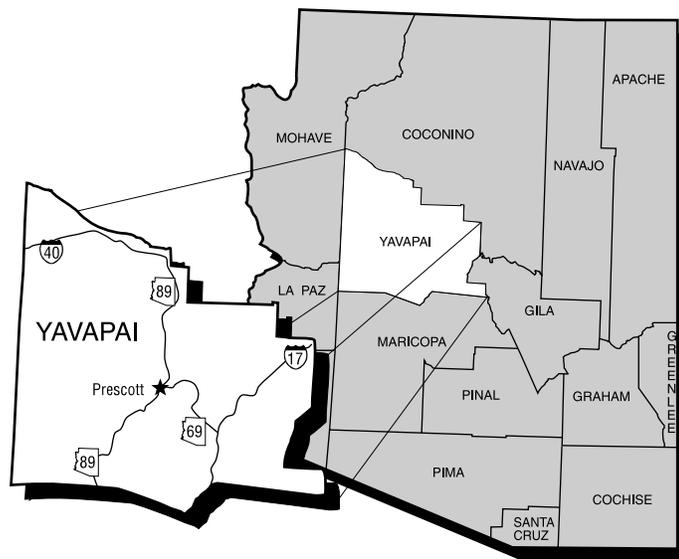
Yavapai County, Arizona

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 a little mining community named 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.

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 24.6 percent. Twenty-five percent is individually or corporately owned, and 11.6 percent is the property of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Yavapai Indian Reservation and public lands each occupy less than 0.5 percent of the county.



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Yavapai County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Prescott
Population:	148,500
Labor Force:	66,119*
Unemployment Rate:	3.3%*
Major Industries:	Tourism & Recreation, Ranching, Manufacturing, Copper Mining

* Average rates for 1998. Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security



Population

	1980	1990	1998
Arizona	2,716,546	3,665,228	4,764,025
Yavapai County	68,145	107,714	148,500

Major Cities/Communities

Bagdad	2,349	1,858	2,613*
Camp Verde	3,824	6,243	8,420
Chino Valley	2,858	4,837	7,215
Clarkdale	1,512	2,144	2,935
Cottonwood	4,550	5,918	7,775
Jerome	420	403	580
Prescott	19,865	26,592	34,610
Prescott Valley	2,284	8,858	20,465
Sedona	5,319	7,720	9,940
Verde Village	1,040	7,000	10,038*

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

* Local Estimate

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	17.9%
15-24	10.5%
25-44	22.0%
45-64	23.3%
65+	26.3%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1996 Population Estimate

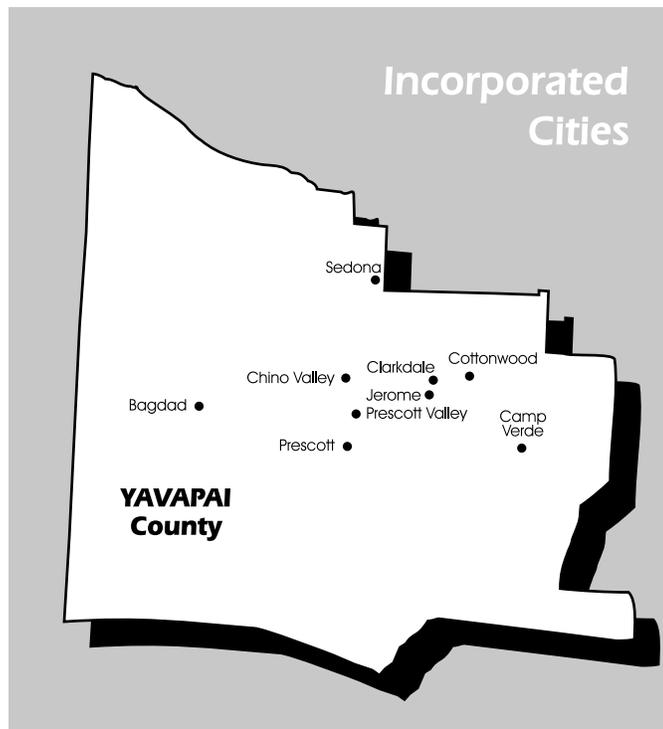
Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	95.7%
African American	0.3%
Native American	1.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%
Other	1.9%
Totals	100.0%
Hispanic Heritage**	6.41%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

* Population composition is based on 1990 census

** Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race



Labor Force

Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,272,388	4.1%
Yavapai County	66,119	3.3%

