

SAN CARLOS APACHE RESERVATION

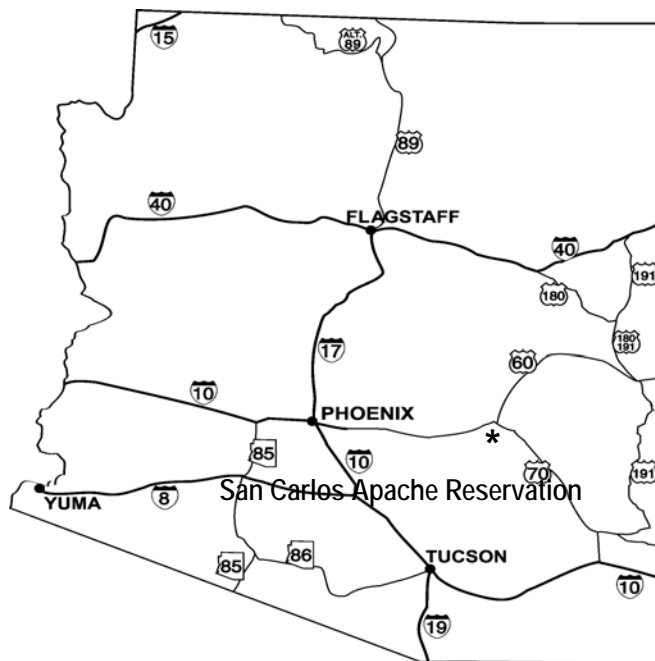
Community Profile

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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
 COUNTY: Gila County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 110 miles
 HIGHWAYS: ST 70, ST 60

INCORPORATED: No
 ELEVATION: 2,500 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 120 miles



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.

| <u>County Employment</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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.

