

FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION

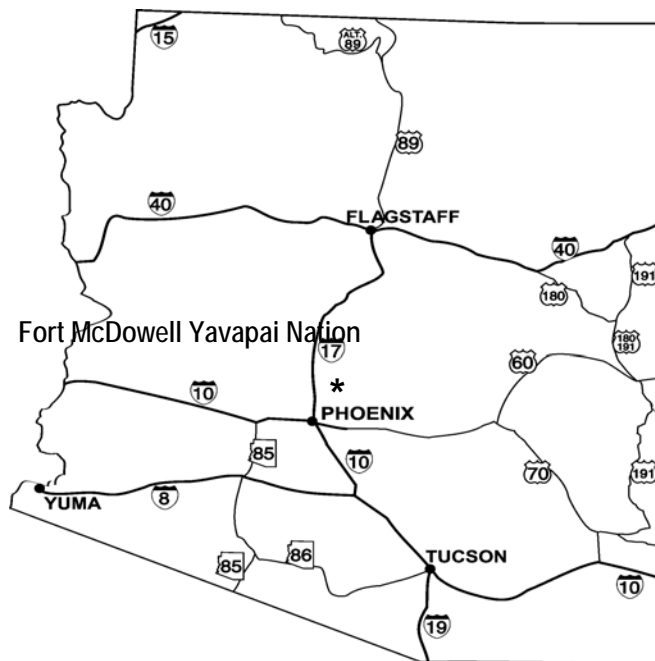
Community Profile

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Fort McDowell Indian Reservation is centrally located within Maricopa County. Its topography ranges from tree-lined river bottom to cactus-studded rolling desert. Created by Executive Order on Sept. 15, 1903, the 24,680-acre reservation is home to the Yavapai people. The reservation is only a small parcel of land which was once considered ancestral territory of these nomadic bands of people who hunted and gathered food in Central Arizona and the Mogollon Rim country. Fort McDowell was named after General Irwin McDowell. The reservation post was one of the most important outposts in the southwest during the Apache Wars between 1865 and 1891.

FOUNDED: 1903
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 23 miles
 HIGHWAYS: SR 87

INCORPORATED: No
 ELEVATION: 1,225 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 130 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	602	824	N/A
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,987,942
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and U.S. Census Bureau.
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 640). N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Ft. McDowell's prime economic activity is its casino, built in 1984, now occupies nearly 150,000 sq. ft. with 950 employees. It has 475 slot machines, live keno, high stakes bingo, pari-mutual wagering, a card room & several restaurants. Other businesses included a large sand & gravel quarrying operation, a concrete plant, a 2,000-acre farm, a gas station & western adventures catering facility. Nearby is the Out of Africa Wildlife Park.

County Employment

	<u>2008</u>
Educational and Health Services	210,800
Financial Activities	147,600
Government	220,800
Information	29,900
Leisure and Hospitality	183,100
Manufacturing	131,100
Mining and Construction	141,400
Other Services	69,000
Professional and Business Services	313,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	372,500

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

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Civilian Labor Force	219	298	N/A
Unemployed	18	19	N/A
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	6.4%	N/A

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The reservation occupies a rectangular shaped piece of land and is bisected by the southerly flowing Verde River. Views are abundant in every direction from the McDowells to the West to the Superstitions and Red Mountain to the East to Four Peaks to the North. Outdoor activities are available at the nearby Tonto and Coconino National Forests that include towering saguaros and pine-covered mountains with numerous lakes. The community celebrates Orme Dam Recognition Day in November, and Sovereignty Day each May. The nearby Phoenix metropolitan area offers a variety of activities, ranging from professional sports to major cultural events.

