

# CHLORIDE

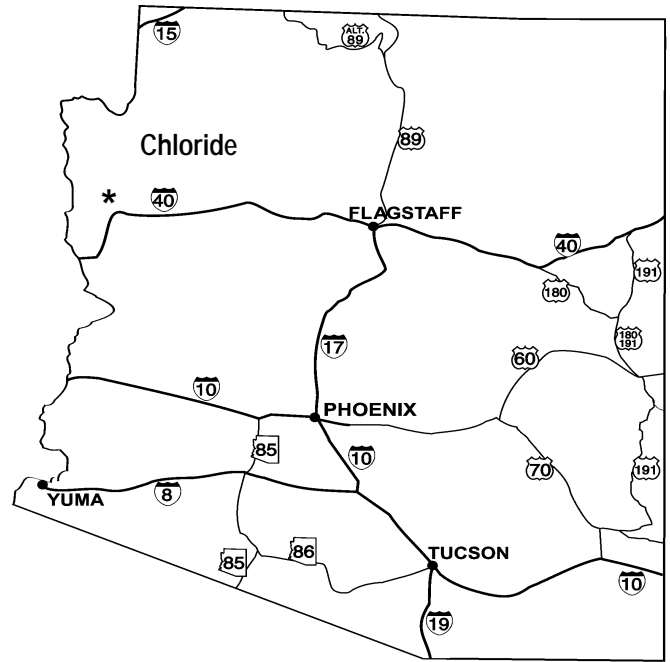
# Community Profile

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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  
 HIGHWAYS: I-40

INCORPORATED: No  
 ELEVATION: 4,009 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 316 miles



## POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
Chloride	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mohave County	133,550	155,032	170,805
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.  
 Note: Local sources last estimated population at 260. U.S. Census Bureau and Dept. of Econ. Sec. do not report on population figures for this area.

## 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.

County Employment	2003
Construction	5,925
Educational & Health Svcs	5,600
Financial Activities	1,900
Government	7,375
Information	875
Leisure & Hospitality	5,625
Manufacturing	3,350
Professional & Business Svcs	3,425
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,675

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security  
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2003
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	608,872	1,650,188	1,005,848

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

## 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.

