

# HEBER-OVERGAARD

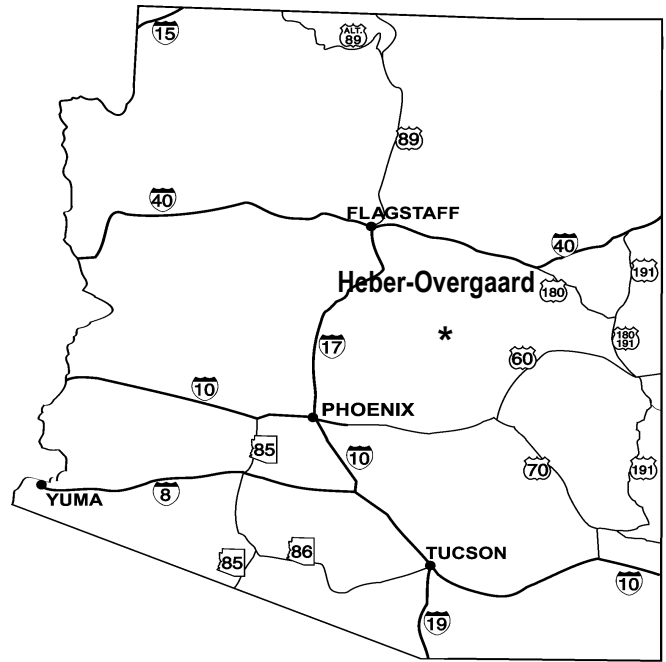
# Community Profile

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Heber and Overgaard in northeastern Arizona in Navajo County are situated in the Sitgreaves National Forest north of the Mogollon Rim. The communities are reached by taking state Highway 87 to Payson (north from Phoenix or south from Interstate 40), and continuing east via state Highway 260. During the Mormon migration in 1876 and 1877, the Little Colorado River settlements were established. James E. Shelley and Sanford Porter, Jr. founded Heber which was named after Heber J. Grant, a prominent member of the Mormon Church. The post office in Heber was established in 1890 by James E. Shelley. Overgaard was originally called Oklahoma Flat and was later named after the first sawmill owner.

FOUNDED: 1883  
 COUNTY: Navajo County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 138 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: SR 87, SR 260

INCORPORATED: No  
 ELEVATION: feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 225 miles



## POPULATION

	1990	2000	2004
Heber-Overgaard	1,581	2,722	N/A
Navajo County	77,674	97,470	107,420
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

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

## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Economic activities are varied; retirement and tourism are an important part of the economy. Proximity to the Sitgreaves National Forest provides recreation opportunities, and timber is harvested for Precision Pine Sawmill and Stone Container Paper Mill. A mulch plant processes forest by-products. Service businesses provide employment and services for the retirement community. Government, schools, retail trade and construction also contribute to the local economy.

County Employment	2004
Educational & Health Svcs	3,075
Financial Activities	575
Government	10,750
Information	650
Leisure & Hospitality	2,925
Manufacturing	875
Mining & Construction	2,400
Other Services	800
Professional & Business Svcs	1,075
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,475

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security  
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2004
Civilian Labor Force	550	685	779
Unemployed	66	55	57
Unemployment Rate	12.0%	8.0%	7.3%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2004
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	19,924,988	36,435,162	58,836,850

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Heber/Overgaard area is surrounded by many year-round recreational opportunities and points of scenic interest. Immediately south is the Mogollon Rim, a steep escarpment ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 feet from the base to the highest plateau. The Rim divides the northern plateau region from the lower central and southern areas. It offers exceptional views and numerous man-made lakes ideal for boating and other water sports. Hunting and fishing are popular. There are also extensive picnic and camping facilities available within the area. Other scenic attractions in the area include Chevelon Canyon Dam, the Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery, Chevelon Butte, and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The 200-acre Mogollon Lake three miles east of Overgaard is in the planning stages.

## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	5.26	5.99	4.75
City/Fire District	1.02	1.01	1.19
Countywide	2.32	2.90	3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8.60</b>	<b>\$9.90</b>	<b>\$8.94</b>

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

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

## Sales Tax Rate

City	0.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Heber/Overgaard offers many community facilities including a library, 40-acre park, and many athletic facilities: baseball, football and Little League fields; basketball, volleyball, tennis and raquetball courts; and a golf course.

### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

### Financial

Number of Banks: 2

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: County Deputies/DPS/Sheriff's Posse

Airports Nearby Show Low Airport,

36 miles southwest, or Taylor Airport, 29 miles northeast.

### Medical

Local doctor, dentist, optometrist. Hospital in Show Low (36 miles away).

## Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Heber/Overgaard Chamber of Commerce.

## Utilities

Electricity	Navopache Electric Coop. (statewide)	800.543.6324
L.P. Gas	Amerigas (Overgaard)	928.535.5123
	Northern Energy (Overgaard)	928.535.4439
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	Citizens Communications (statewide)	800.921.8101
Water	Arizona Water Company (Overgaard)	928.535.4469
	Heber Domestic Water District	928.535.5748

Cable Providers: No

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: No

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	15.9	46.6	1.23
February	19.0	50.3	1.15
March	22.9	55.6	1.38
April	28.1	63.9	0.69
May	34.9	72.1	0.60
June	43.0	82.5	0.45
July	52.2	84.7	2.73
August	50.9	81.7	2.96
September	43.8	77.2	1.91
October	32.8	67.8	1.45
November	23.0	55.1	1.29
December	17.2	47.4	1.64
Yearly Avg	32.0	65.4	17.49

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1950-2004. Average Total Snowfall 38.9". Data from Heber Ranger Station, AZ.

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