Graham County

U.S. county

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Graham County is a county in the so	outheastern part of the U.S. state of Arizona. As of the 2020 census, the population was 38,533, ^[1] making it the third-least populous county in Arizona. The county seat is Safford. ^[2]	
Graham County composes the Saffor	d, Arizona Micropolitan Statistical Area.	
The county is home to several organized and the county is home to the Arizona Salsa Tra	zations including Eastern Arizona College and the Mount Graham International Observatory, which includes one of the world's largest and most powerful telescopes. Graham County il and the annual Salsa Fest. ^[3]	
Graham County contains part of the S	San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation.	*
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Joseph Knight Rogers, an early settler in the area, and a member of the Arizona Territorial Legislature, is known as the father of Graham County. He introduced the bill in the territorial legislature creating Graham

Graham County Courthouse in Safford

Location within the U.S. state of Arizona



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Country	United States
State	Mrizona Arizona
Founded	March 10, 1881
Seat	Safford
Largest city	Safford
Area	
• Total	4,641 sq mi (12,020 km ²)
• Land	4,623 sq mi (11,970 km ²)
• Water	19 sq mi (50 km ²) 0.4%%
Population (2020)	
• Total	38,533
Density	8.3/sq mi (3.2/km ²)
Time zone	UTC-7 (Mountain)
Congressional district	1st
Website	www.graham.az.gov 🗗

links	Geography [edit]
	According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 4,641 square miles (12,020 km ²), of which 4,623 square miles (11,970 km ²) is land and 19 square miles (49 km ²) (0.4%) is water. ^[7] The county has

1883. This change was undone in 1915, returning the county seat to Safford.^[6]

various mountain ranges including Mount Graham, which is the highest mountain in the Pinaleno Mountains.

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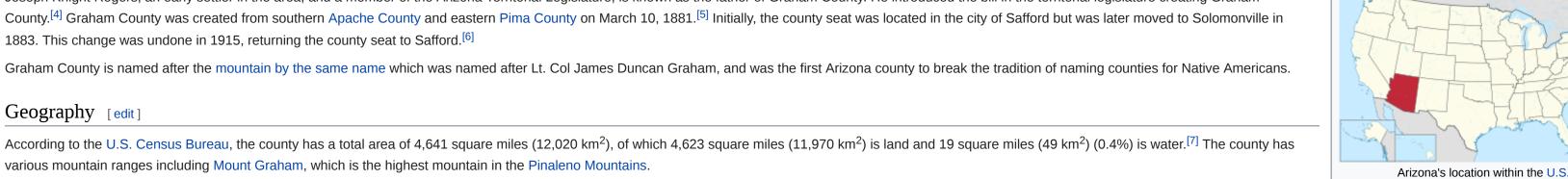
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5.2 Towns

- Cochise County south
- Pima County southwest
- Pinal County west
- Gila County northwest
- Navajo County north
- Apache County north
- Greenlee County east



National protected areas [edit]

- Coronado National Forest (part)
- Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (part)

Major highways [edit]

- 70 U.S. Route 70
- 191 U.S. Route 191
- 266 State Route 266
- 366 State Route 366

Demographics [edit]

2000 census [edit]

As of the 2000 census, there were 33,489 people, 10,116 households, and 7,617 families living in the county. The population density was 7 people per square mile (3/km²). There were 11,430 housing units at an average density of 2 per square mile (1/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 67.1% White, 1.9% Black or African American, 15.0% Native American, 0.6% Asian, <0.1% Pacific Islander, 13.4% from other races, and 2.1% from two or more races. 27.0% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. 16.4% reported speaking Spanish at home, while 6.4% speak a Southern Athabaskan language.^[13]

There were 10,116 households, out of which 39.0% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 57.2% were married couples living together, 13.4% had a female householder with no husband present, and 24.7% were non-families. 20.9% of all households were made up of individuals, and 9.9% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.99 and the average family size was 3.47.

In the county, the population was spread out, with 30.1% under the age of 18, 12.0% from 18 to 24, 27.3% from 25 to 44, 18.7% from 45 to 64, and 11.9% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 31 years. For every 100 females, there were 112.5 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 115.1 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$29,668, and the median income for a family was \$34,417. Males had a median income of \$30,524 versus \$20,739 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$12,139. About 17.7% of families and 23.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 30.2% of those under age 18 and 13.6% of those age 65 or over.

