

# The Story of Arizona

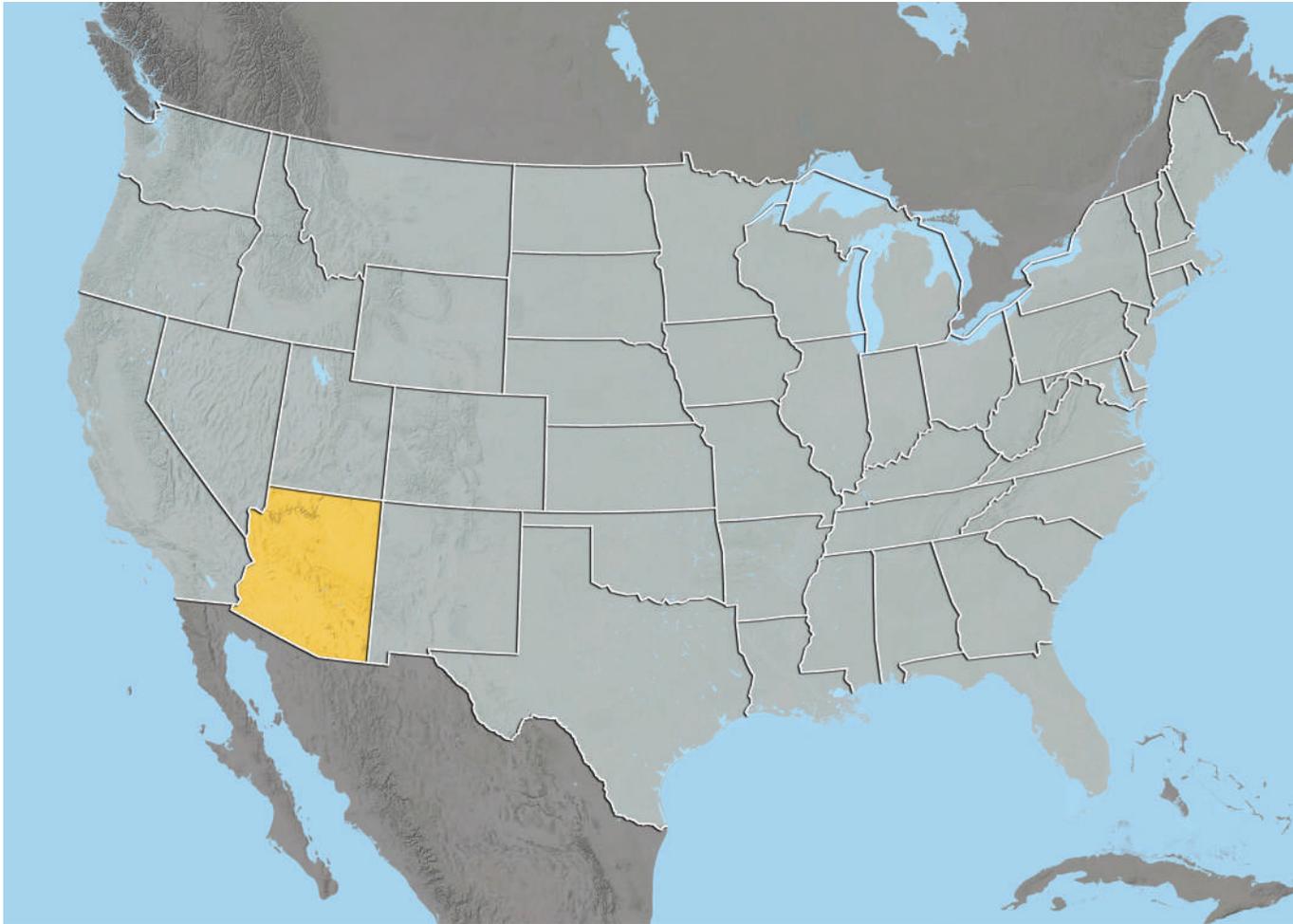
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# CHAPTER 1: A Place Called Arizona