Major Cities/Communities

Ash Fork*	1,036	1.9%
Bagdad	1,374	2.3%
Camp Verde	3,292	3.0%
Chino Valley	2,763	4.9%
Clarkdale	1,295	4.5%
Cottonwood	3,286	4.3%
Jerome*	385	6.3%
Prescott	16,650	3.7%
Prescott Valley	5,527	2.9%
Sedona	4,956	1.7%
Verde Village*	10,228	6.0%
Yarnell/Peoples Valley*	1,306	8.6%
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Reservation	113	7.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1998

* Local estimate

Employment by Sector

Manufacturing	3,250
Mining and Quarrying	850
Construction	4,050
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,375
Trade	12,300
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,950
Services and Miscellaneous	13,375
Government	8,875

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1998

Average Wage Rates for Selected Occupations

(Arizona average excluding Coconino, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal & Yuma counties)

	Hourly Average
Accounting Clerk	\$ 9.62
Carpenter	\$ 11.95
Computer Operator	\$ 13.50
Computer Programmer	\$ 21.39
Data Entry Operator	\$ 8.67
Electrician	\$ 16.47
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$ 13.22
Secretary	\$ 9.57
Welder	\$ 14.19

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1997 Employer Wage Survey

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Ace Hardware, Prescott Valley	Retail
APS, Prescott	Electric Services
The Arbors, Camp Verde	Elderly Care
Atria & Kachina Point Assisted Living, Retirement, Sedona	Health Care Center
Camp Verde Public Schools, Camp Verde	School
Caradon Better Bilt, Prescott Valley	Manufacturer
Chino Valley Unified School District #51	Education
Cliff Castle Casino, Yavapai-Apache Reservation	Gaming
City of Cottonwood	Government
Cottonwood/Oak Creek Schools	School
Cyprus Bagdad Copper Corporation, Bagdad	Mining
DoubleTree Sedona Resort, Sedona	Resort Hotel
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott	Colleges/Universities
Enchantment Resort, Sedona	Resort Hotel
Humboldt Unified School District	Education
Exsil, Inc., Prescott	Mfg./Recycling
Los Abridados Resort, Sedona	Resort Hotel
Mingus Union High School District, Cottonwood	School
Phelps & Sons Trusses, Cottonwood	Truss Manufacturing
Phoenix Cement Co., Clarkdale	Cement
City of Prescott	Government
Prescott Resort	Lodging
Prescott Unified School District	Education
Price Costco Store, Prescott	Retail
Ruger Investment Castings, Prescott	Steel Foundries
Safeway, Chino Valley	Retail Grocery
Sedona/Oak Creek Unified School District	School
Sturm Ruger & Co., Prescott	Manufacturer
Target Store, Prescott	Retail
Town of Prescott Valley	Government
U.S. Forest Service	Government
Veterans Administration Medical Center, Prescott	Hospital
Verde Valley Medical Center, Cottonwood	Hospital
Wal-Mart, Cottonwood & Prescott	Retail
West Yavapai Guidance Clinic, Prescott	Medical
Wulfsberg Electronics, Prescott	Communications Equipment
Yavapai Community College	College
Yavapai County	Government
Yavapai Gaming Agency,	Gaming
Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Prescott	Hospital

Sources: APS, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, City of Prescott

Note: Companies employ at least 100 people. Employment estimate is based on a specific business location, not overall company employment.

Employment by Occupation

	% of Total
Managers & Administrative	6.39
Professional & Technical	19.89
Sales & Related Occupations	10.72
Clerical & Administrative Support	15.43
Service Occupations	20.78
Agriculture, Forestry, & Fishing	1.10
Production, Maintenance, & Material Handling	25.69

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security



Electric Service

Major Suppliers:	
APS	(520) 250-1000
Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.	(520) 763-4115

Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:	
Citizens Utilities Co.	(520) 329-8800

Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local chamber of commerce directly.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:	
AT&T Communications	(800) 222-0300
Tabletop Telephone	(800) 560-8101
U.S. West Communications	(800) 244-1111

Source: Arizona Corporation Commission, Utility Division



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott	(800) 888-3728
Northern Arizona University-Yavapai, Prescott	(520) 445-5231
Prescott College, Prescott	(520) 778-2090
Yavapai College, Prescott	(520) 445-7300



Major Hospitals:	
Verde Valley Medical Center, Cottonwood	(520) 634-2251
Veterans Administration Medical Center, Prescott	(520) 445-4860
Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Prescott	(520) 445-2700



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 17, I-40, U.S. 93, state Highway 69, state Highway 71, state Highway 89, state Highway 89A, state Highway 96, state Highway 97, state Highway 169, state Highway 179, state Highway 260