2010 census [edit]

As of the 2010 census, there were 37,220 people, 11,120 households, and 8,188 families living in the county.^[14] The population density was 8.1 inhabitants per square mile (3.1/km²). There were 12,980 housing units at an average density of 2.8 per square mile (1.1/km²).^[15] The racial makeup of the county was 72.1% white, 14.4% American Indian, 1.8% black or African American, 0.5% Asian, 0.1% Pacific islander, 8.2% from other races, and 2.8% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 30.4% of the population.^[14] In terms of ancestry, 16.1% were English, 9.2% were German, 6.9% were Irish, and 4.3% were American.^[16]

Of the 11,120 households, 41.4% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 52.0% were married couples living together, 15.5% had a female householder with no husband present, 26.4% were non-families, and 21.7% of all households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 3.01 and the average family size was 3.50. The median age was 31.6 years.^[14]

The median income for a household in the county was \$41,683 and the median income for a family was \$48,005. Males had a median income of \$41,732 versus \$25,990 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$15,644. About 15.9% of families and 20.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 26.3% of those under age 18 and 9.7% of those age 65 or over.^[17]

Politics [edit]

In its early days Graham County was a solidly Democratic county. It voted for the Democratic nominee in every presidential election from 1912 to 1952, being one of only four Western counties outside New Mexico to support James M. Cox in 1920, and one of only five to support John W. Davis in 1924. Since the 1950s, however, Graham has become a reliable Republican county, usually rivaling Mohave and Yavapai as the most Republican in Arizona, and sometimes, as in 2004 and 2000, being the "reddest" of all the state's counties. No Democratic presidential nominee has carried Graham County since Lyndon B. Johnson – against Arizona native Barry Goldwater – did so in 1964, though Bill Clinton, who carried significant national rural appeal as a Democrat in the 1990s, came close in 1996. [citation needed]

United States presidential election results for Graham County, Arizona^{[18][19]} [show]

Communities [edit]

City [edit]

• Safford (county seat)

Towns [edit]

- Pima
- Thatcher

Census-designated places [edit]

- Bryce
- Bylas
- Cactus Flats

• Fort Thomas

• Central

• Peridot (partially in Gila County)



• San Jose Solomon

Swift Trail Junction

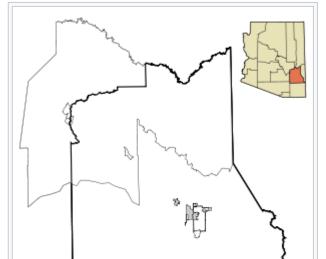


The Large Binocular Telescope on \Box the summit ridge of the Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County.

Historical population			
Census <u>Pop. %+</u>			
1890	5,670		
1900	14,162	149.8%	
1910	23,999	69.5%	
1920	10,148	-57.7%	
1930	10,373	2.2%	
1940	12,113	16.8%	
1950	12,985	7.2%	
1960	14,045	8.2%	
1970	16,578	18.0%	
1980	22,862	37.9%	
1990	26,554	16.1%	
2000	33,489	26.1%	
2010	37,220	11.1%	
2020	38,533	3.5%	
U.S. Decennial Census ^[8] 1790–1960 ^[9] 1900–1990 ^[10] 1990–2000 ^[11] 2010–2018 ^[12]			



Roper Lake, south of Safford.



Unincorporated communities [edit]

- Bonita
- Eden
- Fort Grant
- Old Columbine

Ghost towns [edit]

- Aravaipa
- Camp Goodwin
- Geronimo
- Klondyke
- Spenazuma

Indian communities [edit]

San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation

County population ranking [edit]

The population ranking of the following table is based on the 2010 census of Graham County.^{[20][21]}

† county seat

Rank 🗢	City/Town/etc. 🗢	Population (2010 Census) \$	Municipal type 🗢	Incorporated \$
1	† Safford	9,566	City	
2	Thatcher	4,865	Town	
3	Swift Trail Junction	2,935	CDP	
4	Pima	2,387	Town	
5	Bylas	1,962	CDP	
6	Cactus Flats	1,518	CDP	
7	Peridot (Partially in Gila County)	1,350	CDP	
8	Central	645	CDP	
9	San Jose	506	CDP	
10	Solomon	426	CDP	
11	Fort Thomas	374	CDP	
12	Bryce	175	CDP	

Notable people [edit]

- Charles Stevens, Apache/Mexican actor
- Lynda Carter, actress/singer
- Charles Dudley (né Heaslip) born Fort Grant, film actor and make-up artist
- Sarah Yeiser Mason, Academy Award-winning screenwriter
- Spencer W. Kimball, former President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints lived and operated a business in Safford between 1927 and 1943.

See also [edit]

- Frye Mesa Reservoir
- National Register of Historic Places listings in Graham County, Arizona
- USS Graham County (LST-1176)
- Graham County Sheriff's Office



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- Graham County official website 🗗
- Graham County Chamber of Commerce 🗗

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