

Taylor, on the banks of Silver Creek, is in a broad, flat valley in east-central Arizona. The Mogollon Rim to the south and White Mountains to the west form an almost continuous barrier protecting Taylor from severe winters while creating a semi-arid climate. Taylor was settled in 1881 by James Pearce and named after John Taylor, English-born president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Taylor has several sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Principal Economic Activities

With the proximity of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, NOVO Power, a biomass energy generator, and Tri-Star Trucking have formed a partnership. They have located a sawmill adjacent to the biomass plant just west of the town. The lumberjack mill nearby has increased production and jobs under the 4-Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). Taylor is home to the corporate offices of Brimhall Sand and Rock, Hatch Construction and Paving, and Reidhead Sand and Rock. The Northeast Arizona Training Center is home to the Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (NALETA). It also offers fire-service classes through Northland Pioneer College. The facility's burn tower and driving track draw agencies from around the area. Taylor Municipal Airport boasts a 75 by 7,500-foot runway for corporate visitors. Ample land in the surrounding area makes Taylor an attractive opportunity for businesses looking for a new location.



### Scenic Attractions

The Petrified Forest National Park, Painted Desert and Navajo Indian Reservation, including Monument Valley, lie to the north of Taylor. The majestic White Mountains, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and the Mogollon Rim lakes for fishing, boating and swimming are located just south. Sunrise Ski Resort is one hour south on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Taylor has numerous registered historic sites and homes for tour. Many of these sites are included on the Trail of Many Tracks driving tour. A museum is in the center of town with one of the first one-room schools in Arizona.

### Community Facilities

Taylor offers many community facilities including municipal parks with ramadas, picnic and barbeque facilities, walking trails, playgrounds, soccer and baseball fields and volleyball, basketball and racquetball courts. The city is home to a lighted, professional rodeo arena seating more than 5,000. Independence Day celebrations offer the earliest daytime parade in Arizona at five a.m. The festivities include firing the anvil, patriotic programs, a professional rodeo, community barbecue, fireworks and dances. A Sweet Corn Festival is held annually at Labor Day with parades, corn vendors, barbeque, craft vendors and dances. Numerous restaurants and fast food establishments are available.

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b>Founded:</b>	1881	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1966
<b>Elevation:</b>	5,640 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Navajo County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	175 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	529 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	225 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	547 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	373 miles		

**POPULATION**

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Taylor	3,176	4,126	4,240
Navajo County	97,470	107,677	110,413
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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**PROPERTY TAX**

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	5.72	3.13	6.32
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Navajo County	2.90	2.69	3.87
Totals (Navajo County)	8.62	5.82	10.19

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Taylor	2.00%
Navajo County	6.10%
State	5.60%

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**LABOR FORCE**

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	1,311	1,889	2,173
Unemployed	43	137	88
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	7.3%	4.0%

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

	Count	Share
Less than high school	420	15.9%
High school or equivalent, no college	612	23.2%
Some college or Associate degree	985	37.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	617	23.4%

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**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	445	25.4%
Construction	341	19.4%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	169	9.6%
Public administration	129	7.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	124	7.1%
Retail trade	103	5.9%
Other services, except public administration	80	4.6%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	77	4.4%
Finance, insurance & real estate	70	4.0%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	69	3.9%
Information	60	3.4%
Manufacturing	58	3.3%
Wholesale trade	30	1.7%

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