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines, Prescott Transit Authority (520) 445-5470

Rail Service

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (800) 234-0154
Arizona Central Railroad (800) 293-2745

Trucking Service

Dewitt Bros Trucking, Federal Express, Hurley Trucking, Jaguar Fast Freight Inc., UPS, Yellow Freight

Air Service

Major Airports

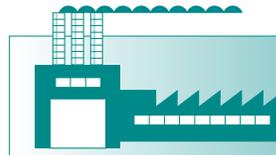
Airport Name: **Bagdad** (520) 633-2521
Functional Class: Community Service
Elevation: 4,183'
Ownership: Public-Yavapai County
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 05/23 Length: 4,575' Width: 60'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Cottonwood Municipal** (520) 634-5635
Functional Class: Community Service
Elevation: 3,550'
Ownership: Public-City of Cottonwood
Use: Public/Commercial
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 14/32 Length: 4,250' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Prescott-Ernest A. Love Field** (520) 455-7860
Functional Class: Commercial Service
Elevation: 5,042'
Ownership: Public-City of Prescott
Use: Public/Commercial/Military
Nav-Aids: ILS/VOR
Runway: 03/21 Length: 7,616' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 11/29 Length: 4,408' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Sedona** (520) 282-4487
Functional Class: Commercial Service
Elevation: 4,827'
Ownership: Public-Yavapai County
Use: Public/Commercial/Military
Nav-Aids: NDB
Runway: 03/21 Length: 5,131' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Sources: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study, and Yavapai County Board of Supervisors



Industrial Facilities

Clarkdale

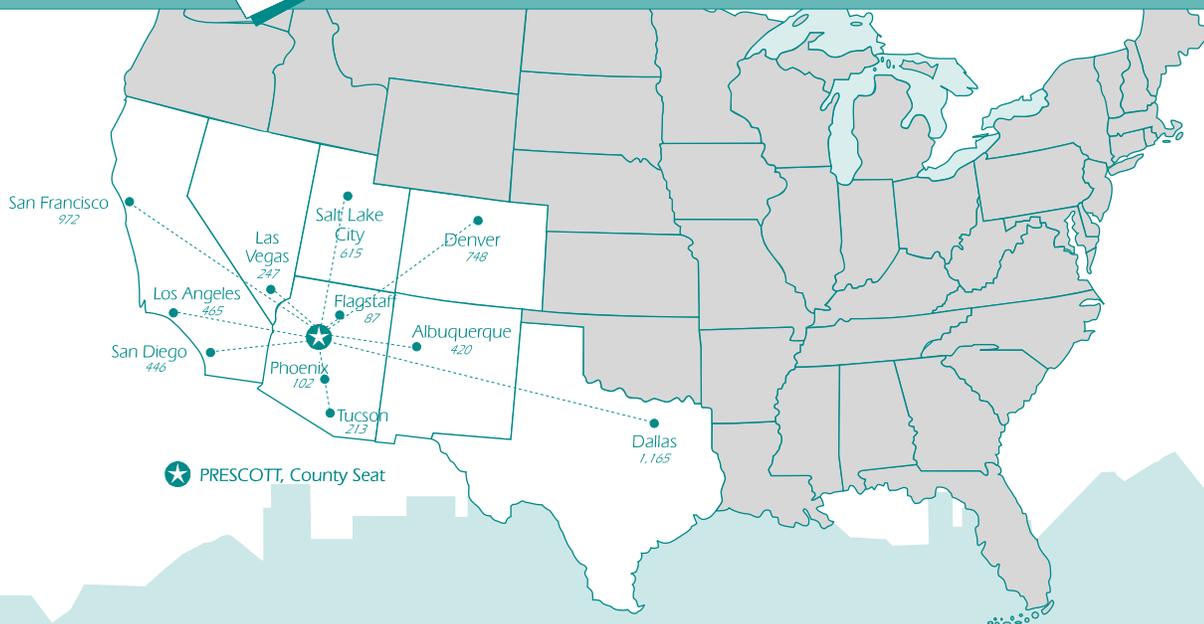
Clarkdale has one park with utilities, rail and road transportation available. For more information, contact the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce, (520) 634-3382.

Cottonwood

Cottonwood has more than 160 acres of industrial parks with utilities available. For more information, contact the Foundation for Economic Development, (520) 634-7593.



Distance to Major Cities



Prescott

Prescott has parks totalling more than 380 acres with utilities available. For more information, contact Prescott Economic Development, (520) 776-6275.

Prescott Valley

Prescott Valley has 300 acres of industrial parks with utilities available. For more information, contact the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce, (520) 772-8857.



