Mojave Indians are known as “The People By the River” (Pipa Aha Macav). Once the largest concentration of people in the Southwest, they developed well-established trade networks and prosperous farms.

In 1859, the United States government built a military outpost on the east bank of the Colorado River which later became known as Fort Mojave. The Fort closed in 1891 and was transformed into a boarding school. Today, the ruins of Fort Mojave are an historical landmark.

According to the 2010 decennial census, approximately 1000 individuals live on the Fort Mojave Reservation in Arizona.

**LOCATION**
The Fort Mojave Indian Reservation is located along the Colorado River and spans nearly 42,000 acres in Arizona, California, and Nevada. The majority of those acres (23,669) are in Mojave County, Arizona; 12,633 acres are adjacent to Needles, California (where tribal headquarters are located); and 5,582 acres are in Nevada.

*Information as of June, 2015, http://mojaveindiantribe.com*
SOCIAL & HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS*

The age structure of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe shows an older community with nearly one-quarter of the population over the age of 65, but with an equal percentage of the population between 0-14 years of age. The median age for the tribe is 38.6, compared to a median age of 35.9 for the State.

There are approximately 434 housing units on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation. Of these occupied units, 54.6 percent are owner-occupied.

The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe is made up of diverse households. More than one-quarter of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino, and 41 percent of households include individuals over age 65. Approximately 18 percent of the community speaks a language other than English.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The median household income for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe is $33,594. In terms of occupation, the majority (77.8 percent of those employed) are private wage and salary workers, while 21.4 percent work for government.

ENTERPRISES

- Avi Resort and Casino is located on the Colorado River in Laughlin, Nevada, near the Nevada, Arizona, and California borders.

- Avi Kwa’ Ame Farms, Mohave Valley, Arizona, primary crop is cotton, but also produces alfalfa, bermuda, and hay. The farm grew out of 578 acres of cotton in 1986, and now stands at 11,356 acres.

- Mojave Resort Golf Club is located in Laughlin, Nevada, adjacent to the Avi Resort and Casino. Huukan Golf Club (previously known as Desert Lakes) is located in Fort Mohave, Arizona.

*All statistics on this page are from the 2010 Decennial Census.
Articles of the Fort Mojave Tribe Constitution and Bylaws that may pertain to institutional research protocol:

Article V - Powers of the Council

Section One:

(1) To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this Constitution and Bylaws or the Constitution and statutes of the United States.

(5) To negotiate and make contracts with the federal, state, and local governments.

(6) To manage all Tribal economic affairs.

(12) To administer, protect, and preserve historic and prehistoric arts, crafts, sites, and other items;

(14) To enact ordinances governing the activities of voluntary associations consisting of members of the Tribe organized for purposes of cooperation of other purposes.

(15) To regulate its own procedures, to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, boards, Tribal officials, and employees not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws, and to prescribe their salaries, tenure, and duties; to charter and regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes.

Federal

42 USC § 3515b requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt appropriate regulations for the use of federal funds to pay for any research program or project, or any program, project, or course which is of an experimental nature, or any other activity involving human participants that presents a danger to the physical, mental, or emotional well-being of a participant or subject.

45 C.F.R. § 46.101 requires that research supported by a federal department or agency (defined by 45 C.F.R. § 46.102(e)) must be reviewed and approved by an institutional review board.