

Coolidge is in the center of the rapidly expanding growth corridor in western Pinal County. The city 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 Coolidge. 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 about 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 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. The city is setting the stage for increased economic development in these industrial centers.

Scenic Attractions

The Coolidge Historical Society Museum displays historical artifacts from Coolidge and the surrounding areas 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, a center focusing 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, adult centers, a swimming pool and multiple parks. Coolidge has a multi-complex with several tennis courts and softball, baseball and soccer fields. In addition, the Central Arizona College Campus and the Central Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology provide excellent educational 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

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Coolidge	7,786	11,855	12,311
Pinal County	179,727	376,369	413,312
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.69	4.29	5.37
City / Fire District	1.52	1.12	1.93
Pinal County	7.63	6.36	7.47
Totals (Pinal County)	16.84	11.77	14.77

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Coolidge	3.00%
Pinal County	6.70%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	3,160	5,009	4,990
Unemployed	266	540	318
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	10.8%	6.4%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	1,493	19.3%
High school or equivalent, no college	2,517	32.5%
Some college or Associate degree	2,869	37.1%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	856	11.1%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	918	22.4%
Public administration	828	20.2%
Retail trade	507	12.4%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	404	9.9%
Construction	353	8.6%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	310	7.6%
Manufacturing	179	4.4%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	174	4.2%
Finance, insurance & real estate	145	3.5%
Other services, except public administration	142	3.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	127	3.1%
Information	11	0.3%
Wholesale trade	0	0.0%

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