Mohave County, Arizona

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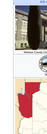
Mohave County is a county in northwestern corner of the U.S. state of Arizona. As of the 2020 census, its population was 213,267.[1] The county seat is Kingman,[2] and the largest city is Lake Havasu City. It is the fifth largest county in the United States by area.

Mohave County includes the Lake Havasu City–Kingman, Arizona Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is also included in the Los Angeles-Honolulu, Nevada-Arizona Combined Statistical Area.

Mohave County contains parts of Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area and all of the Grand Canyon–Parashant National Monument. The Hualapai, Fort Mojave and Havasupai Indian Reservations are within the county.



Mohave County Courthouse in Kingman

Location within the U.S. state of Arizona

Arizona's location within the U.S.

Coordinates: 35°0′N 113°51′W

Country	United States
State	Arizona
Seat	Kingman
Largest city	Lake Havasu City
Incorporated	1864
Named for	Mohave Indians
Area	
• Total	13,470 sq mi (34,900 km²)
• Land	13,311 sq mi (34,480 km²)
• Water	159 sq mi (410 km²) 1.2%
• Rank	2nd
Population	
• Total	213,267
• Estimate (2019)	209,182
• Rank	17th in Arizona
Time zone	UTC−7 (Mountain)
Congressional districts	1st, 4th
Website	www.mohavecounty.gov

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History [edit]

Mohave County is the one of four original Arizona Counties created by the 1st Arizona Territorial Legislature. The county territory was originally defined as being west of longitude 113° 20′ and north of the 34 Williams River Road Pole (Cross Section Corner) in the Gila and Salt River Meridian. It was named after the Mohave Indians.[3] In 1871 other tracts of its territory were added to Nevada in 1866. The county's present boundaries were established in 1891. The county is also known for being home to a large proportion Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and located in Colorado City.

Mohave County has had three county seats: Mohave City (1864–1867), Hardyville (1867–1873), Cerbat (1873–1877), Mineral Park (1877–1887), and Kingman (1887–present).[4]

Geography [edit]

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 13,461 square miles (34,900 km²), of which 13,311 square miles (34,480 km²) is land and 150 square miles (390 km²) (1.1%) is water.[5] It is the second largest county by area in Arizona and the 5th largest in the contiguous United States.

The county contains the Arizona strip region detached by the Grand Canyon, with no direct land communication between them. The northern section, smaller and less populated, forms the western part of the Arizona Strip, bordering Utah and Nevada. The larger southern section borders Nevada and California across the Colorado River, which forms most of the county's western boundary. The southern section includes Kingman, the county seat, and other cities, as well as part of the Mojave Desert.

Adjacent counties [edit]

- Washington County, Utah – north
- Kane County, Utah – northeast
- Coconino County – east
- Yavapai County – east
- Clark County, Nevada – west
- San Bernardino County, California – southwest
- Clark County, Nevada – west
- Lincoln County, Nevada – northwest

National protected areas [edit]

- Grand Canyon National Park (part)
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (part)
- Kaibab National Forest (part)
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (part)
- Mojave National Preserve (part)
- Grand Canyon National Park (part)
- Grand Canyon–Parashant National Monument
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- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (part)
- Mojave National Preserve (part)
- Grand Canyon–Parashant National Monument

Demographics [edit]

2000 census [edit]

As of the 2000 census, there were 155,032 people, 62,809 households, and 45,401 families living in the county. The population density was 12 people per square mile (4/km²). There were 80,002 housing units at an average density of 6 per square mile (2/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 90.1% White, 3.5% Black or African American, 2.4% Native American, 0.9% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 4.0% from other races, and 2.1% from two or more races. 11.1% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 62,809 households, out of which 25.1% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 55.1% were married couples living together, 8.3% had a female householder with no husband present, and 30.0% were non-families. 24.9% of all households were made up of individuals, and 10.9% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.46 and the average family size was 2.92.

In the county, the population was spread out, with 21.1% under the age of 18, 5.5% from 18 to 24, 26.7% from 25 to 44, 26.8% from 45 to 64, and 20.0% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 43 years. For every 100 females there were 98 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 96.8 males.

The median income for a household in the county was $31,721, and the median income for a family was $36,311. Males had a median income of $28,505 versus $22,610 for females. The per capita income for the county was $15,700. About 13.6% of families and 17.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 25.0% of those under age 18 and 7.7% of those age 65 or over.

