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Gila County, Arizona

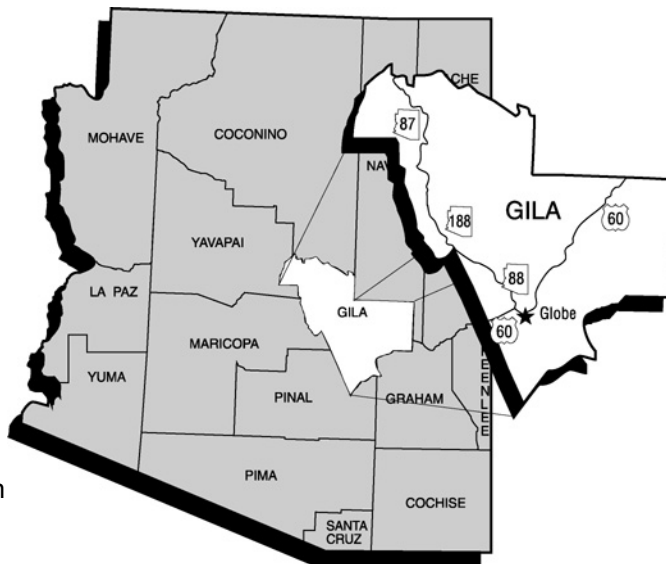
Gila County was created in 1881 from portions of Maricopa and Pinal counties, and later included part of Yavapai County. The county covers 4,796 square miles and is a source of great mineral wealth. The Globe Mining District, originally located on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, was reallocated to Gila County.

Silver first attracted people to this area in 1863. When silver was depleted, copper emerged and has since become the main industry.

Gila County is the home of the legendary Graham-Tewksbury feud, which began in the 1870s and lasted 15 years. It claimed dozens of lives and ignited tempers between cattle ranchers and sheep ranchers for years to come.

Some of the attractions in Gila County include the Salt River Canyon, Tonto National Monument, the Mogollon Rim, Tonto Natural Bridge State Park, Coolidge Dam, Roosevelt Dam and Roosevelt Lake. Both desert terrain and mountain ranges spread across the county's landscape. Elevations range from 2,000 to 7,000 feet above sea level. This stark difference of 5,000 feet enables the county to support ranching as well as tourism and recreation. These three areas of commerce, in addition to copper production, comprise the county's major industries. Portions of Gila County including parts of Payson, Hayden and Winkelman have been designated as an Enterprise Zone.

The U.S. Forest Service owns 56 percent of the land in Gila County. Approximately 38 percent belongs to the Apache Tribe. Individuals and corporations own 2 percent of the land; the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2 percent; and the state of Arizona, 1 percent of the land; and other public lands comprise the remaining 1 percent.



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Gila County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Globe
2004 Population:	54,060
2004 Labor Force:	18,635
Unemployment Rate:	6.6%
Major Industries:	Services; Construction; Wholesale Trade, Mining*
Best Paying Industries:	Mining*, Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Agriculture, Construction

Sources: Population Estimates July 2004, Population Statistics Unit, Research Administration, Arizona Department of Economic Security; December 2004 Special Unemployment Report, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Research Administration.

* Local sources estimate that mining is among the county's major and best-paying industries.



Population

	1990	2000	2004
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685
Gila County	40,216	51,335	54,060

Major Cities/Communities

Globe	6,062	7,486	7,505
Hayden	909	892	860
Miami	2,018	1,936	1,960
Payson	8,377	13,620	15,120
San Carlos			
Apache Reservation	7,294	9,385	N/A
Winkelman	676	443	450

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

N/A - Not available

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	20.7%
15-24	10.8%
25-44	22.3%
45-64	26.4%
65+	19.8%

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

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	77.8%
African American	0.4%
Native American	12.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%
Other	8.4%
Totals	100.0%
Hispanic Heritage*	16.6%

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

* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race





2004 Civilian Labor Force

	<i>Labor Force</i>	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>
Arizona	2,762,612	4.8%
Gila County	18,635	6.6%

Major Cities/Communities

Globe	3,327	4.0%
Miami	898	6.0%
Payson	3,627	3.2%
San Carlos Apache Reservation	2,778	21.7%
Winkelman	N/A	N/A

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, December 2004 Special Unemployment Report.

