

Eagar

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Eagar, located on the northeast slopes of the White Mountains, is set against a national forest of ponderosa pines. Its history dates to the late 1800's when John Thomas Eagar, his brothers Joel and William, and the Robertson family homesteaded in Round Valley. In 1888, the town was established under the name Union to unify the small settlements in the area. The name was changed to Eagar in 1892, and the Post Office was established in 1888. Eagar is on U.S. 180, the direct link between I-40 and I-10, at its junction with U.S. 60. U.S. Highway 180-191 is officially designated the "Coronado Trail". And the historic and scenic Route 66 will enhance any motorists' enjoyment of the area.

A REDI accredited community

Basic Information

Founded: 1888
 Incorporated: 1948
 Elevation: 7,090
 Located in Apache County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS US 60; US 180; US 191; SR 260
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 226 miles
 Tucson: 236 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Eagar	4,025	4,033	4,810
Apache County	61,591	69,423	76,156
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

For many years, agriculture and trading were the focus of the area. While ranching and hay production are still important, the construction of two power plants, the start of a sawmill and other timber-related industries, and the growing tourism/recreation trade has broadened the economic base. Eagar is in the center of the White Mountain Recreation Area. Tourist activity brings approximately 100,000 people to the national forest, making the trade and services sector vital to the economy.

County Employment

	2008
Government	12,825
Other Private Service-Providing	4,350
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,675
Goods Producing	825

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	1,709	1,780	1,980
Unemployed	71	50	65
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	2.8%	3.3%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	48	66	25
Taxable Sales (\$)	11.4 million	13.7 million	28.6 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	10.9 million	13.7 million	26.4 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc. 2007 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available

Scenic Attractions

Eagar's southern border is Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, which contains four rivers, 35 lakes and reservoirs, 680 miles of trout streams, 36 campgrounds, 18 miles of designated ATV trails, guest ranches, as well as primitive areas for pack trips. Year round recreational opportunities are endless with four seasons of outdoor adventure to highlight the quality of life that is experienced in Eagar, from skiing, sledding/tubing, ice fishing, and snowmobile rides, to camping, hunting, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, ATV riding, golfing and mountain biking. Ski 20 miles from Eagar at Sunrise Ski Park-owned by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, or cross-country ski at Alpine or Greer. The Little Colorado River originates above Greer and flows through Eagar on its way to the Grand Canyon.

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Community Facilities

Eagar community facilities are: a golf course, Public Library, Eagar Fire & Police Departments, White Mountain Ambulance Service, White Mountain Regional Medical Center (Hospital) and Springerville Airport, and sports facilities consisting of softball fields, tennis & racquetball courts, horseshoe pits, swimming pool, Ramsey Park & Skate Park and rodeo grounds. The rodeo grounds are a multi-purpose arena with associated buildings that host an annual 4th of July Rodeo as well as other rodeos, bull riding events and Gymkhana Club, Eagar Daze and an ATV Jamboree. The School District has soccer fields and a multi-purpose domed stadium with 3,500 fixed seating & 10,000 moveable seating, which is used for football, basketball and other high school activities, as well as some community functions.

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

Financial

Number of banks: 3

Government

Fire Department: 5 full-time and 30 volunteers
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Nearby Springerville Municipal Airport with a lighted/paved 8,400-ft. runway and 4,600-ft. paved crosswind runway.

Medical

Complete medical in Springerville. White Mountain Regional Medical Center

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 228
Meeting Rooms: 14
Capacity of Largest Facility: 10,000

Industrial Properties:

There are 221.67 acres available with some utilities. For further information, contact Economic Development for Apache County Corporation (EDAC), P.O. Box 767, St. Johns, AZ 85936 or call (928) 337-2644.

Utilities

Electricity	Navopache Electric Cooperative	928.333.4631
Natural Gas	Propane & Butane (Eagar)	520.333.5550
Telephone	Frontier	1.800.921.8101
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Eagar)	928.333.4128

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

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	3.62	5.71	4.11
City/Fire District	0.01	0.79	0.00
Countywide	1.77	1.91	2.37
Totals	5.40	8.41	6.48

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in 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	31.2	65.5	1.0
February	15.2	47.6	0.5
March	18.4	51.3	0.5
April	22.3	56.3	0.5
May	28.7	64.0	0.4
June	35.8	72.3	0.4
July	43.8	81.1	0.5
August	51.1	82.3	2.7
September	49.3	79.9	3.0
October	42.3	76.4	1.5
November	31.5	68.1	0.9
December	21.1	57.2	0.5
December	15.1	48.9	0.5

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1911-2005. Average Total Snowfall 19.3". Nearest data available from Springerville, AZ.

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