

## Profile:

# Gila County, Arizona

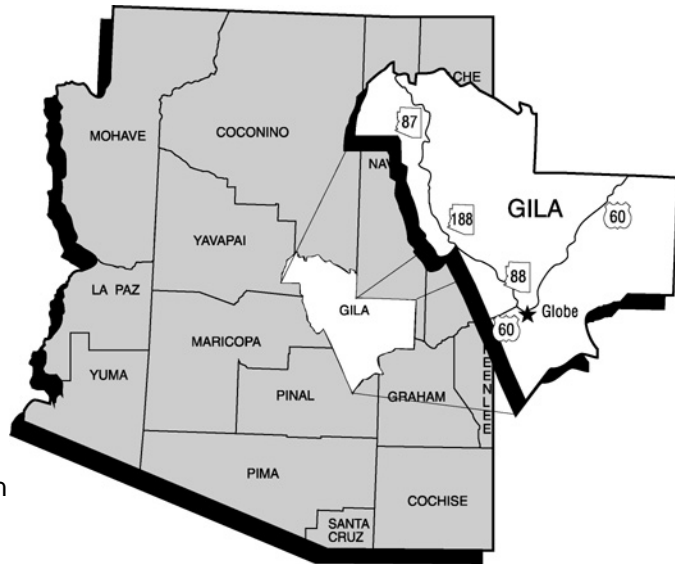
**G**ila County was created in 1881 from portions of Maricopa and Pinal counties, and later included part of Yavapai County. The county covers 4,796 square miles and is a source of great mineral wealth. The Globe Mining District, originally located on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, was reallocated to Gila County.

Silver first attracted people to this area in late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. When the silver resources were depleted, copper emerged and kept mining alive. Copper mining continues in this area, and the town of Globe remains county seat to this day.

Gila County is the home of the legendary Graham-Tewksbury feud, which began in the 1870s and lasted 15 years. It claimed dozens of lives and ignited tempers between cattle ranchers and sheep ranchers for years to come.

Some of the attractions in Gila County include the Salt River Canyon, Tonto National Monument, the Mogollon Rim, Tonto Natural Bridge State Park, Coolidge Dam, Roosevelt Dam and Roosevelt Lake. Both desert terrain and mountain ranges spread across the county's landscape. Elevations range from 2,000 to 7,000 feet above sea level. This stark difference of 5,000 feet enables the county to support ranching as well as tourism and recreation. These three areas of commerce, in addition to copper production, comprise the county's major industries. Portions of Gila County including parts of Payson, Hayden and Winkelman have been designated as an Enterprise Zone.

The U.S. Forest Service owns 56 percent of the land in Gila County. Approximately 38 percent belongs to the Apache Tribe. Individuals and corporations own 2 percent of the land; the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2 percent; and the state of Arizona, 1 percent of the land; and other public lands comprise the remaining 1 percent.



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## Gila County At-A-Glance

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>County Seat:</b>             | Globe  |
| <b>2008 Population:</b>         | 57,361   |
| <b>2008 Labor Force:</b>        | 22,202   |
| <b>Unemployment Rate:</b>       | 5.7%   |
| <b>Major Industries:*</b>       | Public Administration, Retail<br>Trade, Accommodation &<br>Food Services,<br>Mining* |
| <b>Best Paying Industries:*</b> | Wholesale Trade,<br>Information, Finance &<br>Insurance, Mining*                     |

Sources: Population Estimates July 2008, Strategic Investment and Research, Arizona Department of Commerce; 2008 Special Unemployment Report, OES Report, Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.

\* Local sources estimate that mining is among the county's major and best-paying industries.



## Population

|             | 1990      | 2000      | 2008      |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Arizona     | 3,665,228 | 5,130,632 | 6,629,455 |
| Gila County | 40,216    | 51,335    | 57,361    |

### Major Cities/Communities

|                    |       |        |        |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Globe              | 6,062 | 7,486  | 8,032  |
| Hayden             | 909   | 892    | 839    |
| Miami              | 2,018 | 1,936  | 1,891  |
| Payson             | 8,377 | 13,620 | 16,965 |
| San Carlos         |       |        |        |
| Apache Reservation | 7,294 | 9,385  | N/A    |
| Star Valley        | N/A   | N/A    | 2,164  |
| Winkelman          | 676   | 443    | 423    |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.

