

# HAVASUPAI TRIBE COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Havasupai Indian Reservation  
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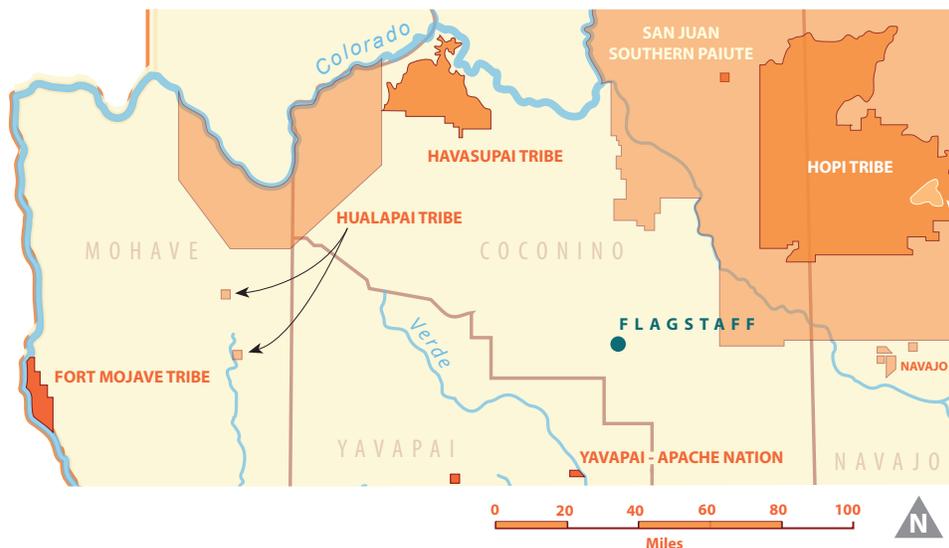
*The Havasupai Tribe “people of the blue green water” have lived in the Grand Canyon and north-central Arizona for more than 1,000 years. The Havasupai Reservation was established in 1880. Prior to the 1800s, the Tribe would move families up to plateaus in the Fall and Winter months, then back down into the canyon to plant crops during the Spring and Summer.*

*The Havasupai dialect is the only Native American language that is spoken by more than 95 percent of its indigenous population.*

*According to the 2010 decennial census, approximately 465 individuals live on Havasupai Tribal Land in Arizona.*

## LOCATION

The Havasupai Tribe Reservation is located at the end of Indian Route 18 off historic Route 66. The Reservation is 188,077 acres of canyon land at the western edge of the Grand Canyon’s south rim. Residents live in Supai Village, 3,000 feet down Havasu Canyon. The village is only accessible by foot, horse, mule, or helicopter.



\*Information as of February, 2016, <http://www.havasupai-nsn.gov>

Map Source: Drachman Institute

## **SOCIAL & HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS\***

The Havasupai Tribe is a young community. The under-18 population accounts for almost a third of all tribal members, and the median age for the tribe is 27, compared to a median age of 35.9 for the State.

There are approximately 100 occupied housing units on the Havasupai reservation. The majority (82 percent) are owner-occupied.

Havasupai households are highly likely to contain children under the age of 18 (61 percent). One-third of households are traditional married-couple families, and households headed by a single female make up more than one-third (36 percent) of all households.

## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Havasupai Tribal members have a significantly high poverty rate (36.5 percent). The percent in poverty is especially high for youth--60 percent of those under age 18 live in poverty. The median household income for the Havasupai Tribe is \$25,833.

In terms of occupation, the majority of workers (more than 90 percent) work for the government.



*Supai Village*

*Source: National Park Service*

## **ENTERPRISES**



*Source: www.webtrapper.net*

The Havasupai Tribe has four revenue-generating enterprises: Havasupai Tourism, Havasupai Lodge, Havasupai Cafe, and Havasupai Trading Post. The Havasupai Tourism Enterprise manages all tourist activities including guided and unguided tours, a campground near Havasu Falls, and saddle and pack horses to carry goods and visitors in and out of the canyon.

Havasupai Lodge has 24 rooms and is the only lodging facility within 75 miles. The Havasupai Tribal Cafe is the only restaurant on the reservation, and the Havasupai Trading Post and General Store are the only source of groceries and basic supplies. The nearest supermarkets are located in Kingman and Flagstaff.

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

## **Articles of the Havasupai Tribe's Constitution that may pertain to institutional research protocol:**

### **Article V - Powers of the Tribal Council**

Section 1. The Havasupai Tribal Council shall have the following powers, subject to referendum as provided:

- (a) To negotiate with the federal, state, and local governments.
- (f) To enact and enforce ordinances, which shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, governing the conduct of members of the Havasupai Tribe; providing for the manner of making, holding, and revoking assignments of Tribal lands or interests therein; providing for the levying of taxes and the appropriation of available funds for public purposes; providing for the licensing of non-members coming upon the Reservation for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trading, or other business, and for the exclusion from the territory of the Havasupai Tribe of persons not so licensed; providing for the establishment of proper agencies for law enforcement; providing for the regulation of domestic relations; and providing for the removal or exclusion from the Reservation of any non-member whose presence may be injurious to the people of the Reservation.

### **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.