

# Community Profile for

## Pinetop-Lakeside



Pinetop-Lakeside is located in the scenic White Mountains of Arizona. Founded in the early 1880s by Mormon pioneers, Lakeside derived its name from the area's lakes, and Pinetop derived its name from the nickname of a saloon keeper who served the Fort Apache soldiers. The two communities incorporated as one town in 1984. Pinetop-Lakeside is known for its extensive tourism and recreational activities, proximity to the world's largest stand of ponderosa pines and for an outstanding quality of life. Pinetop-Lakeside was voted "Best Cabin Region in the U.S." by *Cabin Life Magazine* in 2015. From Phoenix, U.S. 60 through the scenic Salt River Canyon or State Highway 260 through Payson will lead to Pinetop-Lakeside.

### Principal Economic Activities

Pinetop-Lakeside offers many resources including fresh air, clean water, access to major metropolitan areas and a well-planned rural business atmosphere. The economy is heavily-oriented toward trade and services. Sunrise Ski Resort, on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation, attracts skiers worldwide, while Pinetop-Lakeside provides lodging.

### Scenic Attractions

Pinetop-Lakeside is surrounded by the beauty of Arizona's White Mountains, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation. Hiking, biking and horseback riding are popular activities on the 200 miles of developed multi-use trails, which are part of the White Mountains Trail System. Hunting and fishing are popular activities, and picnic and camping facilities are available as well. Pinetop-Lakeside is noted for its golf courses and Woodland Lake Park's excellent recreational facilities. Cross-country skiing, sledding, snowmobiling and ice fishing can be enjoyed during the winter. Excellent downhill skiing is available 45 minutes away at Sunrise Park Resort.

### Community Facilities

The Pinetop-Lakeside area offers a broad range of community facilities including a hospital, library, movie theater, three golf courses and several pickleball courts. Woodland Lake Park and the Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex afford lighted baseball, soccer and softball fields, play areas, fishing, hiking and bicycle trails.

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### BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1880

Incorporated: 1984  
Elevation: 6,900 ft.  
Location: Navajo

**Distance to major cities:**

Phoenix: 190 miles  
Tucson: 190 miles  
Las Vegas: 396 miles  
San Diego: 540 miles  
Los Angeles: 558 miles

## **POPULATION**

**2000 2010 2023 (est.)**

Pinetop-Lakeside 3,582 4,289 4,044

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## **SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Pinetop-Lakeside 2.50%  
Navajo 0.50%  
State 5.60%

*Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation*

## **LABOR FORCE**

**2000 2010 2022**

Civilian Labor Force 1,744 2,049 1,944  
Unemployed 67 92 25  
Unemployment Rate 3.8% 4.5% 1.3%

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## **WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

**Count Share**

Less than high school	295	9.0%
High school or equivalent, no college	695	21.2%
Some college or Associate degree	1,106	33.7%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,188	36.2%

*American Community Survey*

## **INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

**Count Share**

Education, health care & social assistance	879	48.7%
Retail trade	316	17.5%

Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	124	6.9%
Finance, insurance & real estate	105	5.8%
Wholesale trade	83	4.6%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	69	3.8%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	64	3.5%
Public administration	44	2.4%
Other services, except public administration	34	1.9%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	34	1.9%
Information	32	1.8%
Construction	21	1.2%

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