N/A - Not available

## Age Distribution

|       | % of total |
|-------|------------|
| 0-14  | 20.7%      |
| 15-24 | 10.8%      |
| 25-44 | 22.3%      |
| 45-64 | 26.4%      |
| 65+   | 19.8%      |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

## Population Composition\*

| Race                      | % of total |
|---------------------------|------------|
| White                     | 77.8%      |
| African American          | 0.4%       |
| Native American           | 12.9%      |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 0.5%       |
| Other                     | 8.4%       |
| Totals                    | 100.0%     |
| Hispanic Heritage*        | 16.6%      |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

\* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race



## 2008 Civilian Labor Force



|                                 | <i>Labor Force</i> | <i>Unemployment Rate</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Arizona                         | 3,132,667          | 5.5%                     |
| Gila County                     | 21,071             | 5.7%                     |
| <b>Major Cities/Communities</b> |                    |                          |
| Globe                           | 3,548              | 4.8%                     |
| Hayden                          | 317                | 8.8%                     |
| Miami                           | 774                | 7.4%                     |
| Payson                          | 6,281              | 4.4%                     |
| Pine/Strawberry                 | 896                | 3.1%                     |
| San Carlos Apache Reservation   | 918                | 29.4%                    |
| Winkelman                       | 181                | 3.9%                     |
| Young                           | 204                | 3.4%                     |

## 2008 Employment by Sector

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Goods producing                   | 2,550 |
| Government                        | 5,000 |
| Other private Service Providing   | 4,625 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 2,375 |

## 2008 Total All Occupations

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| <i>Employment</i>          | 14,250  |
| <b>Hourly Compensation</b> |         |
| Median Wage                | 14.66   |
| Average Wage               | \$16.89 |
| Entry Wage *               | \$8.94  |
| Experienced **             | \$20.86 |

## 2008 Employment by Occupation Average Wages

|                                    | <i>Employment</i> | <i>Avg. Wages</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Office & Administrative Support    | 1,990             | \$13.81           |
| Food Preparation & Serving Related | 1,470             | \$10.07           |
| Construction & Extraction          | 1,310             | \$20.14           |
| Sales & Related                    | 1,600             | \$14.11           |
| Education, Training & Library      | 770               | \$16.48           |
| Transportation & Material Moving   | 900               | \$14.56           |
| Management                         | 630               | \$31.01           |

Source: Prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics July, 2009

\* 10<sup>th</sup> percentile \*\* 75<sup>th</sup> percentile

## Major Employers in Gila County

| <i>Employer</i>                            | <i>Employment Type</i>          |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Apache Gold, Globe                         | Casino                          |
| APS, Globe, Payson                         | Utilities                       |
| Asarco Ray Complex, Hayden                 | Copper Ore Mining, Smelting     |
| Basha's, San Carlos                        | Grocery                         |
| B.J. Cecil Trucking, Claypool              | Transportation                  |
| BHP Copper, Miami                          | Copper Ore Mining               |
| Cobre Valley Community Hospital,           | Hospital                        |
| Copper Mountain Inn, Globe                 | Skilled Nursing Hospital        |
| Freeport-McMoRan,                          | Copper & Gold Mining, Smelting, |
| Claypool                                   | and Rod Plant                   |
| Fry's, Globe, Payson                       | Grocery                         |
| Gila County                                | Government                      |
| Globe Unified School District,             | Education                       |
| Heritage Health Care Center, Globe         | Skilled Nursing                 |
| Payson Regional Medical Center             | Hospital                        |
| Manzanita Manor, Payson                    | Skilled Nursing Hospital        |
| Mazatzal Casino Tonto Apache Tribe, Payson | Casino                          |
| Miami Unified School District              | Education                       |
| Payson Unified School District             | Education                       |
| Safeway, Globe, Payson                     | Grocery                         |
| San Carlos Unified School District         | Education                       |
| Select Care, Globe                         | Skilled Nursing                 |
| Town of Payson                             | Government                      |
| Wal-Mart Superstore, Globe, Payson         | Retail                          |
| U.S. Forest Service, Globe, Payson         | Government                      |

Source: Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce and Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce





### Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| APS                                    | (800) 253-9405 |
| Graham County Utilities                | (928) 485-2451 |
| Salt River Project                     | (928) 467-2212 |
| San Carlos Irrigation Project (Apache) | (928) 475-2214 |

### Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Energy West Gas Company (Payson)  | (928) 474-2294 |
| Northern Energy (Payson)          | (928) 474-3334 |
| Southwest Gas Corporation (Globe) | (800) 766-9722 |

### Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local chamber of commerce directly.

