

Chino Valley is the site of the first temporary 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 grew 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.

Principal Economic Activities

The economy of Chino Valley is based on a mix of retail, commercial and service activities. Completion of ADOT's widening of Hwy 89, and the addition of enhanced access, sidewalks and several new roundabouts will provide better management of the 23,000 trips per day through town. The Town's receipt of \$2 million in grants will help establish a 240-acre industrial park just off Hwy 89, near newly completed shooting and tactical training ranges. Significant growth in Chino Valley has created employment in construction services and supplies, while proximity to Prescott's airport and technical training facility has begun to spark interest in manufacturing. Retirement and recreation in Chino Valley also are popular, as there is plenty of room for rural lifestyles. Agriculture is also a viable business field in Chino Valley. Willowcreek Greenhouses, NAB Nursery, and other nurseries and agricultural producers are active in the area.



Scenic Attractions

The Chino Valley area offers many recreational opportunities including historical landmarks, scenic views, and miles of hiking and equestrian trails. Camping, fishing and numerous lakes are within an hour's drive, including Watson, Goldwater and Lynx Lakes. Major annual events in Chino Valley celebrate the town's rural heritage. Patriotic pride is evident at the daylong Fourth of July Celebration at the Park, ending with one of the largest fireworks displays in northern Arizona. On Labor Day, the town honors its history with the annual First Territorial Capital Celebration. Highlights include vendors and crafts at Memory Park, a parade, pancake breakfast, Corn Dinner and rodeo. The Territorial Days Rodeo kicks off with a barbecue and dance, and provides a weekend full of entertainment for all ages.

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, as well as baseball, football and soccer fields.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1871 **Incorporated:** 1970
Elevation: 4,720 ft. **Location:** Yavapai County

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 115 miles **San Diego:** 390 miles
Tucson: 228 miles **Los Angeles:** 396 miles
Las Vegas: 235 miles

POPULATION

| | 2000 | 2010 | 2014 (est.) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Chino Valley | 4,835 | 7,835 | 10,844 |
| Yavapai County | 108,500 | 167,517 | 215,357 |
| State of Arizona | 3,680,800 | 5,130,632 | 6,667,241 |

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PROPERTY TAX

| | 2000 | 2010 | 2014 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Elementary / High School | 6.46 | 6.26 | 5.06 |
| City / Fire District | 1.89 | 2.02 | 3.58 |
| Yavapai County | 5.14 | 4.18 | 5.01 |
| Totals (Yavapai County) | 13.49 | 12.45 | 13.66 |

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Chino Valley | 4.00% |
| Yavapai County | 0.75% |
| State | 5.60% |

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LABOR FORCE

| | 2000 | 2010 | 2014 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,912 | 3,660 | 4,816 |
| Unemployed | 131 | 153 | 193 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.9% | 4.2% | 4.0% |

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

| | Count | Share |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Less than high school | 875 | 10.7% |
| High school or equivalent, no college | 2,569 | 31.5% |
| Some college or Associate degree | 3,379 | 41.4% |
| Bachelor's degree or advanced degree | 1,332 | 16.3% |

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

| | Count | Share |
|---|-------|-------|
| Education, health care & social assistance | 1,262 | 29.5% |
| Retail trade | 461 | 10.8% |
| Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services | 381 | 8.9% |
| Manufacturing | 348 | 8.1% |
| Finance, insurance & real estate | 342 | 8.0% |
| Construction | 283 | 6.6% |
| Public administration | 270 | 6.3% |
| Other services, except public administration | 251 | 5.9% |
| Transportation, warehousing, & utilities | 203 | 4.7% |
| Professional, scientific, & administrative services | 188 | 4.4% |
| Wholesale trade | 140 | 3.3% |
| Information | 75 | 1.8% |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining | 71 | 1.7% |

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