

Jerome

Community Profile

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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.

Basic Information

Founded: 1883
 Incorporated: 1899
 Elevation: 5,435
 Located in Yavapai County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-17, SR 89A; SR 260

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 110 miles
 Tucson: 224 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Jerome	403	329	329
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	227,348
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US 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

	2008
Government	12,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,600
Educational and Health Services	10,100
Leisure and Hospitality	8,400
Mining and Construction	8,300
Professional and Business Services	4,200
Manufacturing	3,100
Financial Activities	2,500
Other Services	2,000
Information	600

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Private Employers

Conner Hotel
 Safeway
 Sky Fire

Public Employers

Jerome Post Office
 Jerome Public Library
 Town of Jerome



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	238	213	277
Unemployed	10	9	16
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	5.8%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	24	N/R	N/R
Taxable Sales (\$)	4.8 million	11 million	16.9 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	1.6 million	3.4 million	9.1 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.
 N/R: Not report.

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.

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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	Public	Private
Elementary	N	Y

Financial

Banking services are available in Cottonwood, 8 miles northeast.

Government

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 & Lodging

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: N	Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Digital Switching Station: N	Fiber Optics: N
Internet Service Provider: Y	

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	6.13	4.86	3.43
City/Fire District	2.44	1.78	0.76
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.06
Totals	13.71	10.82	7.25

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

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

Sales Tax

	2008
City/Town	3.00%
County	0.75%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
	49.1	70.1	1.5
January	33.0	50.4	1.7
February	35.2	54.2	1.9
March	38.9	59.8	1.8
April	45.5	68.3	1.0
May	53.7	77.0	0.6
June	63.2	87.0	0.4
July	67.3	90.4	2.6
August	65.3	87.3	3.1
September	61.1	82.9	1.4
October	51.2	72.4	1.2
November	41.0	60.1	1.2
December	34.3	51.7	1.5

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1897-2005.
Average Total Snowfall 17.5".

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