2004 Employment by Sector

	<i>in thousands</i>
Goods producing	2,025
Government	4,900
Other private Service Providing	4,725
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,150
Trade	3,100
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	275
Services and Miscellaneous	2,800
Government	4,600

Source: Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, State of Arizona Economic Security Research Administration.
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2004 Total All Occupations

<i>Employment</i>	13,190
<i>Hourly Compensation</i>	
Median Wage	\$12.17
Average Wage	\$14.26
Entry Wage	\$ 6.52
Experienced	\$17.55

2004 Employment by Occupation Average Wages

	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Avg. Wages</i>
Office & Administrative Support	1,810	\$12.40
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,790	\$ 7.71
Construction & Extraction	1,160	\$16.28
Sales & Related	1,240	\$10.00
Education, Training & Library	820	\$14.60
Transportation & Material Moving	660	\$12.06
Management	620	\$25.44

Source: Prepared by the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Research Administration in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2005

Major Employers in Pima County and Southern Arizona

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Employment Type</i>
Apache Gold, Globe	Casino
APS, Globe, Payson	Utilities
Asarco Inc., Hayden	Primary Copper Smelting
Asarco Ray Complex, Hayden	Copper Ore Mining, Smelting
Basha's, San Carlos	Grocery
B.J. Cecil Trucking, Claypool	Transportation
BHP Copper, Miami	Copper Ore Mining
Cobre Valley Community Hospital, Claypool	General Medical, Surgical Hospital
Copper Mountain Inn, Globe	Skilled Nursing Hospital
Phelps Dodge Corporation, Claypool	Copper Ore Mining, Smelting, and Rod Plant
Fry's, Globe, Payson	Grocery
Gila County	Government
Globe Unified School District, Globe	Elementary and Secondary Education
Heritage Health Care Center, Globe	Skilled Nursing
Payson Regional Medical Center	General Medical, Surgical Hospital
Manzanita Manor, Payson	Skilled Nursing Hospital
Mazatzal Casino Tonto Apache Tribe, Payson	Casino
Miami Unified School District	Elementary and Secondary Education
Miami	Secondary Education
Payson Unified School District	Elementary and Secondary Education
Payson	Secondary Education
Safeway, Globe, Payson	Grocery
San Carlos Unified School District	Elementary and Secondary Education
San Carlos	Secondary Education
SelectCare, Globe	Skilled Nursing
Town of Payson	Government
Wal-Mart Superstore, Globe, Payson	Retail
U.S. Forest Service, Globe, Payson	Government

Source: Local Sources





Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

APS	(800) 253-9405
Graham County Utilities	(928) 485-2451
Salt River Project	(928) 467-2212
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Apache)	(928) 475-2214

Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:

Energy West Gas Company (Payson)	(928) 474-2294
Northern Energy (Payson)	(928) 474-3334
Southwest Gas Corporation (Globe)	(800) 766-9722

Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local chamber of commerce directly.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:

Verizon Wireless	(928) 425-9091
Qwest Communications	(800) 244-1111
San Carlos Apache Telecomm. Utility	(928) 475-2433



Major Hospitals:

Cobre Valley Community Hospital, Globe	(928) 425-3261
Payson Regional Medical Center, Payson	(928) 474-3222



Central Arizona College, Aravaipa Campus, Winkelman	(520) 357-7864
Gila County Community College, Hayden-Winkelman	(928) 468-8481
Gila County Community College, Globe	(928) 425-8481
Gila County Community College, Payson	(928) 468-8039
Gila County Community College, San Carlos	(928) 475-5981
Northern Arizona University - Globe	(928) 473-3185
Northern Arizona University - Payson	(928) 474-5147



Highways

U.S. 60, state Highway 73, state Highway 77, state Highway 87, state Highway 88, state Highway 170, state Highway 188, state Highway 260

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines	(800) 231-2222
Safe Ride	(800) 797-7433
High Country Transportation	(888) 815-RIDE

Rail Service

Arizona Eastern Railroad (freight only) (520) 473-2447

Trucking Service

B.J. Cecil, BJ Trucking and H & A Trucking Inc.



