

Winkelman

The town of Winkelman at an elevation of 1,947 feet is located in the southern end of Gila County at the confluence of the San Pedro and Gila Rivers. The history of Winkelman dates back to 1877 and 1878, when a large number of farmers migrated to the region. With the coming of the railroad, a Post Office was established in 1903 near the ranch of Peter Winkelman. Winkelman was incorporated in 1914. However, a few years later the town dis-incorporated and later reincorporated June 06, 1949.

Principal Economic Activities

Most of Winkelman's economic activity is based on copper. The community serves primarily as a service center and residential area for families of employees associated with the mining and processing activities. The principal employer within the town is the Hayden-Winkelman School District.

Arizona State highways 77 and 177 provide excellent access to different parts of the state. Both highways route through Winkelman.

The San Carlos Apache Tribe has approved a second gaming site near the Aravaipa area of Arizona. The located is approximately 7 miles southeast of Winkelman. The Tribe is planning to open this facility in the spring of 2014. This project will bring much needed economic benefits to the Tribe and surrounding communities, including Winkelman, by providing 400 plus permanent jobs and millions of dollars of new revenue to the region.

Scenic Attractions

The scenery around Winkelman is some of the most spectacular in the state and is part of the Old West Highway route. The mountain ranges provide the backdrop for the meandering Gila River and such landmarks as Saddleback and Mescal Mountain ranges.

Community Facilities

At the gateway to Winkelman stands a roadside park featuring a 115 foot-long adobe wall. You can walk around, through or meet within it. The wall tells the history of the town by using bits of ranching and mining implements, as well as local geological samples. Winkelman Historic Bridge was constructed in 1916 and is a must visit to witness the past. An added attraction to Winkelman is the Winkelman Flats Public Park located adjacent to the Gila River. This park provides RV Camping with all utility hook-ups; dry camping areas, swimming, tubing, canoeing, and fishing. This park has playground area for children, softball field and a rodeo arena. A basketball court designed by the Phoenix Suns was obtained though grant funding. This park provides a facility with restrooms, and showers.



Community Profile for Winkelman, Arizona



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1877	Incorporated:	1949
Elevation:	1,972 ft.	Location:	Gila County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	90 miles	San Diego:	445 miles
Tucson:	71 miles	Los Angeles:	468 miles
Las Vegas:	389 miles		

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2013 (est.)
Winkelman	675	443	350
Gila County	40,300	51,335	53,670
State of Arizona	3,680,800	5,130,632	6,581,054

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PROPERTY TAX

	1990	2000	2013
Elementary / High School	4.72	20.00	10.80
City / Fire District	2.02	4.53	5.97
Gila County	4.91	5.37	5.87
Totals (Gila County)	11.65	29.90	22.64

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Winkelman	3.50%
Gila County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	1990	2000	2013
Civilian Labor Force	258	166	181
Unemployed	22	6	11
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	3.6%	6.1%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	61	18.3%
High school or equivalent, no college	118	35.4%
Some college or Associate degree	141	42.3%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	13	3.9%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	51	40.5%
Education, health care & social assistance	31	24.6%
Public administration	17	13.5%
Construction	15	11.9%
Manufacturing	5	4.0%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	4	3.2%
Finance, insurance & real estate	3	2.4%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Other services, except public administration	0	0.0%
Retail trade	0	0.0%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale trade	0	0.0%

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