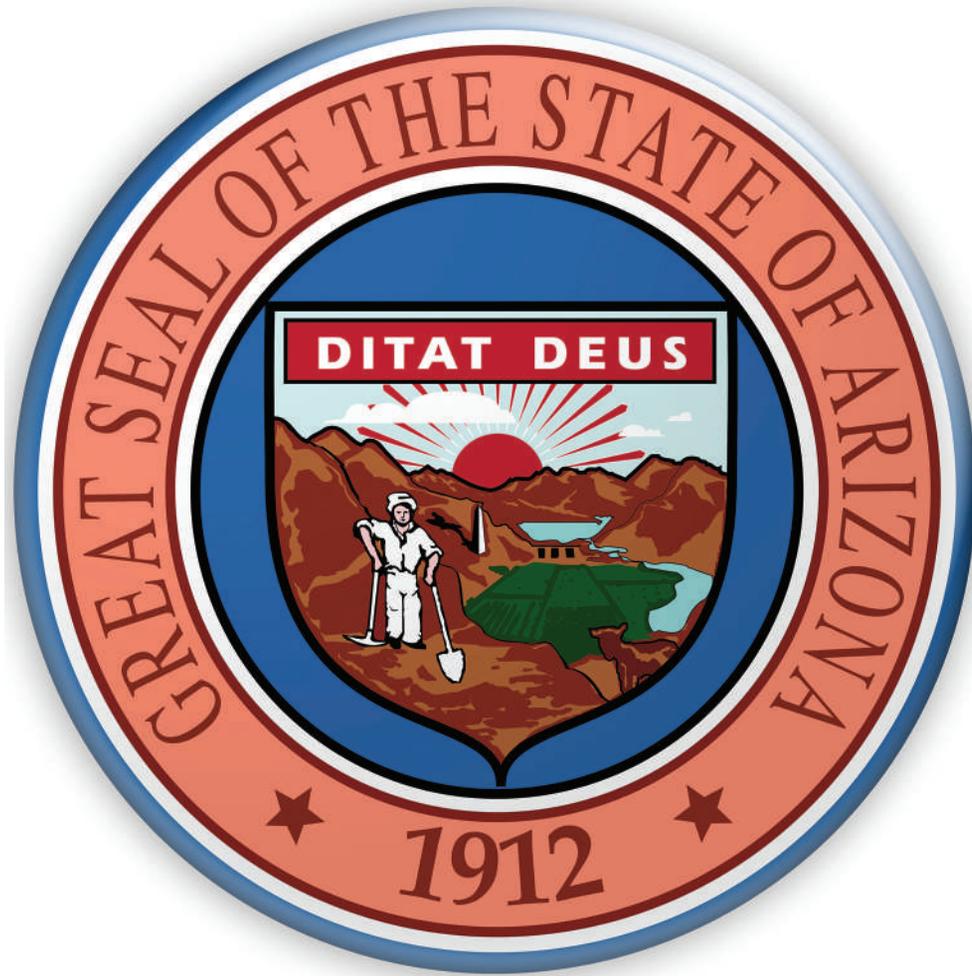
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**Big Question:** How does geography shape the way people live in Arizona?



