

Winslow

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Winslow, which became a division point for the Santa Fe Railway, is on Interstate 40 on the western border of Navajo County in the high plateau country of northeastern Arizona. The community lies in the Little Colorado River Valley (the river skirts the city's eastern edge) and is 58 miles east of Flagstaff. Famed Route 66 was the major east-west route through Winslow before I-40 replaced it. The first settler, in 1880, was reputed to have been a hotel man who lived in and did business from a tent. Two years later, in January 1882, a U.S. Post Office was established. The town is said to have been named for Edward Winslow, a railroad company president.

Basic Information

Founded: 1882
 Incorporated: 1900
 Elevation: 4,880
 Located in Navajo County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-40; SR 87; SR 99
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 184 miles
 Tucson: 274 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Winslow	9,279	9,520	10,194
Navajo County	77,674	97,470	114,780
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 8,190).

Principal Economic Activities

Winslow has a diversified economy in which transportation, tourism, manufacturing, trade and retail business are important factors. Trade is the second largest employer, partly due to tourism brought in by traffic on I-40 and state Highway 87, which connects Winslow to Phoenix (state Highway 87 continues north into the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations). The lumber industry also influences the area economy.

County Employment

	2008
Government	10,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,725
Educational and Health Services	3,425
Leisure and Hospitality	2,975
Mining and Construction	2,525
Professional and Business Services	1,225
Information	800
Manufacturing	725
Other Services	625
Financial Activities	600

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Public Employers

US Health & Human SVC Dept
 Winslow High School
 Winslow Memorial Hospital



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	3,625	3,491	3,972
Unemployed	229	116	168
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	3.3%	4.2%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	92	78	15
Taxable Sales (\$)	65.3 million	97.7 million	143.2 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	20.5 million	25.1 million	36 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.
 2008 New building permit data Incomplete: One or more months not available.

Scenic Attractions

Attractions include Apache Sitgreaves Natl. Forest with camping, hunting, fishing & water sports; Meteor Crater, Sunset Crater, & Canyon de Chelly Natl. Monuments; Petrified Forest Natl. Park & Painted Desert. On the Navajo Reserv. are prehistoric ruins & cliff dwellings, & on the Hopi Reserv., ancient pueblo villages. Homolovi Ruins State Park is a prehistoric archaeological site with ruins left by the Anasazi, believed to be Hopi ancestors. Clear Creek Reservoir offers picnicking & water sports. Downtown Winslow features La Posada, the last Fred Harvey Hotel surviving in the West, which has been restored to its former elegance. The Old Trails Museum features historical memorabilia about Winslow & northern AZ. Standing On The Corner Park was dedicated to the Eagles' song "Take It Easy."

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Community Facilities

Winslow has a library, a bowling alley, five parks, an indoor swimming pool, an outdoor pool, one nine-hole golf course, and several basketball, racquetball and tennis courts. Athletic facilities also include rodeo grounds, football and baseball fields. There are organized athletic programs, such as youth football, basketball, baseball, softball, bowling, swimming, golf and soccer; adult softball, bowling and square dancing. There are a senior center with adjacent park and McHood City Park with pavilion and seating ramada for 200 persons.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of banks: 2

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department/Sheriff/DPS

Airports

Winslow has an airport with two paved/lighted runways (7,500-ft./7,100-ft.) and UNICOM radio

Medical

Winslow Memorial Hospital

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 700
Meeting Rooms: 8
Capacity of Largest Facility:

Industrial Properties:

Sites of various sizes for light or heavy industry are available by lease or purchase. For further information, contact the City of Winslow.

Utilities

Cable	Cable One	888-216-7515
Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities (Winslow)	928.289.3386
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Winslow)	928.289.5533

Cable Providers: N
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: N
Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	7.11	7.16	5.36
City/Fire District	0.87	0.95	0.87
Countywide	2.32	2.90	2.56
Totals	10.30	11.01	8.79

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT).

Sales Tax

	2008
City/Town	3.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	39.5	70.8	0.6
February	19.7	46.3	0.5
March	24.9	54.1	0.5
April	30.1	61.7	0.5
May	37.0	70.3	0.4
June	44.8	79.9	0.3
July	53.5	90.5	0.3
August	62.1	93.5	1.2
September	60.7	90.5	1.4
October	52.7	84.5	0.9
November	39.9	72.8	0.7
December	27.7	58.5	0.5
	20.5	47.0	0.6

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1898-2005.
Average Total Snowfall 11.4".

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