

# SAN CARLOS APACHE RESERVATION

## Community Profile

### Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation spans Gila, Graham and Pinal counties in southeastern Arizona. It was first established as a reservation by President Grant's Executive Order in 1871. Apaches are descendants of the Athabascan family, which migrated to the Southwest in the 10th century. Many bands of Apache, as well as Mohave and Yuma Indians, were relocated from their traditional homelands, extending through wide areas of Arizona and New Mexico, to the reservation. Later, separate reservations were created for Mohave and Yuma tribes.

FOUNDED: 1934

INCORPORATED: No

COUNTY: Gila County

ELEVATION: 2,500 feet

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 110 miles

DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 120 miles

HIGHWAYS: ST 70, ST 60

### POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>
San Carlos Apache			
Reservation	7,294	9,385	9,692*
Gila County	40,216	51,335	53,015
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,472,750

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

\* 2002 estimate projected from county population growth rates.

### PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Government agencies are the major employers on the San Carlos Indian Reservation. The federal government employs many residents in its delivery of health, education and economic services. Numerous tribal enterprises, the tribal administration, and the San Carlos Unified School District also provide employment.

The Apache Gold Casino Resort offers approximately 450 jobs to tribal members and non-members in surrounding communities. Other industry include lumbering, tourism and recreation.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2002</u>
Agriculture		110
Construction	600	850
FIRE	300	275
Government	2,750	4,600
Manufacturing	1,425	875
Mining	1,275	650
Services	2,125	2,800
TCPU	450	475
Trade	2,525	3,100

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

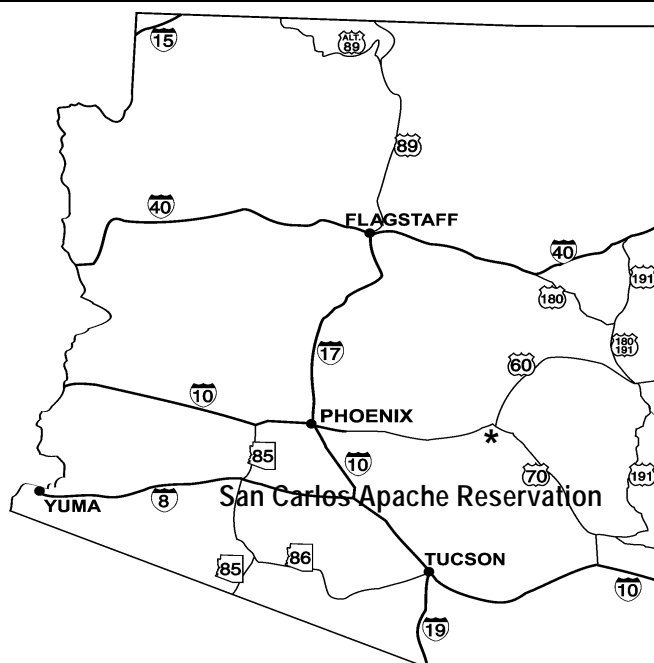
NOTE: Agriculture figure from 2001 4th Qtr., AZ ES 202 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Major Private Employers

Apache Gold Casino	Apache Timber Products
Bashas'	Noline's Country Store
San Carlos Lake Development Corp.	

### Major Public Employers

Bureau of Indian Affairs	Indian Health Services
Rice School District	San Carlos Apache Tribe



### LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,811	2,283	2,606
Unemployed	382	419	666
Unemployment Rate	21.1%	18.4%	25.6%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

### SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The San Carlos Reservation is a scenic adventure ranging from desert to alpine meadows. The area is blessed with a wide variety of geological, historical and recreational attractions. U.S. 60, the direct route between Show Low and Globe, cuts through the Salt River Canyon, often referred to as the mini Grand Canyon. Whitewater rafting, kayaking and canoeing are popular as the snow melt fills the river.

Also on the reservation are found more than 100 small ponds, called tanks, and many other lakes and streams. Talkalai Lake is fully stocked and fishing for trout, bass, channel catfish, crappie and bluegill is excellent throughout the reservation (permits are required). The temperate climate makes hunting for big and small games, such as elk, bighorn sheep, javelina and antelope.

## TAXES

The State of Arizona does not tax Indian lands and Indian owned property on reservations. Incomes of Indians residing on reservations are not taxed by the State if wholly derived from reservation sources. The Federal Government does not exempt individual Indians from income or other federal taxes. Indian people of Arizona are also exempt from state and local sales taxes on consumer goods purchased on the reservation, unless such taxes are imposed by the tribal government. However, the State of Arizona collects taxes from reservation residents on sales of gasoline, electricity, natural gas, and telephone service.

## Industrial Properties

There is one industrial park with water and natural gas available. The Southern Pacific Railroad, U.S. 70 and an airstrip are nearby. Contact the Planning & Economic Development Office at (928) 475-2331 for more information.

## Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9407
	Graham County Utilities	928.485.2451
	San Carlos Irrigation Proj. (Apache)	928.475.2214
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	San Carlos Apache Telecomm. Utility	928.475.2433

Cable Providers: Yes      Cable Internet Service Provider: No  
 Digital Switching Station: No      Fiber Optics: Yes  
 Internet Service Provider: Yes

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The San Carlos Apache Tribe offers a wide range of community facilities including a library, four Chapter Houses, two rodeo arenas, six ball fields, a community swimming pool, one convenience store, Bashas' Supermarket, Texaco, Apache Gold Casino, and a laundromat.

### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

### Financial

Number of Banks: 0

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: San Carlos Apache Reservation

### Airports

Local airstrip in San Carlos has a lighted/paved 4,750-ft. runway.

### Medical

There is a Public Health Service Hospital with 32 beds, seven doctors and two dentists.

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 150

Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 400

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	27.1	61.4	1.08
February	30.5	66.7	0.78
March	34.4	71.5	1.03
April	40.3	80.9	0.31
May	46.9	89.9	0.18
June	56.6	98.9	0.34
July	68.2	100.5	1.74
August	66.1	98.4	1.99
September	57.9	94.2	0.86
October	45.2	83.9	1.19
November	33.0	71.4	0.61
December	27.2	62.0	1.37
Yearly Avg	44.5	81.6	11.47

*Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1997. Average Total Snowfall (in.) 0.7.*

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