

CHLORIDE

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Chloride was the first of many mining communities founded in northwest Arizona in the early 1860s, and it is the only one surviving today. Chloride got its name from the type of silver ore found in the area. It is in north-central Mohave County, 20 miles north of Kingman off state Highway 93. Chloride's location, near the edge of the Cerbat Mountains, is close to Lake Mead and the Lake Mohave portions of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The community is 90 minutes south of Las Vegas and 45 minutes east of Laughlin, Nevada.

FOUNDED: 1960

COUNTY: Mohave County

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 205 miles

INCORPORATED: No

ELEVATION: 4,009 feet

HIGHWAYS: I-40.

POPULATION

| | <u>1990</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Chloride | 260 | 385 | 397 |
| Mohave County | 133,550 | 138,625 | 142,925 |
| Arizona | 3,665,228 | 4,764,025 | 4,924,350 |

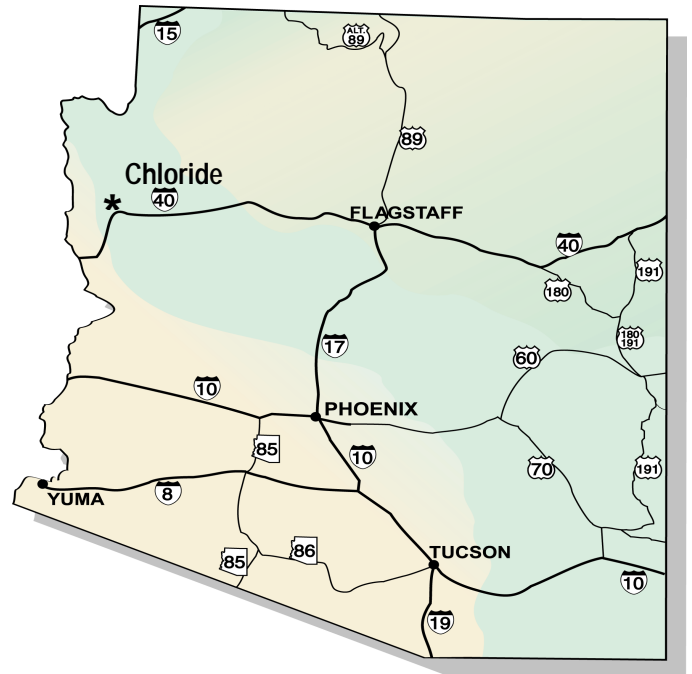
Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
1998-1999 estimate projected from county population growth rates.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Local employment is generated largely by retail trade and service firms. One small mine and a rock crushing operation also operate in the community. A growing number of artisans are locating in Chloride and have established craft shops and art galleries. A significant number of Chloride residents are retired, but approximately 15 percent work in Kingman or Laughlin.

| <u>County Employment</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Agricultural Services, Forestry & Fishing | 135 | |
| Construction | 3,297 | 3,150 |
| FIRE | 1,182 | 1,400 |
| Manufacturing | 2,542 | 3,300 |
| Mining | 0 | 175 |
| Retail Trade | 8,052 | |
| Services | 6,011 | 9,900 |
| TCPU | 1,212 | 1,775 |
| Trade | | 11,700 |

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



LABOR FORCE DATA

| | <u>1990</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 13,130 | 17,832 | 18,420 |
| Unemployed | 954 | 1,231 | 1,266 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.3% | 6.9% | 6.9% |

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

| <u>Growth Indicators</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| New Building Permits | | | |
| Taxable Sales (\$) | | | |
| Net Assessed Valuation (\$) | 608,872 | 919,546 | 946,823 |

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Department of Revenue.

1998-1999 civilian labor force estimate based on county data for surrounding area.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave & Lake Mead, offering bass, catfish & trout fishing, boating & water recreation, are easily accessible. Parker, Davis, & Hoover Dams have visitor tours. The Hualapai Mountains with their forested slopes offer hunting and parks. The remains of the mining town of Cerbat, abandoned in the 1940s, are about 8 miles away. Murals 30-ft. high, painted in 1967 by Roy Purcell, & petroglyphs left by early Indian cultures can be viewed at the base of Cerbat Mtns., 1.3 miles east of Chloride. Windy Point Park has a campground with picnic facilities. For rock hounds, a wide variety of minerals & gems can be found in the rugged desert landscape. Townsite Murals, started in 1990 by Sue Wright, in and outside of Chloride's Historical buildings, depict citizens past & present.

TAXES

| Property Tax Rate | 1990 | 1998 | 1999 |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Elem/High School | 4.79 | 6.65 | 5.79 |
| City/Fire District | 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| County | 4.82 | 4.12 | 4.17 |
| Total | \$9.61 | \$13.77 | \$12.96 |

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Property tax in Arizona is based on assessed valuation which is 10 percent of market value for residential property. Average tax rate on homes in Arizona before exemptions and rebates is 1.3% of market value.

Sales Tax Rate

| | |
|--------|-------|
| City | 0.00% |
| County | 0.00% |
| State | 5.00% |

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Chloride offers a range of community facilities including a civic center, one park, two baseball diamonds and basketball courts near the town hall. The town hall houses the Chloride Station Library. Two theater groups provide entertainment. Also many trails are available for horseback riding. There are three restaurants, two bars, two grocery stores and a bed & breakfast. Gasoline stations are not available in Chloride.

Educational Institutions

| | Public | Private |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Community College | Y | N |

Financial

Eight bank branches and two savings and loan offices are in nearby Kingman

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Airports

Nearby Kingman Municipal Airport: three lighted runways of approximately 6,800 feet and UNICOM radio.

Medical

Medical facilities available in Kingman.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 4

Meeting Rooms: 2

Capacity of Largest Facility: 300

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Chloride Chamber of Commerce or the Chloride Volunteer Fire Department.

Utilities

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Electricity | Citizens Electric Company | 520.753.2124 |
| Natural Gas | Discovery Propane | 520.753.9596 |
| | Ferrell Gas (Chloride) | 520.757.1101 |
| | Northern Energy | 520.757.7923 |
| Sewer | Septic tanks | |
| Telephone | Citizens Telephone | 520.753.1122 |
| Water | Chloride Water Corporation | 520.565.2122 |

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 | 32.7 | 55.6 | 0.74 |
| February | 36.5 | 60.3 | 0.85 |
| March | 37.4 | 62.3 | 1.04 |
| April | 42.5 | 69.7 | 0.15 |
| May | 53.9 | 83.0 | 0.31 |
| June | 62.2 | 91.0 | 0.54 |
| July | 69.5 | 95.9 | 1.23 |
| August | 67.6 | 94.8 | 1.07 |
| September | 60.6 | 88.6 | 0.84 |
| October | 49.5 | 77.0 | 0.23 |
| November | 40.6 | 66.2 | 0.67 |
| December | 30.2 | 52.9 | 0.83 |
| Yearly Avg | 48.6 | 74.8 | 8.50 |

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