Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation spans Gila, Graham and Pinal counties in southeastern Arizona. It was first established as a reservation by President Grant's Executive Order in 1871. Apaches are descendants of the Athabascan family, which migrated to the Southwest in the 10th century. Many bands of Apache, as well as Mohave and Yuma Indians, were relocated from their traditional homelands, extending through wide areas of Arizona and New Mexico, to the reservation. Later, separate reservations were created for Mohave and Yuma tribes.

FOUNDED: 1934 INCORPORATED: No COUNTY: Gila County ELEVATION: 2,500 feet

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 110 miles DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 120 miles

HIGHWAYS: ST 70, ST 60

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
San Carlos Apache			
Reservation	7,294	9,385	N/A
Gila County	40,216	51,335	57,361
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and U.S. Census Bureau. *N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.*

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Government agencies are the major employers on the San Carlos Indian Reservation. The federal government employs many residents in its delivery of health, education and economic services. Numerous tribal enterprises, the tribal administration, and the San Carlos Unified School District also provide employment.

The Apache Gold Casino Resort offers approximately 450 jobs to tribal members and non-members in surrounding communities. Other industry include lumbering, tourism and recreation.

County Employment	2008
Goods Producing	2,550
Government	5,000
Other Private Service-Providing	4,625
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,375

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce

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

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,811	2,418	N/A
Unemployed	382	450	N/A
Unemployment Rate	21.1%	18.6%	N/A

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The San Carlos Reservation is a scenic adventure ranging from desert to alpine meadows. The area is blessed with a wide variety of geological, historical and recreational attractions. U.S. 60, the direct route between Show Low and Globe, cuts through the Salt River Canyon, often referred to as the mini Grand Canyon. Whitewater rafting, kayaking and canoeing are popular as the snow melt fills the river.

Also on the reservation are found more than 100 small ponds, called tanks, and many other lakes and streams. Talkalai Lake is fully stocked and fishing for trout, bass, channel catfish, crappie and bluegill is excellent throughout the reservation (permits are required). The temperate climate makes hunting for big and small games, such as elk, bighorn sheep, javelina and antelope.

Community Profile

TAXES

The State of Arizona does not tax Indian lands and Indian owned property on reservations. Incomes of Indians residing on reservations are not taxed by the State if wholly derived from reservation sources. The Federal Government does not exempt individual Indians from income or other federal taxes. Indian people of Arizona are also exempt from state and local sales taxes on consumer goods purchased on the reservation, unless such taxes are imposed by the tribal government. However, the State of Arizona collects taxes from reservation residents on sales of gasoline, electricity, natural gas, and telephone service.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The San Carlos Apache Tribe offers a wide range of community facilties including a library, four Chapter Houses, two rodeo arenas, six ball fields, a community swimming pool, one convenience store, Bashas' Supermarket, Texaco, Apache Gold Casino, and a laundromat.

Educational Institutions	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Υ	N
High School	Υ	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 0

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: San Carlos Apache Reservation

Airports

Airports: See Gila County profile for detailed information on airports.

Medical

There is a Public Health Service Hospital with 32 beds, seven doctors and two dentists.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 150 Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 400

Industrial Properties

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.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	Graham County Utilities	928.485.2451
	San Carlos Irrigation Proj. (Apache)	928.475.2214
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	San Carlos Apache Telecomm. Utility	928.475.2433

Cable Providers: Yes Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Fiber Optics: Yes Digital Switching Station: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

	Average Tem	Average Temperature (°F)	
Month	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	33.2	59.3	1.64
February	36.5	64.1	1.47
March	40.9	69.8	1.58
April	48.0	78.9	0.47
May	56.7	88.0	0.31
June	66.1	98.2	0.25
July	73.2	100.1	1.61
August	71.2	97.6	2.19
September	64.8	93.7	1.22
October	53.1	83.0	1.24
November	40.4	69.0	1.05
December	33.5	59.4	1.75

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004. Average Total Snowfall 0.2". Nearest data available from San Carlos Reservoir, AZ.

This profile was prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce Communications Division in cooperation with local sources.

For further information, contact:

San Carlos Apache Tribe, Planning & Economic Development Office

P.O. Box "O"

San Carlos, AZ 85550

928.475.2331 Fax: 928.475.2451

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Our Job is JOB

1700 W. Washington, Suite 600

Phoenix, AZ 85007

FAX: 602.771.1200 602.771.1100 http://www.azcommerce.com/

Reproduction of this publication for commercial use is prohibited by A.R.S. 39-121. Permission to reprint may be granted upon written request of the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Prepared on 9/2009