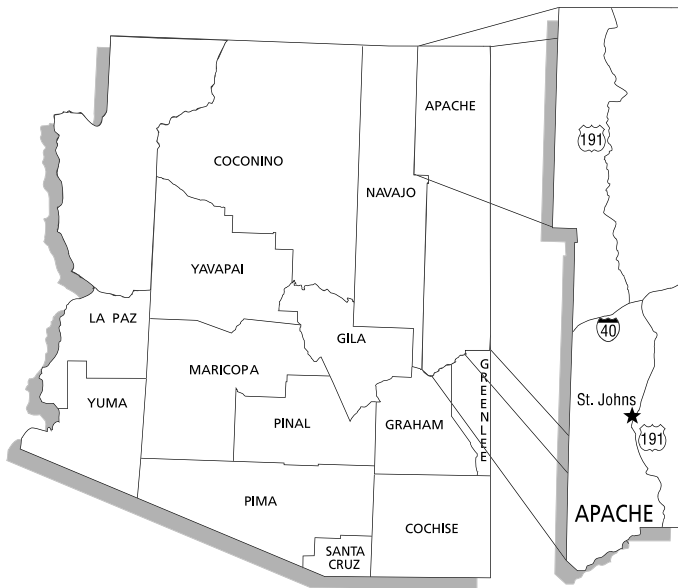


Profile:

Apache County, Arizona



Apache County was carved from Yavapai County — one of Arizona's original four counties — on Feb. 24, 1879, by the 10th Territorial Legislative Assembly. Leaders of St. Johns and Globe had petitioned for their towns to be the county seat, but the honor went temporarily to Snowflake, with the provision that an election would determine the permanent county seat. In November 1879, on the strength of votes from the mining town of Clifton (now in Greenlee County), St. Johns was designated the county seat.

Originally, Apache County encompassed all of present day Navajo County, part of Gila County and part of Graham County, but by 1895 its size had been reduced to the

11,218 square miles it occupies today. The Apache and Navajo Indian reservations cover 66 percent of the county, and 25 percent of the state's Native Americans live here. Approximately 21 percent is public land, and 14 percent is privately owned. All of Apache County is an Enterprise Zone.

The forested White Mountains and green pastures in the south of the county contrast sharply with the high, dry, colorful plateau region of the north. Excellent fishing, hunting and skiing make the White Mountains a year-round recreation area. Numerous archaeological sites are open to the public.

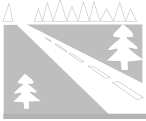
Fort Defiance, Arizona's first military post, the Town of Ganado, and Hubbell's famous trading post (now a National Historic Site) are located in northern Apache County on the Navajo Reservation. Chinle, another Indian trade center, is the gateway to the spectacular Canyon de Chelly National Monument. Also in Apache County are the spectacular Petrified Forest National Park and the Painted Desert, Window Rock, the Navajo tribal capital, and Casa Malpais Archaeological site. The Apache Indian Reservation, located in the White Mountains around the settlement of Fort Apache, includes 25 excellent fishing lakes and the Sunrise Park Ski Resort for outdoor recreation, as well as a highly successful lumber mill and a casino.



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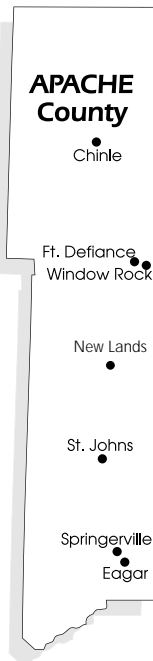


Apache County At-A-Glance

County Seat	St. Johns
2003 Population:	70,625
2003 Labor Force:	21,874
Unemployment Rate:	14.1%
Major Industries:	Goods Producing, Government
Best Paying Industries:	Management, Healthcare Practitioners & Technical

Sources: Population Estimates, Population Statistics Unit, Research Administration and 2003 Preliminary Special Unemployment Report, Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Incorporated Cities



Note: The Navajo Nation communities of Chinle, New Lands and Window Rock/Ft. Defiance are unincorporated. New Lands was established in 1987.



Population

	1990	2000	2003
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870
Apache County	61,591	69,423	70,625
<i>Major Cities/Communities</i>			
Chinle, Navajo Nation	7,000	5,366	5,459*
Eagar	4,025	4,033	4,140
New Lands	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Johns	3,294	3,269	3,575
Springerville	1,802	1,972	1,990
Window Rock/Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation	7,795	7,120	7,243*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Population Statistics Unit

* Based on county growth rate

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	31.9%
15-24	16.1%
25-44	25.1%
45-64	18.7%
65+	8.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition

Race	% of total
White	19.5%
African American	0.2%
Native American	76.9%
Asian or Pacific Islands	0.2%
Other	3.2%
Total	100%
Hispanic Heritage*	4.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

* Persons of Hispanic heritage can be of any race





Labor Force

2003 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,690,294	5.6%
Apache County	21,874	14.1%
<i>Major Cities/Communities</i>		
Chinle, Navajo Nation	1,595	17.7%
Eagar	2,122	4.3%
New Lands, Navajo Nation	N/A	N/A
St. Johns	1,755	4.5%
Springerville	1,071	7.5%
Window Rock/Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation	3,415	13.9%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security, 2003 Special Unemployment Report

2003 Employment by Sector

Goods Producing	625
Government	12,975
Other Private Service-Providing	3,800
Construction	550
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,850
Trade	1,700
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	775
Services and Miscellaneous	2,600

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security.

