

Coolidge is in the center of the rapidly expanding growth corridor in western Pinal County. The city continues to be the commercial center of Arizona's cotton industry and is a business-friendly city that attracts investment and new businesses, while supporting existing businesses. In 1925, after construction of the Coolidge Dam transformed the flat desert into rich farm and ranch land, R.J. Jones laid out an 80-acre site to found Coolidge. The city's name honors the President Calvin Coolidge, who dedicated the dam in 1930. Almost 100,000 people annually visit the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge to learn about prehistoric Hohokam people who constructed the Casa Grande (Spanish for big house), a four-story caliche structure built in the 1300s.

### Principal Economic Activities

From Coolidge's founding until the early 1950s, the economy was mainly dependent on agriculture and mining. Its economy has diversified to include manufacturing, tourism and regional trade and services for agricultural producers and farm families. The Coolidge Industrial Park, the Union Pacific Railroad Industrial Park and Randolph Industrial Park have boosted the presence of manufacturing. The city is setting the stage for increased economic development in these industrial centers.

### Scenic Attractions

The Coolidge Historical Society Museum displays historical artifacts from Coolidge and the surrounding areas from the 1920s to 1950s. Many photographs from the early days in Coolidge are part of the museum exhibits. The Coolidge Performing Arts Center showcases the performing arts through an abundance of musical, educational and other artistic performances. Another attraction is The Artisan Village of Coolidge, a center focusing on the artistic, creative and innovative pursuits that are the hallmark of artisans throughout the ages. Many of these pursuits represent a lost or dying art form in addition to disciplines that people just want to learn or master.

### Community Facilities

Coolidge offers a broad range of community facilities including a library, a performing arts center, youth recreation, adult centers, a swimming pool and multiple parks. Coolidge has a multi-complex with several tennis courts and softball, baseball and soccer fields. In addition, the Central Arizona College Campus and the Central Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology provide excellent educational programs.



## BASIC INFORMATION

<b>Founded:</b>	1925	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1945
<b>Elevation:</b>	1,500 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Pinal County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	51 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	369 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	67 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	428 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	349 miles		

## POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017 (est.)
Coolidge	7,786	11,855	12,485
Pinal County	179,727	376,369	427,603
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,965,897

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## PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.69	4.29	5.37
City / Fire District	1.52	1.12	1.93
Pinal County	7.63	6.36	7.47
Totals (Pinal County)	16.84	11.77	14.77

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## SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Coolidge	3.00%
Pinal County	1.60%
State	5.60%

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## LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2017
Civilian Labor Force	3,160	5,009	4,937
Unemployed	266	540	351
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	10.8%	7.1%

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## WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	1,540	19.8%
High school or equivalent, no college	2,570	33.1%
Some college or Associate degree	2,810	36.2%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	851	11.0%

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## INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Public administration	826	20.5%
Education, health care & social assistance	727	18.0%
Retail trade	464	11.5%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	408	10.1%
Construction	369	9.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	334	8.3%
Manufacturing	302	7.5%
Other services, except public administration	193	4.8%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	161	4.0%
Finance, insurance & real estate	140	3.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	76	1.9%
Information	19	0.5%
Wholesale trade	13	0.3%

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