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
- **Population**
  - 1990: 403
  - 2000: 329
  - 2006: 330
  - **Yavapai County:**
    - 1990: 107,714
    - 2000: 167,517
    - 2006: 213,285
  - **Arizona:**
    - 1990: 3,665,228
    - 2000: 5,130,632
    - 2006: 6,305,210

**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**

- **2006**
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 12,300
  - Government: 11,500
  - Mining and Construction: 9,200
  - Educational and Health Services: 8,900
  - Leisure and Hospitality: 7,900
  - Professional and Business Services: 5,200
  - Manufacturing: 3,800
  - Financial Activities: 2,400
  - Other Services: 2,200
  - Information: 600

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

**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**

- **Unemployed**: 1990: 10, 2000: 9, 2006: 10
- **Unemployment Rate**: 1990: 4.2%, 2000: 4.2%, 2006: 3.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

**Growth Indicators**

- **Taxable Sales ($)**: 1990: 4.8 million, 2000: 11 million, 2006: 15.5 million
- **Net Assessed Value ($)**: 1990: 1.6 million, 2000: 3.4 million, 2006: 5.8 million

Source: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation

**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.
Jerome Community Profile

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
Elementary: N
Private: 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) 800.428.7324
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
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: Y
Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

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

Sales Tax

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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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