

COLORADO CITY

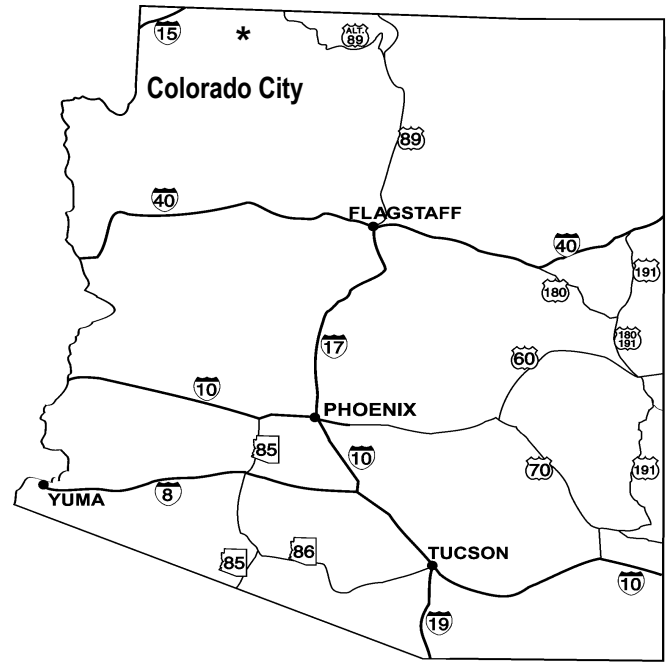
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Colorado City is on the northern border of Arizona adjacent to Hildale, Utah. Colorado City was originally called Short Creek, for a nearby stream which sank into the sand before it had run very far. 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 about 1930, a group of religious fundamentalists came from Utah seeking refuge and played a major part in pioneering the community to the thriving little city that it is today. The community officially changed its name to Colorado City in 1963.

FOUNDED: 1908
 COUNTY: Mohave County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 354 miles
 HIGHWAYS: SR 389
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1985
 ELEVATION: 5,200 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 467 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Colorado City	2,426	3,334	4,110
Mohave County	93,497	155,032	180,210
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

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 plants and regional construction provide most jobs. The neighboring community of Hildale, Utah, with an active industrial park and service industries, plays an important part in Colorado City's economy. Many industrial activities are in Hildale, while most commercial retail is in Colorado City.

County Employment

	<u>2004</u>
Educational & Health Svcs	6,275
Financial Activities	1,975
Government	7,450
Information	825
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000
Manufacturing	3,625
Mining & Construction	6,250
Professional & Business Svcs	3,625
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,825

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	432	744	876
Unemployed	0	0	0
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
New Bldg. Permit	32	44*	9*
Taxable Sales (\$)	341,357	8,561,900	10,245,050
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	3,614,897	4,469,684	7,417,280

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

* Incomplete Data: One or more months not available; N/R: No Report

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, Cane Beds, Pipe Springs and Kaibab/Paiute Indian Reservation. Scenery near Colorado City includes Vermillion and Shinorump Cliffs, Steamboat Rock, numerous canyons and Indian ruins. The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is about 100 miles south and the 741,000-acre Kaibab National Forest, with picnicking, rock hunting, 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.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	5.52	7.05	10.70
City/Fire District	0.00	2.37	0.00
Countywide	4.82	4.19	4.16
Total	\$10.34	\$13.61	\$14.86

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

Note: Colorado City residents also pay Colorado City Fire District rate. (Totals may not add due to rounding.)

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Town of Colorado City has two neighborhood parks, a public library, a private community center, a basketball court, and a small private zoo.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Banking services in Hildale and St. George, Utah (40 miles northwest)

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Fire District

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Colorado City Municipal Airport

Medical

There is a regional medical center located in St. George, Utah.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

Meeting Rooms: 2

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Town of Colorado City.

Utilities

Electricity	Twin City Power	435.874.1160
Propane	Standard Supply Co.	928.875.2252
Sewer	Hildale City	435.874.2323
Telephone	South Central Utah Telephone Assn.	435.826.4211
Water	Town of Colorado City	928.875.8175

Cable Providers: No

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	23.7	47.6	1.35
February	28.2	52.3	1.55
March	32.4	58.6	1.56
April	37.7	66.5	0.93
May	45.8	76.8	0.63
June	54.3	87.5	0.41
July	60.8	92.6	1.22
August	60.2	90.2	1.57
September	53.1	82.7	1.27
October	41.9	71.7	1.02
November	31.4	57.6	1.20
December	23.9	48.8	0.98
Yearly Avg	41.1	69.4	13.69

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1963-2004. Average Total Snowfall 18.3".

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