

# JEROME

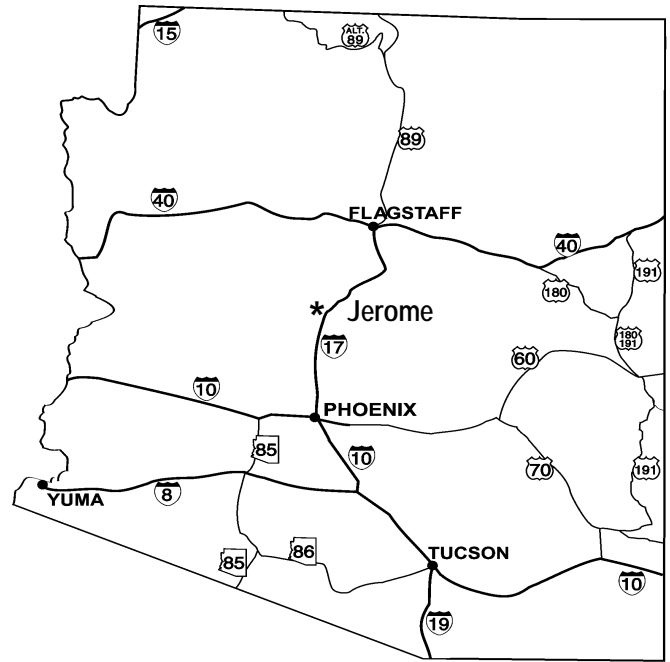
# Community Profile

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Jerome was once a roaring mining town with 15,000 people and multi-storied buildings and fine homes. With the fall of copper prices and the closing of the Phelps Dodge Mine in 1953, it became the world's largest "ghost city." Jerome is situated in the foothills of central Arizona's Verde Valley which is surrounded by the by Coconino and Prescott National Forest lands where camping, fishing and hunting are popular. Recreation areas within the Prescott Forest include Horse Thief Basin, Lynx Lake and Mingus Mountain. The town can be reached by taking Interstate 17 to state Highway 260, and 260 to Cottonwood. From Cottonwood, state Highway 89A goes to Jerome.

HIGHWAYS: I-17, SR 89A; SR 260  
 COUNTY: Yavapai County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 110 miles

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1899  
 ELEVATION: 5,435 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 224 miles



## POPULATION

	1990	2000	2004
Jerome	403	329	335
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	196,720
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

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

## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Jerome produced over a billion dollars worth of copper, gold, silver and zinc in its 70-year active life. Today, life is quite different. Designated a National Historical Landmark in 1967, the town's economy is now based on tourism and recreation. Antique, craft and gift shops, small boutiques, and art galleries are located in the once-deserted stores along Main Street. Jerome also has one of Arizona's oldest saloon-style bars.

County Employment	2004
Educational & Health Svcs	8,100
Financial Activities	1,900
Government	10,600
Information	700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,400
Manufacturing	3,300
Mining & Construction	7,200
Other Services	1,900
Professional & Business Svcs	4,100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,800

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

## Major Private Employers

Safeway	Skyfire
The English Kitchen	The Jerome Place

## Major Public Employers

Jerome Post Office	Jerome Public Library
Town of Jerome	

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2004
Civilian Labor Force	340	375	448
Unemployed	20	9	11
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	2.4%	2.5%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2004
New Bldg. Permit	24	N/R	4*
Taxable Sales (\$)	4,835,500	11,037,833	13,396,000
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	1,550,403	3,389,929	4,478,471

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation  
 N/R: No report; \*Incomplete Data: One or more months not available.

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Jerome State Historic Park features the former Douglas Mansion, now a museum featuring the area's history. Jerome Historical Society Mine Museum exhibits ore collections and mining equipment of the past. Paso De Casas (home tour), in its 38th year, is held in May. A 3-day reunion for former mining families is held in Oct. Festival of Lights, in Dec., offers caroling and hayrides at no charge. Visit Jerome's famous traveling jail, which has moved almost 300' since it was built. Other nearby attractions include Clarkdale Train Ride, Gold King Mine, 42-acre Tuzigoot Monument that houses 3 Indian pueblos occupied from the 12th-14th centuries, and Montezuma's Castle, among the nation's best preserved Indian structures. The 5-story structure, built about 1050, was abandoned in 1450.

## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	6.13	4.86	3.29
City/Fire District	2.44	1.78	1.19
Countywide	5.14	4.18	4.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13.71</b>	<b>\$10.82</b>	<b>\$8.90</b>

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

*NOTE: School district participates in the Valley Academy of Career and Technology Education (VACTE).*

## Sales Tax Rate

City	3.00%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Jerome offers a range of community facilities including two museums, five art galleries, three parks, one library and an Archive Research Center.

### Educational Institutions

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	N	Y

### Financial

Banking services are available in Cottonwood, 8 miles northeast.

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

### Airports

Nearby Cottonwood Airport with a lighted 4,250-ft. runway

### Medical

Nearest medical facilities in Cottonwood.

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 60

Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 350

## Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Jerome Chamber of Commerce or the Town of Jerome.

## Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities (Jerome)	928.634.5555
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Town of Jerome	928.634.7943

Cable Providers: No

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	33.0	50.5	1.73
February	35.1	54.2	1.87
March	38.9	59.8	1.77
April	45.4	68.3	1.06
May	53.6	77.0	0.57
June	63.1	86.9	0.40
July	67.3	90.4	2.57
August	65.3	87.3	3.11
September	61.0	83.0	1.47
October	51.1	72.4	1.26
November	40.8	60.1	1.27
December	34.3	51.9	1.51
Yearly Avg	49.1	70.1	18.57

*Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1897-2004. Average Total Snowfall 17.7".*

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