### Telephone

Major Suppliers:

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Verizon Wireless                    | (928) 425-9091 |
| Qwest Communications                | (800) 244-1111 |
| San Carlos Apache Telecomm. Utility | (928) 475-2433 |



Major Hospitals:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Cobre Valley Community Hospital, Globe | (928) 425-3261 |
| Payson Regional Medical Center, Payson | (928) 474-3222 |



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|--|----------------|
| Central Arizona College,<br>Aravaipa Campus, Winkelman | (520) 357-7864 |
| Gila County Community College,<br>Hayden-Winkelman     | (928) 468-8481 |
| Gila County Community College, Globe                   | (928) 425-8481 |
| Gila County Community College, Payson                  | (928) 468-8039 |
| Gila County Community College,<br>San Carlos           | (928) 475-5981 |
| Northern Arizona University - Globe                    | (928) 473-3185 |
| Northern Arizona University - Payson                   | (928) 474-5147 |



### Highways

U.S. 60, state Highway 73, state Highway 77, state Highway 87, state Highway 88, state Highway 170, state Highway 188, state Highway 260

### Bus Lines

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Greyhound Bus Lines         | (800) 231-2222 |
| Safe Ride                   | (800) 797-7433 |
| High Country Transportation | (888) 815-RIDE |

### Rail Service

Arizona Eastern Railroad (freight only) (520) 473-2447

### Trucking Service

B.J. Cecil, BJ Trucking and H & A Trucking Inc.



## Air Service

### Major Airports

**Airport Name: San Carlos Airport** (928) 472-4748  
Location: Globe  
Functional Class: Community Service  
Elevation: 3,233'  
Ownership: San Carlos Apache Tribe  
Use: Public  
Nav-aids: GPS Approach  
Runway: 09/27 Length: 5,500' Width: 75'  
Surface: Asphalt

**Airport Name: Payson Airport** (928) 474-2005  
Functional Class: Community Service  
Elevation: 5,156'  
Ownership: Public  
Use: Public/Commercial  
Nav-aids: None  
Runway: 06/24 Length: 4,910' Width: 60'  
Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



## Globe/Miami

There is a 50-acre industrial park. Contact Tribal Planner, San Carlos Tribe, P.O. Box O, San Carlos, AZ 85550, (928) 475-2332. There is also a private industrial park located one mile north of Globe on Hwy. 60.

For more information, contact the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation, 1360 N. Broad Street, Globe, AZ 85501; Tel: (928) 425-4495, Toll free (800) 804-5323, FAX: 928-425-3410, Email [gmr@cableone.net](mailto:gmr@cableone.net), Websites: [www.globemiamichamber.com](http://www.globemiamichamber.com) and [www.globemiamiaz.com](http://www.globemiamiaz.com) or the Town of Miami; (928) 473-4403.

## Payson

There are two industrial parks available. One is just west of the juncture of state Route 87 and state Route 260; the other is adjacent to Payson Municipal Airport and has taxiway access to some sites. For additional information, contact the Payson Regional Economic Development Corporation, P.O. Box 1771, Payson, AZ 85547, (928) 468-6659 or email: [info@paysonecon.org](mailto:info@paysonecon.org).

## San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation

There is one industrial park with water and natural gas available. The Southern Pacific Railroad, U.S. 70, and an airstrip are nearby. Contact the Planning & Economic Development Office at (928) 475-2331 for more information.



## Industrial Development Authorities

### Industrial Development Authority of Gila County

Mr. Fred Barcon, President  
P.O. Box 370  
Miami, AZ 85539  
(928) 425-5426/Fax: (928) 425-5193

Note: This information is as current as the date of this publication and was taken from reliable sources; however, we do not guarantee its completeness nor does the Arizona Department of Commerce endorse any particular individual. This information is provided as a service only.

## Commercial Banks

Bank of America, Globe and Payson  
Chase, Payson  
Compass Bank, Payson  
National Bank of Arizona, Payson  
Wells Fargo Bank, Globe and Payson

## Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

## 2008 Property Tax

| Community  | School Dist. | City/Fire | Countywide | Total |
|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Globe      | 3.80         | 1.29      | 4.78       | 9.87  |
| Hayden*    | 8.19         | 5.54      | 4.78       | 18.51 |
| Miami*     | 5.17         | 3.68      | 4.78       | 13.63 |
| Payson**   | 4.55         | 0.28      | 4.78       | 9.61  |
| Winkelman* | 8.19         | 4.39      | 4.78       | 17.36 |

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2008 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

\* School district participates in the Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT).

\*\* School district participates in the Northern Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT).

## Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Gila County has a 1 percent sales tax. Globe has a sales tax of 2 percent; Payson has a sales tax of 2.12 percent; Miami has a sales tax of 2.5 percent; Hayden has a sales tax of 3 percent; and Winkelman has a sales tax of 3.5 percent. Hayden has an additional hotel/motel tax of 2 percent; and Globe, 3 percent.

Source: League of Arizona Cities and Towns

## Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



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