2010 census [edit]

As of the 2010 census, there were 200,186 people, 82,928 households, and 54,106 families living in the county.[6] The population density was 15.0 inhabitants per square mile (5.8/km²). There were 110,911 housing units at an average density of 8.3 per square mile (3.2/km²).[7] The racial makeup of the county was 87.5% White, 3.9% Black or African American, 3.4% Native American, 1.2% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 3.8% from other races, and 3.9% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 14.0% of the population.[8] In terms of ancestry, 22.1% were German, 20.2% were Irish, 19.8% were English, 8.7% were Italian, and 8.3% were American.[9]

Of the 82,928 households, 24.5% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 49.0% were married couples living together, 10.4% had a female householder with no husband present, 34.9% were non-families, and 31.7% of households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.38 and the average family size was 2.88. The median age was 47.3 years.[10]

The median income for a household in the county was $39,769 and the median income for a family was $47,130. Males had a median income of $36,122 versus $30,380 for females. The per capita income for the county was $21,923. About 12.6% of families and 16.6% of the population were below the poverty line, including 24.7% of those under age 18 and 7.1% of those age 65 or over.

Politics, government, and infrastructure [edit]

Mohave County is a very conservative county. It has been one of the "redder" counties in the state, and in 2016 it voted as such by nearly percentage points. No Democratic presidential nominee has carried Mohave County since Lyndon Johnson, despite the home state and longtime residence of Barry Goldwater, who ran in 1964 as the "original" of every GOP ticket. In 2016, 21.2% from 2012 to 2016, 21.2% from 2008 to 2012, 19.4% from 2004 to 2008, 17.6% from 2000 to 2004, 14.7% from 1996 to 2000, and 14.3% from 1992 to 2000. Even in 1992, the county was more conservative than the state as a whole, as Western Democrat Bill Clinton, who was from Arizona's neighboring state of Nevada, finished a distant third behind Republican incumbent President George H. W. Bush and Western independent Ross Perot.

In recent decades the county has become common for Democratic candidates to receive less than thirty percent of the county's vote, and Hillary Clinton in 2016 received less than 23 percent. In 2020 Donald Trump received nearly 70% of the vote in Mohave County.

United States presidential election results for Mohave County, Arizona[hide]

Year	Republican	Democratic	Third party(ies)
2020	69.7%	29.6%	0.7%
2016	63.1%	23.2%	13.7%
2012	60.7%	38.4%	0.9%
2008	57.8%	41.1%	1.1%
2004	61.3%	37.3%	1.4%
2000	57.6%	35.1%	7.3%
1996	45.3%	40.1%	14.6%
1992	36.1%	29.1%	34.8%

Mohave County is in the Second District of the Arizona Legislature. The county is represented in the Arizona House of Representatives by Leo Biggs (R), Jeff Weninger (R), and Jeff Wilson (R), and in the Arizona Senate by Sonny Borrelli (R).[11]

The Mohave County Administrative Building is located in downtown Kingman at 700 West Beale Street. The old County Complex, which the Administrative Building replaced, was located adjacent to the courthouse on Spring Street and Beale Street. The Arizona Department of Corrections, located in 2013, is at 3101 Beale Street. The Mohave County Sheriff's Department is headquartered in the Kingman Substation at 2001 Beale Street. The Mohave County Jail is located at 2001 Beale Street.

Arizona State Prison – Kingman, a privately run prison of the Arizona Department of Corrections, is located in unincorporated Mohave County near Golden Valley and Kingman.[12][13][14]

Education [edit]

K–12 school districts [edit]

The following school districts serve Mohave County:[15]

Unified school districts

- Colorado River Union High School District
- Fredonia-Moccasin Unified District
- Kingman Unified School District
- Lake Havasu Unified School District
- Littlefield Unified School District
- Mohave Valley Elementary School District

High school districts

- Colorado River Union High School District

Elementary school districts

- Bullhead City Elementary School District
- Colorado City Unified District
- Mohave Valley Elementary School District
- Owens-Whitney Elementary School District
- Peach Springs Unified District
- Valentine Elementary School District
- Yucca Elementary School District

Additionally there is a charter school:

- Kingman Academy of Learning

Colleges [edit]

- Mohave Community College
- Arizona State University Lake Havasu City Campus

Public libraries [edit]

The Mohave County Library has two branches. The branches in Bullhead City, Kingman and Lake Havasu City are open 56 hours a week. This branch in Mohave Valley is open 40 hours a week. Branches in Chloride, Dolan Springs, Golden Valley, Meadview and Valle Vista are open 20 hours a week.

