

Colorado City is on the northern border of Arizona and adjacent to Hildale, Utah. Colorado City was originally called Short Creek after a nearby stream that sank into the sand before it had run very far. The scenic Vermillion cliffs form a backdrop for the community and the area shows evidence of an early Anasazi population. One of the first modern settlers was William Maxwell in about 1908. Other early settlers were ranchers and cattlemen and, a few years later, homesteaders. In the 1930s, a religious movement came from Utah seeking refuge and played a major part in building the community into a thriving place. The community officially changed its name to Colorado City in 1963.

### Principal Economic Activities

The traditional economic focus on agriculture and ranching has gradually changed with growth and urban expansion. The school district is the largest single employer, but manufacturing and regional construction provide most jobs. The neighboring community of Hildale, Utah, with an active industrial park and service industry, plays an important part in Colorado City's economy. Many industrial activities are in Hildale, while most commercial retail occurs in Colorado City.

### Scenic Attractions

The Arizona Strip encompasses more than 5 million acres of land and is often called the "Gateway to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon." Points of interest include: House Rock Valley, Navajo Trail, Gooseberry Mesa, Toroweep Overlook, Canaan Mountain hiking trails, Pipe Springs and the Kaibab/Paiute Indian Reservation. Scenery near Colorado City includes Vermillion and Shinorump Cliffs, Steamboat Rock and numerous canyons and Native American ruins. The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is about 100-miles south of Colorado City. The 741,000-acre Kaibab National Forest with picnicking, rockhounding, camping and hunting is less than 40 miles southeast. The town is only hours from Zion and Bryce national parks, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Utah State Park, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon and Lake Mead recreation areas and Historic Pipe Springs National Monument.

### Community Facilities

The area has four neighborhood parks, a full-service municipal airport, two public school recreation centers and emergency services.



## BASIC INFORMATION

<b>Founded:</b>	1908	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1985
<b>Elevation:</b>	5,200 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Mohave County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	354 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	491 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	467 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	430 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	166 miles		

## POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Colorado City	3,334	4,821	4,822
Mohave County	155,032	200,099	205,764
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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## PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.05	10.28	4.86
City / Fire District	2.37	3.06	3.16
Mohave County	4.19	3.62	4.64
Totals (Mohave County)	13.61	16.96	12.66

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## SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Colorado City	3.00%
Mohave County	5.85%
State	5.60%

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## LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	982	1,237	1,180
Unemployed	28	192	113
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	15.5%	9.6%

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## WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	943	56.8%
High school or equivalent, no college	267	16.1%
Some college or Associate degree	327	19.7%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	122	7.4%

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## INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Construction	167	17.6%
Retail trade	145	15.3%
Education, health care & social assistance	126	13.3%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	111	11.7%
Manufacturing	106	11.2%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	70	7.4%
Other services, except public administration	46	4.8%
Public administration	42	4.4%
Finance, insurance & real estate	41	4.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	37	3.9%
Wholesale trade	28	3.0%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	18	1.9%
Information	12	1.3%

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