

Community Profile for

Coolidge



Coolidge is one of the fastest growing cities in Arizona, located in the heart of the "Sun Corridor." Situated halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Coolidge is home to the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, a prehistoric site operated by the National Park Service. 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 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 the 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, regional trade, services for agricultural producers, green energy solutions including solar farms and more. The Inland Port of Arizona (IPAZ), Coolidge Industrial Park, 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. Nikola Motors' sprawling manufacturing facility in IPAZ utilizes green technology producing battery and hydrogen electric vehicles. At full build out, the company anticipates their campus occupying nearly a million square feet. A mixture of manufacturing, especially in the southern part of Coolidge, has also taken shape. The City anticipates future developments in this region as more companies call Coolidge home to their manufacturing and distribution operations.

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. The Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum is located at the Artisan Village in Coolidge. This spacious collection features specimens from all over Arizona and the world.

Community Facilities

Coolidge offers a broad range of community facilities including a newly constructed aquatics center, library, performing arts center, youth recreation, adult centers and multiple parks. Coolidge has a multicomplex 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.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1925
Incorporated: 1945
Elevation: 1,500 ft.
Location: Pinal

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 51 miles
Tucson: 67 miles
Las Vegas: 349 miles
San Diego: 369 miles
Los Angeles: 428 miles

POPULATION

2000 2010 2023 (est.)

Coolidge 7,786 11,855 14,291

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Coolidge 3.00%
Pinal 1.10%
State 5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

2000 2010 2022

Civilian Labor Force 3,160 5,009 6,009
Unemployed 266 540 530
Unemployment Rate 8.4% 10.8% 8.8%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

Count Share

Less than high school	1,137	13.4%
High school or equivalent, no college	3,490	41.2%
Some college or Associate degree	2,678	31.6%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,164	13.7%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	1,013	20.2%
Public administration	961	19.2%
Retail trade	689	13.7%
Manufacturing	425	8.5%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	383	7.6%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	296	5.9%
Construction	291	5.8%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	286	5.7%
Other services, except public administration	252	5.0%
Finance, insurance & real estate	213	4.3%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	158	3.2%
Information	39	0.8%
Wholesale trade	5	0.1%

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