

Colorado City

Community Profile

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Colorado City is on the northern border of Arizona adjacent to Hildale, Utah. Colorado City was originally called Short Creek, for a nearby stream which sank into the sand before it had run very far. The area shows evidence of an early Anasazi population. One of the first modern settlers was William Maxwell in about 1908. Other early settlers were ranchers and cattlemen and, a few years later, homesteaders. In about 1930, a group of religious fundamentalists came from Utah seeking refuge and played a major part in pioneering the community to the thriving little city that it is today. The community officially changed its name to Colorado City in 1963.

Basic Information

Founded: 1908	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: 1985	Phoenix: 354 miles
Elevation: 5,200	Tucson: 467 miles
Located in Mohave County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS SR 389	

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Colorado City	2,426	3,334	4,042
Mohave County	93,497	155,032	205,862
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

The traditional economic focus on agriculture and ranching has gradually changed with growth and urban expansion. The school district is the largest single employer, but manufacturing plants and regional construction provide most jobs. The neighboring community of Hildale, Utah, with an active industrial park and service industries, plays an important part in Colorado City's economy. Many industrial activities are in Hildale, while most commercial retail is in Colorado City.

County Employment

	2008
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,500
Government	8,700
Educational and Health Services	6,100
Leisure and Hospitality	6,100
Mining and Construction	5,100
Professional and Business Services	3,900
Manufacturing	3,300
Financial Activities	2,600
Other Services	2,600
Information	900

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	489	981	1,323
Unemployed	N/R	27	59
Unemployment Rate	N/A	2.8%	4.5%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	32	44	1
Taxable Sales (\$)	341,357	8.6 million	13.7 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	3.6 million	4.5 million	13.1 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

2000 and 2008 New building data incomplete: One or more months not available.

Scenic Attractions

The Arizona Strip encompasses more than 5 million acres of land and is often called the gateway to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Points of interest include House Rock Valley, Navajo Trail, Cane Beds, Pipe Springs and Kaibab/Paiute Indian Reservation. Scenery near Colorado City includes Vermillion and Shinorump Cliffs, Steamboat Rock, numerous canyons and Indian ruins. The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is about 100 miles south and the 741,000-acre Kaibab National Forest, with picnicking, rock hunting, camping and hunting, is less than 40 miles southeast. The town is only hours from Zion and Bryce national parks, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Utah State Park, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon and Lake Mead recreation areas, and Historic Pipe Springs National Monument.

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Community Facilities

The Town of Colorado City has two neighborhood parks, a public library, a private community center, a basketball court, and a small private zoo.

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

Financial

Government

Fire Department: Fire District
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Colorado City Municipal Airport

Medical

There is a regional medical center located in St. George, Utah.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: n/a
Meeting Rooms: 2
Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Town of Colorado City.

Utilities

Electricity	Twin City Power	435.874.1160
Propane	Standard Supply Co.	928.875.2252
Sewer	Hildale City	435.874.2323
Telephone	South Central Utah Telephone Assn.	435.826.4211
Water	Town of Colorado City	928.875.2646

Cable Providers: N
Digital Switching Station: Y
Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	5.52	7.05	11.82
City/Fire District	0.00	2.37	3.25
Countywide	4.82	4.19	3.06
Totals	10.34	13.61	18.13

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

Note: Colorado City residents also pay Colorado City Fire District rate. (Totals may not add due to rounding.)

Sales Tax

	2008
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
	41.0	69.6	1.1
January	23.5	47.6	1.4
February	27.9	52.4	1.6
March	32.2	58.7	1.6
April	37.5	66.6	1.0
May	45.9	77.0	0.6
June	54.3	87.7	0.4
July	60.9	93.0	1.2
August	60.2	90.4	1.6
September	52.9	82.8	1.2
October	41.8	71.7	1.0
November	31.4	58.0	1.1
December	23.6	48.6	1.0

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1963-2005.
Average Total Snowfall 17.6".

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