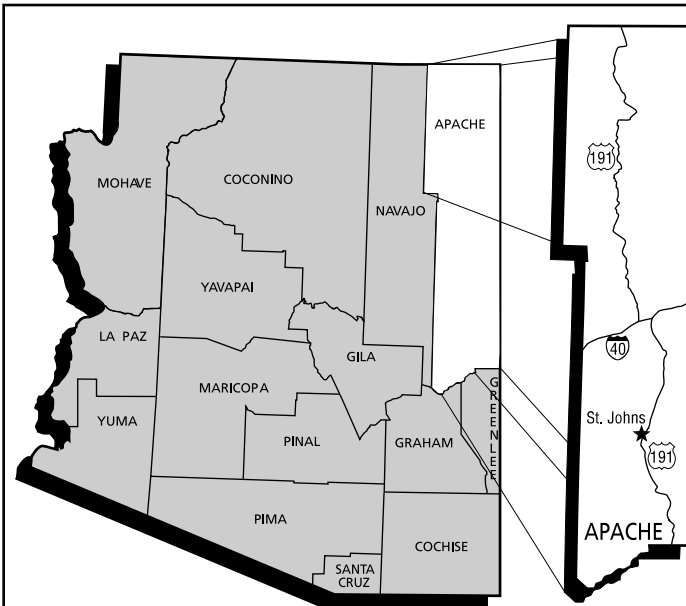


Profile:

Apache County, Arizona



Apache County was carved from Yavapai County — one of Arizona's original four counties — on Feb. 24, 1879, by the 10th Territorial Legislative Assembly. Leaders of St. Johns and Globe had petitioned for their towns to be the county seat, but the honor went temporarily to Snowflake, with the provision that an election would determine the permanent county seat. In November 1879, on the strength of votes from the mining town of Clifton (now in Greenlee County), St. Johns was designated the county seat.

Originally, Apache County encompassed all of present day Navajo County, part of Gila County and part of Graham County, but by 1895 its size had been reduced to the 11,216 square miles it occupies today. The Apache and Navajo Indian reservations cover more than 65.4 percent of the county, and 25 percent of the state's Native Americans live here. Approximately 21 percent is public land, and 13.2 percent is privately owned. All of Apache County is an Enterprise Zone.

The forested White Mountains and green pastures in the south of the county contrast sharply with the high, dry, colorful plateau region of the north. Excellent fishing, hunting and skiing make the White Mountains a year-round recreation area. Numerous archaeological sites are open to the public.

Fort Defiance, Arizona's first military post, the Town of Ganado, and Hubbell's famous trading post (now a National Historic Site) are located in northern Apache County on the Navajo Reservation. Chinle, another Indian trade center, is the gateway to the spectacular Canyon de Chelly National Monument. Also in Apache County are the spectacular Petrified Forest National Park and the Painted Desert, Window Rock, the Navajo tribal capital, and Casa Malpais Archaeological site. The Apache Indian Reservation, located in the White Mountains around the settlement of Fort Apache, includes 25 excellent fishing lakes and the Sunrise Park Ski Resort for outdoor recreation, as well as a highly successful lumber mill and a casino.



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Apache County At-A-Glance

County Seat	St. Johns
2008 Population:	76,156
2008 Labor Force:	21,383
Unemployment Rate:	10.1%
Major Industries:	Other Private Service – Providing; Trade, Transportation & Utilities
Best Paying Industries:	Healthcare Practitioner & Technical; Architecture & Engineering

Sources: Population Estimates, Strategic Investment and Research, Research Administration and 2008 Special Unemployment Report, Arizona Department of Commerce.

Incorporated Cities



Note: The Navajo Nation communities of Chinle, New Lands and Window Rock/Ft. Defiance are unincorporated. New Lands was established in 1987.



Population

	1990	2000	2008
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455
Apache County	61,591	69,423	76,156

Major Cities/Communities

Chinle, Navajo Nation	7,000	5,366	N/A
Eagar	4,025	4,033	4,810
New Lands	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Johns	3,294	3,269	4,006
Springerville	1,802	1,972	2,194
Window Rock/Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation	7,795	7,120	N/A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	31.9%
15-24	16.1%
25-44	25.1%
45-64	18.7%
65+	8.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	19.5%
African American	0.2%
Native American	76.9%
Asian or Pacific Islands	0.2%
Other	3.2%
Total	100%
Hispanic Heritage*	4.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census
Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race





Labor Force

2008 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	3,132,667	5.5%
Apache County	21,383	10.6%

Major Cities/Communities

Chinle, Navajo Nation	1,844	16.4%
Eagar	1,980	3.3%
Window Rock, Navajo Nation	1,207	6.2%
St. Johns	1,334	3.7%
Springerville	939	4.3%
Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation	1,415	10.9%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Commerce, December 2008 Special Unemployment Report.

