

# EAGAR

# Community Profile

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Eagar, located on the northeast slopes of the White Mountains, is set against a national forest of ponderosa pines. Its history dates to the late 1800s when John Thomas Eagar, his brothers Joel and William, and the Robertson family homesteaded in Round Valley. In 1888, the town was established under the name Union to unify the small settlements in the area. The name was changed to Eagar in 1892, and the Post Office was established in 1888. Eagar is on U.S. 180, the direct link between I-40 and I-10, at its junction with U.S. 60.

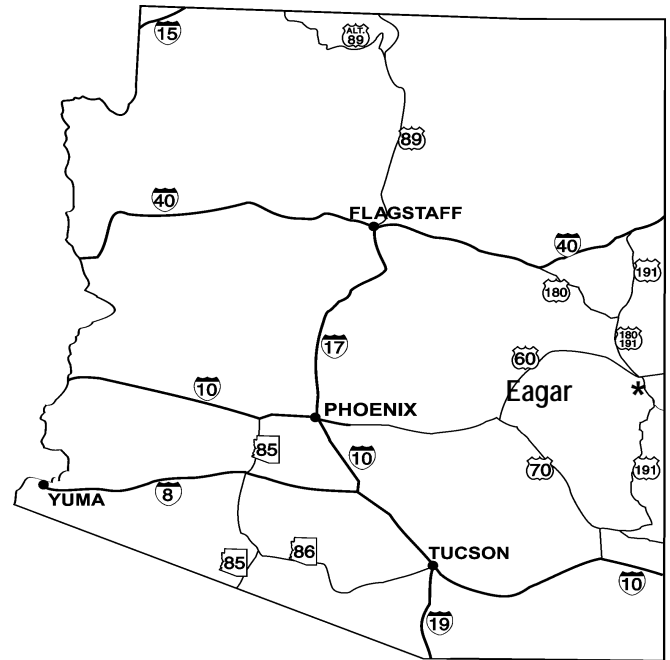
FOUNDED: 1888  
 COUNTY: Apache County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 226 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: US 60; US 180; US 191; SR 260  
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1948  
 ELEVATION: 7,090 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 236 miles

## POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Eagar	4,025	4,033	4,265
Apache County	61,591	69,423	71,320
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.



## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

For many years, agriculture and trading were the focus of the area. While ranching and hay production are still important, the construction of two power plants, the start of a sawmill and other timber-related industries, and the growing tourism/recreation trade has broadened the economic base. Eagar is in the center of the White Mountain Recreation Area. Tourist activity brings approximately 100,000 people to the national forest, making the trade and services sector vital to the economy.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2004</u>
Goods Producing	700
Government	12,950
Other Private Service-Providing	3,850
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,875

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

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

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,702	2,038	2,204
Unemployed	69	81	90
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
New Bldg. Permit	48	66*	65
Taxable Sales (\$)	11,422,450	11,273,400	18,117,467
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	10,947,103	13,678,364	15,991,451

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

\* Incomplete Data: One or more months not available

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Eagar's southern border is the 2,112,985-acre Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest which contains four rivers, 24 lakes and reservoirs, 680 miles of trout streams, as well as primitive areas for pack trips, hiking, and hunting. There are prehistoric cliff dwellings, scenic meadows, ghost towns, mining communities and scenic mountain drives. Sunrise Ski & Recreation Park, owned by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, is 20 miles southwest. Alpine and Greer, each about 20 miles from Eagar, have three supervised cross-country ski trails. U.S. Highway 180-191 is officially designated "Coronado Trail." Its historic and scenic qualities enhance any motorist's enjoyment of the area. The Little Colorado River originates in Greer 14 miles west and flows through Eagar on its way to the Grand Canyon.

## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	3.62	5.71	4.15
City/Fire District	0.01	0.79	0.49
Countywide	1.77	1.91	2.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>	<b>\$8.41</b>	<b>\$7.15</b>

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation  
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

*NOTE: School district participates in Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT).*

## Sales Tax Rate

City	3.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Eagar offers a broad range of community facilities including a museum, an Olympic-size swimming pool, three parks, a library, tennis and raquetball courts, and football and baseball fields. An \$11 million multi-purpose domed facility with 5,000 fixed seats and up to 10,000 movable seats, is the scene for numerous activities including high school sports, concerts, etc.

### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
University 4 year	Y	N

### Financial

Number of Banks: 2

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

### Airports

Nearby Springerville Municipal Airport with a lighted/paved 6,600-ft. runway and 5,600-ft. paved crosswind runway.

### Medical

Complete medical in Springerville (2 miles).

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 50

Meeting Rooms: 6

Capacity of Largest Facility: 900

## Industrial Properties

There are 221.67 acres available with some utilities. For further information, contact the Apache County Board of Realtors, P.O. Box 1888, Springerville, AZ 85938; or call ACES (928) 337-2644.

## Utilities

Electricity	Navopache Electric Cooperative	928.333.4631
Natural Gas	Propane & Butane (Eagar)	520.333.5550
Telephone	GTE West	928.537.6110
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Eagar)	928.333.4128

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: No

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	15.2	47.5	0.53
February	18.4	51.3	0.46
March	22.3	56.3	0.53
April	28.7	64.0	0.38
May	35.8	72.3	0.40
June	43.8	81.1	0.50
July	51.1	82.3	2.68
August	49.3	79.9	3.04
September	42.2	76.4	1.55
October	31.5	68.1	0.91
November	21.1	57.1	0.48
December	15.1	48.9	0.52
Yearly Avg	31.2	65.4	11.97

*Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1911-2004. Average Total Snowfall 19.7". Nearest data available from Springerville, AZ.*

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