Transportation [edit]

Major highways [edit]

- Interstate 40
- Interstate 40
- U.S. Route 66
- U.S. Route 93
- State Route 68
- State Route 95
- State Route 96
- State Route 389

State Route 389 in Mohave County

Airports [edit]

The following public use airports are located in Mohave County:

- Bullhead City – Eagle Airpark (IAD)
- Bullhead City – Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport (IFP)
- Bullhead City – Sun Valley Airport (2AZ)
- Colorado City – Colorado City Municipal Airport (AZC)
- Kingman – Kingman Airport (IGM)
- Lake Havasu City – Lake Havasu City Airport (HII)
- Parker – Parker Airport (PKA)
- Peach Springs – Grand Canyon West Airport (GCW)
- Temple Bar – Temple Bar Airport (L35)

Communities [edit]

Cities [edit]

- Bullhead City
- Kingman (county seat)
- Lake Havasu City

Towns [edit]

- Colorado City

Census designated places [edit]

- Anabela
- Arizona Village
- Beaver Dam
- Cane Beds
- Centennial Park
- Chloride[16]
- Chris Canyon
- Crozier
- Dolan Springs
- Desert Hills
- Dolan Springs
- Fort Mohave
- Golden Shores
- Golden Valley
- Grand Canyon Village
- Hackberry
- Kaibab
- Katherine
- Lake T O
- Littlefield
- Meadview
- Musgrove
- Mesquite Creek
- Mountain
- Mohave Valley
- Mojave Ranch Estates
- Oatman
- Oatman[17]
- Pine Lake
- Pinion Pines
- Rancho Santa Fe
- Santa Claus
- Topock
- Truxton
- Valentine
- Valle Vista
- Walnut Creek
- Wikieup
- Willow Valley
- Yucca

Unincorporated communities [edit]

- Ashley
- Antares
- Cerbat
- Dolan Springs
- Hackberry
- Kingman
- Mineral Park
- Oatman
- Pearce
- Sacramento
- Stockton
- Tennyson
- Virgin City

Ghost towns [edit]

- Aztec Crossing
- Ashley Landing
- Beale Springs
- Cool
- Cerbat[18]
- Cottonwood
- Cyclops
- Fairview
- Gold Creek
- Grandmother Junction
- Hackberry
- Hardyville
- Hensley
- Kingman Junction
- Leopard Landing
- Lost Basin
- Marion
- Mineral Park
- Nelson
- Mineral City
- Mineral Park[19]
- Mockingbird
- Mohave City
- Mount Trumbull
- Nelson Ferry
- Pagoda Ferry
- Pottsharon Landing
- Powell
- Pyramid
- Sandy
- Santa Claus
- Stanton
- Stockton
- Sunshine
- Tennyson
- Virgin City

Indian communities [edit]

- Fort Mojave Indian Reservation
- Kaibab Indian Reservation
- Hualapai Indian Reservation

County population ranking [edit]

The population ranking of the following table is based on the 2010 census of Mohave County.[20][21]

† county seat

Rank	City/Township	Population (2010 Census)	Municipal type	Incorporated
1	Lake Havasu City	52,527	City	1978
2	Kingman†	28,068	City	1952
3	† Township	26,356	City	1887
4	Fort Mohave	15,364	CDP	
5	New Kingman-Butler	12,134	CDP	
6	Golden Valley	4,375	CDP	
7	Bullhead City	3,816	City	1911 (formed)
8	Mohave Valley	3,653	CDP	
9	Desert Hills	2,346	CDP	
10	Golden Shores	2,247	CDP	
11	Dolan Springs	2,033	CDP	
12	Beaver Dam	1,862	CDP	
13	Valle Vista	1,809	CDP	
14	Oatman	1,789	CDP	
15	Centennial Park	1,264	CDP	
16	Meadview	1,224	CDP	
17	Peach Springs	1,083	CDP	
18	Willow Valley	1,063	CDP	
19	Arizona Village	948	CDP	
20	Mojave Ranch Estates	844	CDP	
21	Bullhead	417	CDP	
22	Cane Beds	377	CDP	
23	Chloride	376	CDP	
24	Pinion Pines	349	CDP	
25	Charles Canyon	172	CDP	
26	Pine Lake	135	CDP	
27	Topock	134	CDP	
28	Truxton	129	CDP	
29	Wikieup	115	CDP	
30	Antares	105	CDP	
31	Yucca	102	CDP	
32	Kaibab (partially in Coconino County)	100	CDP	
33	Valentine	94	CDP	
34	Hackberry	90	CDP	
35	McConnico	76	CDP	
36	Hackberry	58	CDP	
37	Mojave Ranch Estates	52	CDP	
38	Valentine	38	CDP	
39	Crozier	34	CDP	
40	Anabela	31	CDP	
41	Grand Canyon West	7	CDP	

See also [edit]

- National Register of Historic Places listings in Mohave County, Arizona
- Upper Burro Creek Wilderness

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