The Yavapai-Apache Nation is made up of two distinct people: the Yavapai, who refer to themselves as Wipuhk’a’bah and speak the Yuman language; and the Apache, who refer to themselves as Dil’zhe’e and speak the Athabaskan language.

The Yavapai were semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers, while bands of Apache hunted, fished, farmed, and traded throughout the region. Over time, Euro-American conquest led to the forced relocation of the Yavapai and Apache to the Rio Verde Reserve, and then to San Carlos. The Nation was formed in 1934 in an effort by the federal government to establish a single tribe in the Upper Verde Valley.

According to the 2010 decennial census, approximately 718 individuals live on Yavapai-Apache Tribal Land in Arizona.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is in the Verde Valley, Arizona, and is comprised of five tribal communities: Tunlii, Middle Verde, Rimrock, Camp Verde, and Clarkdale. Reservation Trust Lands include 2,000 acres spread across four separate parcels in the tribal communities of Lower Camp Verde, Middle Verde, Clarkdale, and Rimrock.


Map Source: Drachman Institute
SOCIAL & HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS*

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is a young community. The under-18 population accounts for 35 percent of all tribal members, which is considerably higher than the State of Arizona as a whole. The median age for the tribe is 27.5, compared to a median age of 35.9 for the State. More than half of the Nation’s households contain children under 18 years of age.

There are approximately 203 occupied housing units on the Yavapai-Apache Nation Reservation. The majority (57.1 percent) are owner-occupied.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is made up of diverse households. Less than half of households are traditional married-couple families (42.9 percent), and households headed by a single female make up more than one-fourth (28.6 percent) of all households.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Yavapai-Apache Nation families have a slightly higher poverty rate than the State of Arizona (18 percent compared to 15 percent); with the majority of those families in poverty being single, female-headed households. The median household income for the Yavapai-Apache Nation is $32,466.

In terms of occupation, the majority of workers (61.7 percent) work for the government.

ENTERPRISES

• Cliff Castle Casino and Cliff Castle Hotel are located in Camp Verde, Arizona.


• Distant Drums RV Resort is located in Camp Verde.

• Chevron Gas and Convenience Store located in Camp Verde.

*All statistics on this page are from the 2010 Decennial Census or the 2006-2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates.
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION CONSTITUTION

Articles of the Yavapai-Apache Nation Constitution that may pertain to institutional research protocol:

Article V - Powers of the Tribal Council

The Tribal Council shall have all legislative powers vested in the Yavapai-Apache Tribe through its inherent sovereignty and shall, in accordance with established practice of the Tribe and subject to the express limitations contained in this constitution and the applicable laws of the United States, have the following powers:

(a) To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution.

(b) To negotiate with Federal, State, and local governments.

(d) To regulate its own procedures.

(l) To regulate hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, recreation, hiking, and all other related activities on lands within the jurisdiction of the Tribe.

(s) To accept grants and donations from any person, organization, State, or the United States.

(t) To enact ordinances providing for the removal or exclusion of any non-member of the Tribe for cause, and to prescribe conditions upon which non-members may remain within the territory of the Tribe, provided that all actions of exclusion or removal shall be done by filing an action in Tribal Court.

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 that is 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.