

# 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.

### 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	2006
Jerome	403	329	330
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	213,285
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security 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

	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  
 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	2006
Civilian Labor Force	238	213	267
Unemployed	10	9	10
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	3.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	24	0	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	4.8 million	11 million	15.5 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	1.6 million	3.4 million	5.8 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation  
 No report for 2000 and 2006 New building permit data.

### 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)	800.428.7324
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

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	6.13	4.86	4.17
City/Fire District	2.44	1.78	0.98
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13.71</b>	<b>10.82</b>	<b>8.85</b>

Source: 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

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.75%
State	5.60%

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

### Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	33.0	50.5	1.7
February	35.2	54.2	1.9
March	38.9	59.8	1.8
April	45.4	68.2	1.1
May	53.6	77.0	0.6
June	63.1	86.9	0.4
July	67.3	90.4	2.6
August	65.3	87.3	3.1
September	61.1	83.0	1.5
October	51.1	72.4	1.3
November	40.8	60.1	1.3
December	34.4	51.9	1.5
Yearly Avg.	49.1	70.1	18.6

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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