Air Service

Major Airports

Airport Name: **San Carlos Airport** (928) 472-4748
Location: Globe
Functional Class: Community Service
Elevation: 3,233'
Ownership: San Carlos Apache Tribe
Use: Public
Nav-aids: GPS Approach
Runway: 09/27 Length: 5,500' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Payson Airport** (928) 474-2005
Functional Class: Community Service
Elevation: 5,156'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Commercial
Nav-aids: None
Runway: 06/24 Length: 4,910' Width: 60'
Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Globe/Miami

There is a 50-acre industrial park. Contact Tribal Planner, San Carlos Tribe, P.O. Box O, San Carlos, AZ 85550, (928) 475-2332. There is also a private industrial park located one mile north of Globe on Hwy. 60.

For more information, contact the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation, 1360 N. Broad Street, Globe, AZ 85501; Tel: (928) 425-4495, Toll free (800) 804-5323, FAX: 928-425-3410, Email: gmr@cableone.net Websites: www.globemiamichamber.com and www.globemiamiaz.com or the Town of Miami; (928) 473-4403.

Payson

There are two industrial parks available. One is just west of the juncture of state Route 87 and state Route 260; the other is adjacent to Payson Municipal Airport and has taxiway access to some sites. For additional information, contact the Payson Regional Economic Development Corporation, P.O. Box 1771, Payson, AZ 85547, (928) 468-6659 or email: info@paysonecon.org.

San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation

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.

Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Gila County

Mr. Fred Barcon, President
P.O. Box 1433



Globe, AZ 85502
(928) 425-3231/Fax: (928) 425-0319

Note: This information is as current as the date of this publication and was taken from reliable sources; however, we do not guarantee its completeness nor does the Arizona Department of Commerce endorse any particular individual. This information is provided as a service only.

Commercial Banks

Bank of America, Globe and Payson
Bank of Casa Grande Valley, Globe Office
Bank One, Payson
Community First Bank, Globe
Compass Bank, Payson
First National Bank of Arizona
National Bank of Arizona, Payson
Stockmen's Bank, Payson
Wells Fargo Bank, Globe and Payson

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

2004 Property Tax

Community	School Dist.	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Globe	8.05	1.33	5.79	15.17
Hayden*	25.69	23.05	5.79	54.53
Miami*	5.06	3.76	5.79	14.61
Payson**	5.12	0.35	5.79	11.26
Winkelman*	25.69	4.44	5.79	35.92

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2004 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

* School district participates in the Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT).

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

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Gila County has a 1 percent sales tax. Globe has a sales tax of 1.5 percent; Hayden has a sales tax of 3 percent; Miami has a sales tax of 2.5 percent; Payson has a sales tax of 2.12 percent; and Winkelman has a sales tax of 3.5 percent. As of April 2002, Globe has an additional hotel/motel tax of 4 percent; Hayden, 2 percent; and Payson, 3 percent.

Sources: AZ Department of Revenue (July 1, 2005); League of Arizona Cities and Towns (Web. Rev. Date: 6-9-05); AZ Hospitality Research and Resource Center, NAU (May 2005).

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 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce

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Greater Globe/Miami Chamber of Commerce

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www.globemiamichamber.com
Email: info@globemiamichamber.com

Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1380 (928) 474-4515
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Email: rcrc@rimcountrychamber.com

Payson Regional Economic Development Corporation

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San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tribal Planning Office

P.O. Box O (928) 475-2331
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Southern Gila County, Economic Development Corporation

P.O. Box 1351 (928) 425-2228
Globe, AZ 85502 FAX: (928) 425-6154
www.gila.net/cobrevally/ Email: sgcedc@gila.net

Tonto Apache Tribe

Reservation #30 (928) 474-3988
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