

Coolidge is in the center of the rapidly expanding growth corridor in Western Pinal County. It continues to be the commercial center of Arizona's cotton industry and is a business friendly City that attracts investment and new businesses, while supporting existing businesses. In 1925, after construction of the Coolidge Dam transformed the flat desert into rich farm and ranch land, R.J.Jones laid out an 80-acre site to found the City. The city's name honors the President Calvin Coolidge, who dedicated the dam in 1930. Almost 100,000 people annually visit the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge to learn of the prehistoric Hohokam people who constructed the Casa Grande (Spanish for "Big House"), a four-story caliche structure built in the 1300s.

Principal Economic Activities

From Coolidge's founding until the early 1950s, the economy was mainly dependent on agriculture, and, to a lesser extent, mining. Its economy has diversified to include manufacturing, tourism and regional trade and services for agricultural producers and farm families. The Coolidge Industrial Park, the Union Pacific Railroad Industrial Park and Randolph Industrial Park have boosted the presence of manufacturing and the city is setting the stage for increased economic development in these industrial centers.

Scenic Attractions

The Coolidge Historical Society Museum displays historical artifacts of educational value from Coolidge and the surrounding area dating from the 1920s to 1950s. Many photographs from the early days in Coolidge are part of the museum exhibits. The Coolidge Performing Arts Center showcases the performing arts through an abundance of musical, educational and other artistic performances. Another attraction is The Artisan Village of Coolidge, which focuses on the artistic, creative and innovative pursuits that are the hallmark of artisans throughout the ages. Many of these pursuits represent a lost or dying art form in addition to disciplines that people just want to learn or master.

Community Facilities

Coolidge offers a broad range of community facilities including a library, a performing arts center, youth recreation, and adult centers, multiple parks including multi-complex softball and baseball fields, soccer fields, a swimming pool, and several tennis courts. In addition, the Central Arizona College Campus and the Central Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology provide excellent education programs.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1925	Incorporated:	1945
Elevation:	1,500 ft.	Location:	Pinal County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	51 miles	San Diego:	369 miles
Tucson:	67 miles	Los Angeles:	428 miles
Las Vegas:	349 miles		

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2014 (est.)
Coolidge	6,945	7,786	12,027
Pinal County	116,800	179,727	396,237
State of Arizona	3,680,800	5,130,632	6,667,241

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PROPERTY TAX

	1990	2000	2014
Elementary / High School	6.28	7.69	6.04
City / Fire District	1.48	1.52	1.85
Pinal County	7.46	7.63	7.05
Totals (Pinal County)	15.22	16.84	14.94

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Coolidge	3.00%
Pinal County	1.10%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	1990	2000	2014
Civilian Labor Force	2,659	3,160	4,941
Unemployed	174	266	360
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	8.4%	7.3%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	1,162	13.7%
High school or equivalent, no college	2,324	27.5%
Some college or Associate degree	3,450	40.8%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,529	18.1%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	1,103	25.4%
Public administration	743	17.1%
Retail trade	502	11.6%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	461	10.6%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	407	9.4%
Construction	312	7.2%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	253	5.8%
Finance, insurance & real estate	173	4.0%
Other services, except public administration	163	3.8%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	114	2.6%
Manufacturing	105	2.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Wholesale trade	0	0.0%

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