County Profile for

Coconino County

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Map of Coconino County

Coconino County, carved out of Yavapai County, was created by the 16th Territorial Assembly in 1891. That same year, an election was held to determine the permanent county seat. Flagstaff, which had been designated the temporary county seat, won out over Williams by a vote of 419 to 97. Flagstaff, home of Northern Arizona University, remains the county seat. The original county courthouse, with additions, is still in use. Coconino County lies in the central region of northern Arizona, which was crossed by Spanish expeditions going back to the 16th century, and by fur trappers and traders in the 1820s and 1830s. Cattle and sheep ranching started in the 1870s and, when the railroad began serving the area a decade later, the lumber business boomed. The county is a year-round mecca for outdoor activities. With 18,661 square miles, Coconino is the second largest county in the United States and the largest in Arizona, but is one of the most sparsely populated. It is characterized by rugged mountains, deep canyons and thick forests of pine, spruce, piñon, aspen and oak. Within its borders are many scenic sites – the most popular and impressive is Grand Canyon National Park. Other attractions are Oak Creek Canyon, Sunset Crater National Monument, prehistoric Indian ruins at Wupatki, Walnut Canyon, the Navajo National Monument, the San Francisco Peaks, Arizona's highest point at 12,633 feet, and Lake Powell, with 1,960 miles of shoreline. Indian reservations comprise 38 percent of the land and are home to the Navajo, Hopi, Paiute, Havasupai and Hualapai tribes. The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management control 32 percent of the land; the state of Arizona owns 10 percent; other public lands comprise 7 percent; and the remaining 13 percent is owned by individuals or corporations.

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POPULATION

	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Coconino County	116,320	134,679	147,434

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Coconino County	1.30%
State	5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	62,612	72,846	72,223
Unemployed	2,730	7,196	4,366
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	9.9%	6.0%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	7,597	9.0%
High school or equivalent, no college	18,325	21.7%
Some college or Associate degree	26,666	31.6%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	31,726	37.6%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	18,638	28.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	12,394	18.8%
Retail trade	7,701	11.7%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	5,213	7.9%
Manufacturing	4,790	7.3%
Construction	3,885	5.9%
Public administration	3,673	5.6%
Other services, except public administration	2,646	4.0%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	2,634	4.0%
Finance, insurance & real estate	2,233	3.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	876	1.3%
Wholesale trade	685	1.0%
Information	607	0.9%

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