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2003 Total All Occupations

Employment	18,820
<i>Hourly Compensation</i>	
Median Wage	\$12.37
Average Wage	\$15.09
Entry Wage	\$ 6.51
Experienced	\$18.11

Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

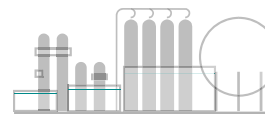
	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative	3,140	\$12.56
Education, Training & Library	1,840	\$17.98
Sales & Related	1,540	\$11.02
Management	1,070	\$28.44
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,690	\$8.82
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	840	\$35.89
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	1,000	\$16.58
Construction & Extraction	960	\$14.62

Source: Prepared by the Ariz. Dept. of Economic Security, Research Administration in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, April, 2004

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Ft. Defiance Hospital Ft. Defiance	Health Services
Indian Health Services Chinle/Ft. Defiance	Health Services
Navajo Communications Co. Window Rock	Telephone Communications
Navajo Nation Window Rock	Governmental
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Navajo Nation	Utility
P&M Coal Co. Window Rock	Mining
Packard-Hughes Interconnect Fort Defiance	Electric Equipment & Supplies
Sage Memorial Hospital Ganado	Health Services
Salt River Project Coronado Generating Station St. Johns	Power
Tucson Electric Power Springerville	Power
White Mountain Community Hospital Springerville	Health Services

Source: Local Sources



Utilities

Electric Service

<i>Major Suppliers:</i>	
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	(928) 729-5721
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Springerville/Eagar)	(928) 333-4631
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. (St. Johns)	(928) 337-4414

Natural Gas Service

<i>Major Suppliers:</i>	
Ferrell Propane (Chinle)	(505) 863-4701
Graves Propane Co. (St. Johns)	(928) 337-4760
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	(928) 729-5721
Eagar area (propane & butane)	(928) 333-5550

Water and Sewer

For information, contact the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, (928) 729-5721, or the Division of Economic Development Office, Navajo Nation, (928) 871-6544.

For additional information, see specific community profile or contact the ACES Corporation at (928) 337-2644.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:

Citizens Communications (Saint Johns/Springerville) (800) 921-8101
GTE West (Eagar) (928) 537-6110
Navajo Communications Company, Inc. (928) 871-5581
Table Top Telephone, Inc. (New Lands) (800) 560-8101



Education

Dine (formerly Navajo) Community College Chinle: (928) 674-3319
Ganado: (928) 755-3555
Tsaile: (928) 724-6630
Window Rock: (928) 871-2230
Northland Pioneer College Springerville: (928) 333-2498
St. Johns: (928) 337-4768



Medical

Major Hospitals:

Sage Memorial Hospital, Ganado (928) 755-3411
White Mountains Community Hospital, Springerville (928) 333-4368



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 40, U.S. 60, U.S. 160, U.S. 180, U.S. 191, state Highway 61, state Highway 180A, state Highway 260, state Highway 261, state Highway 262, state Highway 264, state Highway 273, Indian Route 7, Indian Route 12, Indian Route 54, Indian Route 59, Indian Route 63

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines, Navajo Transit System, White Mountain Passenger Lines

Rail Service

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (800) 289-2673

Trucking Service

Alpine Trucking Inc. and JC Trucking

Air Service

Major Airports

Airport Name:

Navajo Air Transportation

(No telephone)

Functional Class: Community Service

Elevation: 6,737'

Ownership: Native American

Use: Public

Nav-Aids: None

Runway: 02/20 Length: 7,000' Width: 75'

Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name:

Springerville Airport

(928) 333-5746

Functional Class: Community Service

Elevation: 7,051'

Ownership: Public

Use: Public

Nav-Aids: None

Runway: 03/21 Length: 6,600' and 4,800'

Width: 75' Surface: Asphalt

14,000 sq. ft. terminal & hangar

Airport Name:

St. Johns Airpark

(No telephone)

Functional Class: Community Service

Elevation: 5,733'