Financial Authorities

Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Yavapai County

c/o H.W. Smith, President
P.O. Box 607
Yarnell, AZ 86362
(520) 427-3124

Industrial Development Authority of Yavapai County

c/o Barry Cline
P.O. Box 1191
Prescott, AZ 86302-1191
(520) 445-0122

Industrial Development Authority of Cottonwood

c/o Marianne Jiminez
827 N. Main Street
Cottonwood, AZ 86326
(520) 634-5526

Commercial Banks

Arizona Bank
Bank of America
Bank One
Community First Bank
County Bank
Fifth Third Bank
Founders Bank
Frontier State Bank
National Bank of Arizona
Norwest Bank
Pacific Century Bank
The Stockmen's Bank
Wells Fargo
World Savings Bank



Taxes

Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax in Arizona is levied at 7 percent. The minimum amount collected by Arizona for corporate income tax is \$50.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Property Tax

Community	School District	Total Outside City	City/Fire	Total
Bagdad	5.7374	10.0185	0.0000	10.0185
Camp Verde	6.2097	10.4908	1.6260	12.1168
Chino Valley	6.6968	10.9779	0.0000	10.9779
Clarkdale	6.3116	10.5927	1.4998	12.0925
Cottonwood	6.1458	10.4269	0.0000	10.4269
Jerome	6.3116	10.5927	1.6436	12.2363
Mayer	6.0014	10.2825	2.6169	12.8994
Prescott	4.7464	9.0275	0.5269	9.5544
Prescott Valley	6.3926	10.6737	1.6601	10.6737
Sedona	4.0992	8.3803	1.8000	10.1803

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 1998. Rate per \$100 of assessed value.

Note: Property tax in Arizona is based on assessed valuation which is 10 percent of market value for residential property. Average tax rate on homes in Arizona before exemptions and rebates is 1.3% of market value.

Sales Tax

Arizona has a general sales tax of 5 percent. Yavapai County has a .5 percent sales tax. The city of Clarkdale has a city sales tax rate of 2.25 percent; Jerome, 3 percent, Prescott and Prescott Valley, 2 percent; Sedona, 3 percent; Cottonwood, 2.2 percent; and Camp Verde, 1 percent. In addition, Sedona and Camp Verde have an additional 3 percent on hotel and motel stays; Prescott, Prescott Valley, Clarkdale, and Cottonwood, an additional 2 percent on hotel and motel stays.

Payroll Taxes

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue





For Further Information

Black Canyon City Chamber of Commerce

34561 Old Black Canyon Highway
 P. O. Box 1919
 Black Canyon City, AZ 85324 (623) 374-9797

Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 3520, 435 S. Main Street
 Camp Verde, AZ 86322 (520) 567-9294
 e-mail: cvchamber@sedona.net

Chino Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 419, 744 S. Highway 89
 Chino Valley, AZ 86323 (520) 636-2493

Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 161
 Clarkdale, AZ 86324 (520) 634-3382

Community Services

Cyprus Bagdad Copper Corporation
 c/o Insignia
 P.O. Box 202
 Bagdad, AZ 86321 (520) 633-4107

Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce

1010 S. Main St.
 Cottonwood, AZ 86326 (520) 634-7593
 e-mail: cottonwoodchamber@sedona.net
<http://chamber.verdevalley.com>

Cottonwood Foundation for Economic Development

1010 S. Main Street
 Cottonwood, AZ 85326 (520) 634-7593
<http://chamber.verdevalley.com>
cottonwoodchamber@sedona.net

Jerome Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Drawer K
 Jerome, AZ 86311 (520) 634-2900

Mayer Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 248
 Mayer, AZ 86333 (520) 632-4355

Prescott Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1147, 117 W. Goodwin
 Prescott, AZ 86302
www.arizonaguide.com/prescott
 Visitor Info: (800) 266-7534
 Visitor Info: (520) 445-2000
 Administration: (520) 778-2193

Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce

8098 E. State Route 69, Ste. B, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
www.pvchamber.org (520) 772-8857

Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation

8168 E. Florentine, Ste. C, (520) 775-0032
 Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 FAX: (520) 772-8857
www.pvedf.com/e-mail: info@pvedf.com (888) 240-4256

Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon Chamber of Commerce

331 Forest Rd. Visitor Info: (520) 282-7722
 P.O. Box 478 (800) 288-7336
 Sedona, AZ 86339 Administration: (520) 204-1123
www.sedonachamber.com info@sedonachamber.com

Yarnell/Peoples Valley Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 275
 Yarnell, AZ 85362-0275 (520) 427-6424

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