

Located in the high country mountains of northern Arizona, Flagstaff is not the Arizona experience you may expect. At a 7,000-foot elevation, temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees in the summer, while fall brings a brilliant change of color. Winter snowfall averages 108 inches, and spring bursts with blossoms. The Flagstaff area got its start in 1876 with a pioneer legacy that centers on ranching, lumber mills and the railroad. Many of the buildings in Flagstaff's historic downtown area date to the early 1900s and are today used as stores, galleries, hotels and restaurants. Flagstaff is located near the center of northern Arizona at the juncture of Interstate 17 and Interstate 40, about 150 miles north of Phoenix and 80 miles south of the Grand Canyon.

Principal Economic Activities

Home to Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the majority of its 30,000 students, Flagstaff is a university town focused on quality education and research. This culture permeates through all levels of education with a focus on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. In fact, Flagstaff has been proclaimed the "First S.T.E.M. City in America."

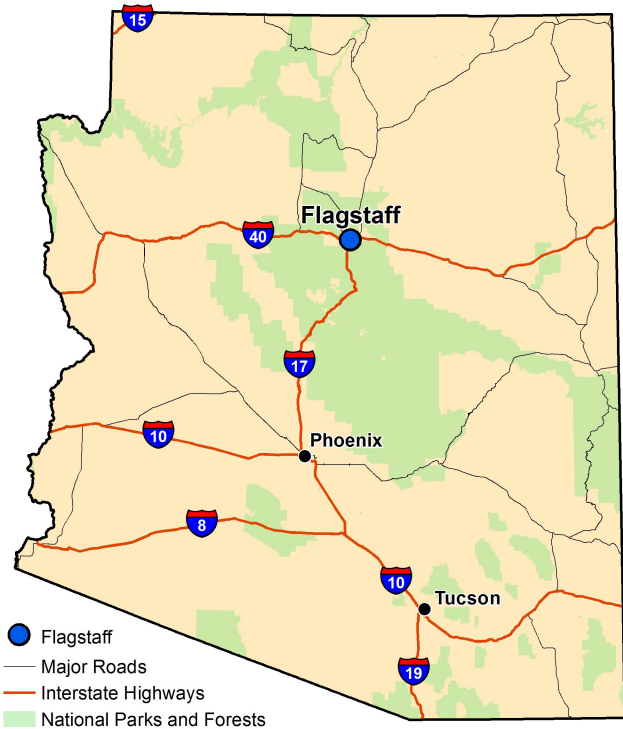
Flagstaff has one of the top 10 charter schools in the state, Flagstaff Arts & Leadership Academy (FALA), according to *U.S. News and World Report*. Coconino Community College educates 7500 students in the community with a focus on professional development, associate degrees and undergraduate transfer programs to NAU. Flagstaff has a workforce where 43 percent of residents hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Flagstaff is the hub of quality health care services in northern Arizona with a Tier 1 trauma center at Flagstaff Medical Center. Flagstaff Medical Center is one of six Arizona hospitals to receive the "Outstanding Patient Experience Award." Flagstaff is also home to multiple world-class cardiac, orthopedic, sports medicine and high-altitude training facilities. The city also has many manufacturing businesses such as the well-known Nestle Purina pet food company and Joy Cone, which creates and ships ice cream cones across the country. Lastly, Flagstaff offers businesses incubator and accelerator facilities to assist entrepreneurs with developing and growing their ideas.

Scenic Attractions

Flagstaff is only 80 miles from Grand Canyon National Park, which makes staying in Flagstaff a natural fit for visitors. During their stay, visitors can ski in the winter and enjoy the sky ride in the summer at Arizona Snowbowl. They can study Flagstaff's rich history at the Museum of Northern Arizona, climb and zip line in the trees at Flagstaff Extreme, hike and bike on 50 miles of FUTS trails and search for stars at Lowell Observatory, where Pluto was discovered. The city also has over 75 hotel properties, 220 restaurants and seven micro-breweries to serve the locals and visitors with top-of-the-line amenities.

Community Facilities

Flagstaff has a wide range of community and cultural facilities. There are museums, art galleries, a symphony orchestra, several recreation centers, libraries, parks, golf courses, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, an ice skating arena, a bowling alley, a ski resort and a theatre.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1882	Incorporated:	1894
Elevation:	6,905 ft.	Location:	Coconino County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	142 miles	San Diego:	492 miles
Tucson:	257 miles	Los Angeles:	467 miles
Las Vegas:	252 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Flagstaff	52,894	65,985	71,656
Coconino County	116,320	134,679	142,560
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	6.69	4.73	5.62
City / Fire District	1.71	1.48	1.65
Coconino County	1.71	1.76	2.31
Totals (Coconino County)	10.11	7.97	9.57

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Flagstaff	2.05%
Coconino County	6.90%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	31,596	39,236	41,002
Unemployed	961	3,519	1,687
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	9.0%	4.1%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	3,036	8.7%
High school or equivalent, no college	5,565	15.9%
Some college or Associate degree	11,110	31.8%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	15,217	43.6%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	10,523	29.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	7,247	20.2%
Retail trade	4,878	13.6%
Manufacturing	2,469	6.9%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	2,334	6.5%
Public administration	2,046	5.7%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,412	3.9%
Construction	1,387	3.9%
Other services, except public administration	1,158	3.2%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	1,153	3.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	462	1.3%
Information	445	1.2%
Wholesale trade	395	1.1%

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