Ownership: Public

Use: Public

Nav-Aids: None

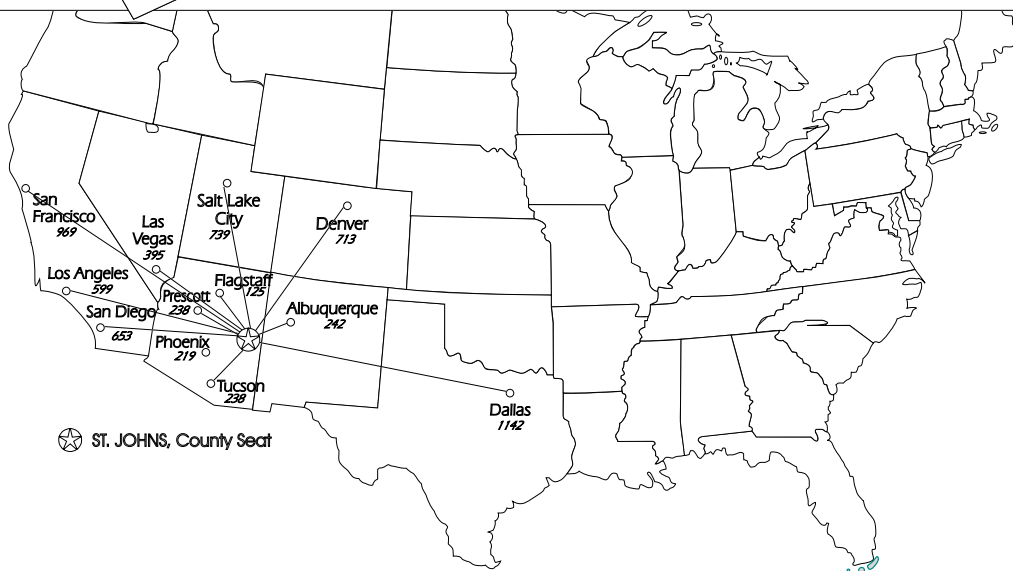
Runway: 02/20 Length: 5,300' and 3,400'

Width: 60' Surface: Asphalt

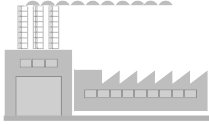
40 tie-downs

Sources: Apache County Economic Security Corp./Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study

Distance to Major Cities



ST. JOHNS, County Seat



Industrial Facilities

Chinle

There is one 30-acre industrial park with electricity, gas, water, sewer and transportation services available. Eighteen of those 30 acres are available for lease. Contact the Industrial Development Unit - Project Development at (928) 871-6968.

Springerville/Eagar

Springerville has developed an industrial airpark, adjoining the Springerville Municipal Airport. There are also 221.67 acres available with some utilities. For more information, contact the Apache County Economic Security Corporation (ACES) at (928) 337-2644 or the Round Valley Chamber of Commerce (928) 333-2123.

New Lands

The New Lands is a planned community administered by the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation. For more information, call (928) 688-2413.

St. Johns

Adjoining the airport, an 80-acre industrial park has available sites to suit commercial/industrial purposes. Existing infrastructure includes utilities and paved streets. For more information, contact the Apache County Economic Security Corporation (ACES) at (928) 337-2644.

Window Rock/Fort Defiance

The Fort Defiance Industrial Site, one of seven industrial sites on the Navajo Nation, is located at the intersection of Navajo Route 12 and Navajo Route 54, 30 miles north of I-40. It has 28 acres with utilities and a paved access road. Contact the Navajo Nation Project Development at (928) 871-6544.

Commercial Banks

Bank One
First Interstate Bank
Frontier State Bank
National Bank of Arizona
Norwest Bank
Wells Fargo Bank



Taxes

State Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Eagar*	4.09	0.76	2.26	7.11
St. Johns*	4.00	0.00	2.26	6.26
Springerville*	4.09	0.00	2.26	6.35

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2003 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

* School district participate in the Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT).

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Apache County has a 1/2 cent general sales tax. St. Johns has a 2 percent sales tax. Springerville and Eagar have a 3 percent sales tax. In addition, Springerville has an additional 1 percent tax on hotel and motel stays and Eagar has a 3 percent tax on hotel and motel stays.

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 37 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue





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Dineh Cooperatives, Inc.

P.O. Box 2060 (928) 674-3411
Chinle, AZ 86503 Email: dinehcoops@aol.com

Town of Eagar

174 South Main, Box 1300 (928) 333-4128
Eagar, AZ 85925 FAX: (928) 333-5140

The Navajo Nation, Division of Economic Development

P.O. Box 663
Window Rock, Navajo Nation, AZ 86515 (928) 871-6544

Office of Navajo & Hopi Relocation-New Lands Office

P.O. Box 130
Sanders, AZ 86512-0130 (928) 688-2413

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce

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318 E. Main Street (928) 333-2123/Fax: (928) 333-5690
Springerville, AZ 85938 www.az-tourist.com

St. Johns Regional Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 929
180 W. Cleveland (928) 337-2000/FAX: (928) 337-2020
St. Johns, AZ 85936 www.stjohnchamber.com

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