2008 Employment by Sector

Goods Producing	825
Other Private Service - Providing	4,350
Government	12,825
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,675

Source: Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research. Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2008 Total All Occupations

Employment	19,070
Hourly Compensation	
Average Wage	\$16.34
Entry Wage	\$8.28
Experienced	\$20.37

2008 Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative Support	3,060	\$14.09
Construction & Extraction	440	\$17.79
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,130	\$9.65
Education, Training & Library	2,000	\$16.49
Sales & Related	970	\$10.70
Transportation & Material Moving	620	\$13.03
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	1,180	\$28.17
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	860	\$20.90
Protective Service	980	\$15.24
Management	940	\$30.25
Building & Maintenance	880	\$12.33
Architecture & Engineering		\$26.06
Computer & Mathematical	200	\$24.52

Source: Prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2009

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Ft. Defiance Hospital	Health Services
Indian Health Services, Chinle/Ft. Defiance	Health Services
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Utility
Navajo Communications Co., Window Rock	Telephone Communications
Navajo Nation, Window Rock	Governmental
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Navajo Nation	Utility
Sage Memorial Hospital, Ganado	Health Services
Saint Johns Community Health Center	Health Services
Salt River Project Coronado Generating Station, Saint Johns	Power
Tucson Electric Power, Springerville	Power
White Mountain Community Hospital, Springerville	Health Services
Wilburs IGA Market, Saint Johns	Retail

Sources: Economic Development for Apache County Corporation (EDAC); Navajo Nation, Division of Economic Development; and St. Johns Regional Chamber of Commerce



Utilities

Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	(928) 729-5721
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Springerville/Eagar)	(928) 333-4631
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. (St. Johns)	(928) 337-4414

Natural Gas Service

Major Suppliers:

Ferrell Propane (Chinle)	(505) 863-4701
Graves Propane Co. (St. Johns)	(928) 337-4760
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	(928) 729-5721
Eagar area (propane & butane)	(928) 333-5550

Water and Sewer

For information, contact the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, (928) 729-5721, or the Division of Economic Development Office, Navajo Nation, (928) 871-6544.

For additional information, see specific community profile or contact the ACES Corporation at (928) 337-2644.



Telephone

Major Suppliers:

Citizens Communications (Saint Johns/Springerville)	(800) 921-8101
GTE West (Eagar)	(928) 537-6110
Navajo Communications Company, Inc.	(928) 871-5581
Table Top Telephone, Inc. (New Lands)	(800) 560-8101

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines, Navajo Transit System, White Mountain Passenger Lines

Rail Service

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (800) 289-2673

Trucking Service

Alpine Trucking Inc. and JC Trucking

Air Service

Major Airports

Airport Name: Navajo Air Transportation
 (No telephone)
 Functional Class: Community Service
 Elevation: 6,737'
 Ownership: Native American
 Use: Public
 Nav-Aids: None
 Runway: 02/20 Length: 7,000' Width: 75'
 Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: Springerville Airport
 (928) 333-5746
 Functional Class: Community Service
 Elevation: 7,051'
 Ownership: Public
 Use: Public
 Nav-Aids: None
 Runway: 03/21 Length: 6,600' and 4,800'
 Width: 75' Surface: Asphalt
 14,000 sq. ft. terminal & hangar

Airport Name: St. Johns Airpark
 (No telephone)
 Functional Class: Community Service
 Elevation: 5,733'
 Ownership: Public
 Use: Public
 Nav-Aids: None
 Runway: 02/20 Length: 5,300' and 3,400'
 Width: 60' Surface: Asphalt
 40 tie-downs

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Medical

Major Hospitals:

Sage Memorial Hospital, Ganado	(928) 755-3411
White Mountains Community Hospital, Springerville	(928) 333-4368



Education

Dine Community College (formerly Navajo)	Chinle: (928) 674-3319 Ganado: (928) 755-3555 Tsaile: (928) 724-6630 Window Rock: (928) 871-2230
Northland Pioneer College	Springerville: (928) 333-2498 St. Johns: (928) 337-4768



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 40, U.S. 60, U.S. 160, U.S. 180, U.S. 191, state Highway 61, state Highway 180A, state Highway 260, state Highway 261, state Highway 262, state Highway 264, state Highway 273, Indian Route 7, Indian Route 12, Indian Route 54, Indian Route 59, Indian Route 63



Distance to Major Cities





Industrial Facilities

Chinle

There is one 30-acre industrial park with electricity, gas, water, sewer and transportation services available. Eighteen of those 30 acres are available for lease. Contact Dineh Cooperatives, Inc. (928) 674-3411.

Springerville/Eagar

Springerville has developed an industrial airpark, adjoining the Springerville Municipal Airport. There are also 221.67 acres available with some utilities. For more information, contact the Springerville/Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce (928) 333-2123.

New Lands

New Lands is a planned community administered by the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation. For more information, call (928) 779-2721 x129.

St. Johns

Adjoining the airport, an 80-acre industrial park has available sites to suit commercial/industrial purposes. Existing infrastructure includes utilities and paved streets. For more information, contact the Economic Development for Apache County Corporation (EDAC) at (928) 337-2644.

Window Rock/Fort Defiance

The Fort Defiance Industrial Site, one of seven industrial sites on the Navajo Nation, is located at the intersection of Navajo Route 12 and Navajo Route 54, 30 miles north of I-40. It has 28 acres with utilities and a paved access road. Contact the Navajo Nation, Division of Economic Development at (928) 871-6544.



Financial Authorities

Commercial Banks

Chase
 First Interstate Bank
 Frontier State Bank
 National Bank of Arizona
 Norwest Bank
 Wells Fargo Bank



Taxes

State Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

2008 Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Eagar	4.11	0.00	2.37	6.48
St. Johns	3.66	0.00	2.37	6.03
Springerville	4.11	0.00	2.37	6.48

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2008 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Apache County has a .50% general sales tax. St. Johns has a 2.00% sales tax and an additional 1.00% on hotel/motel stays. Springerville and Eagar have a 3.00% sales tax. Springerville has an additional 2.00% tax on hotel and motel stays and Eagar has a 3.00% tax on hotel and motel stays.

Source: League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Payroll Tax

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





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