

Jerome was once a roaring mining town with 15,000 people and multi-storied buildings and fine homes. With the fall of copper prices and the closing of the Phelps Dodge Mine in 1953, it became the world's largest

“ghost city.” Jerome is situated in the foothills of central Arizona's Verde Valley which is surrounded by the Coconino and Prescott National Forest lands where camping, fishing and hunting are popular. Recreation areas within the Prescott Forest include Horse Thief Basin, Lynx Lake and Mingus Mountain. The town can be reached by taking Interstate 17 to state Highway 260, and 260 to Cottonwood. From Cottonwood, state Highway 89A goes to Jerome.

Principal Economic Activities

Jerome produced more than \$1 billion worth of copper, gold, silver and zinc in its 70-year active life. Today, life is quite different. Designated a National Historical Landmark in 1967, the town's economy is now based on tourism and recreation. Antique, craft and gift shops, small boutiques, and art galleries are located in the once-deserted stores along Main Street. Jerome also has one of Arizona's oldest saloon-style bars.



Scenic Attractions

Jerome State Historic Park features the former Douglas Mansion, now a museum featuring the area's history. The Jerome Historical Society Mine Museum exhibits ore collections and mining equipment of the past. The Paso De Casas (home tour), that completed its 50th annual tour in 2015, is held in May. A 3-day reunion for former mining families is held in October Festival of Lights, in December, offers caroling at no charge. Visit Jerome's famous traveling jail, which has moved almost 300 feet since it was built. Other nearby attractions include the Verde Canyon Railroad, Gold King Mine, the 42-acre Tuzigoot Monument that houses three Indian pueblos occupied from the 12th to 14th centuries, and Montezuma's Castle, among the nation's best preserved Indian structures. The 5-story structure, built about 1050, was abandoned in 1450.

Community Facilities

Jerome offers a range of community facilities including two museums, five art galleries, three parks, a library and an archive research center.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1876 **Incorporated:** 1899
Elevation: 5,435 ft. **Location:** Yavapai County

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 110 miles **San Diego:** 457 miles
Tucson: 224 miles **Los Angeles:** 414 miles
Las Vegas: 270 miles

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2014 (est.)
Jerome	405	329	444
Yavapai County	108,500	167,517	215,357
State of Arizona	3,680,800	5,130,632	6,667,241

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PROPERTY TAX

	1990	2000	2014
Elementary / High School	6.13	4.86	5.63
City / Fire District	2.44	1.78	3.25
Yavapai County	5.14	4.18	5.01
Totals (Yavapai County)	13.71	10.82	13.90

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Jerome	3.50%
Yavapai County	0.75%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	1990	2000	2014
Civilian Labor Force	238	213	292
Unemployed	10	9	4
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	1.4%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	12	3.8%
High school or equivalent, no college	57	17.9%
Some college or Associate degree	106	33.3%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	143	45.0%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	70	26.3%
Retail trade	65	24.4%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	37	13.9%
Education, health care & social assistance	32	12.0%
Finance, insurance & real estate	17	6.4%
Construction	15	5.6%
Manufacturing	14	5.3%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	7	2.6%
Public administration	6	2.3%
Other services, except public administration	3	1.1%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Wholesale trade	0	0.0%

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