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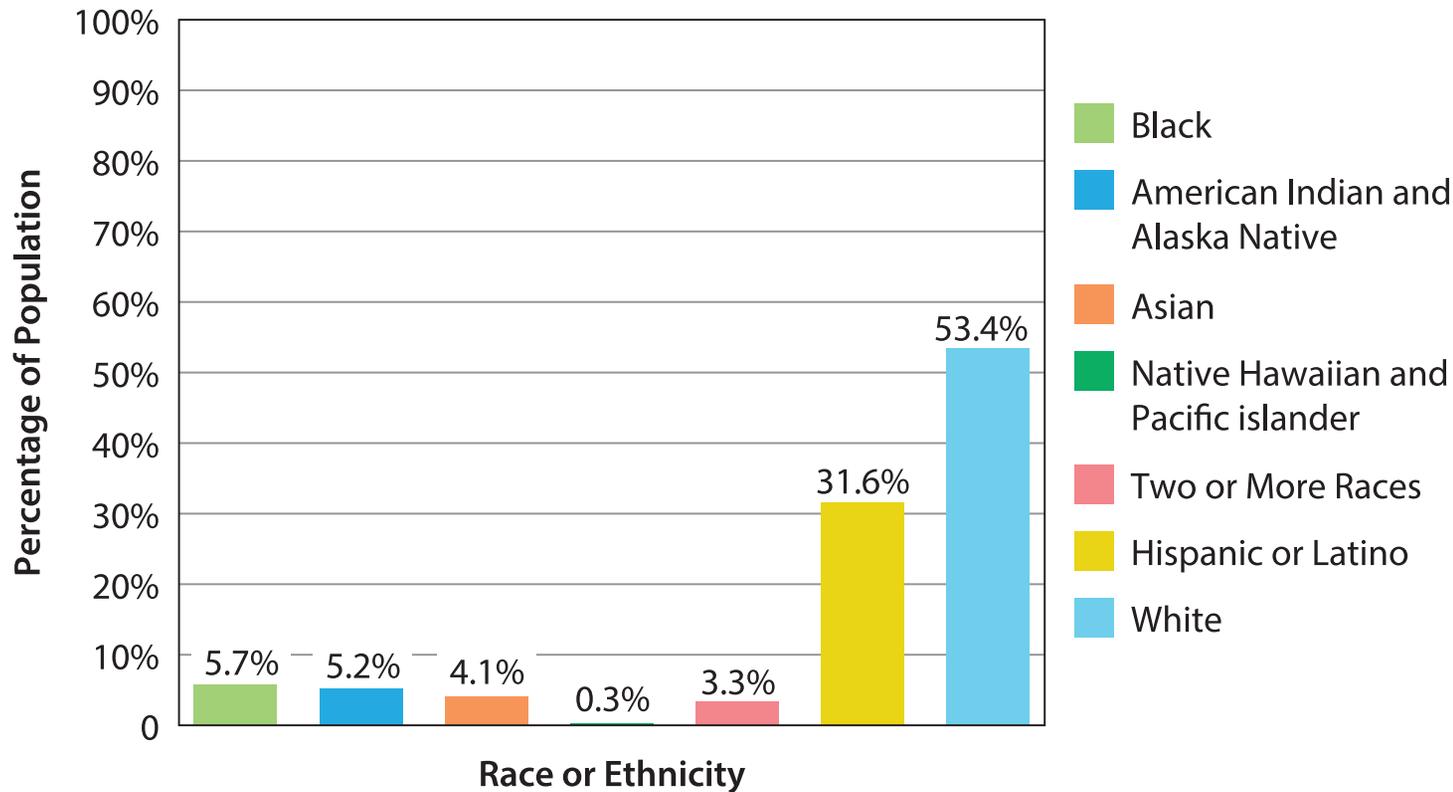
Arizona's natural resources and climate, represented on its state seal, have helped shape the culture and economy of the state.

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**Demographics of Arizona, 2025**

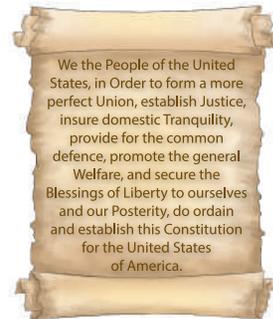


Arizona is home to a population from many different backgrounds and ethnicities.

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# CHAPTER 2: Arizona's Governments



## The Constitution



### Legislative Branch

- Passes laws



### Executive Branch

- Enforces laws



### Judicial Branch

- Decides the constitutionality of laws

Arizona's government, like that of the United States, is guided by a constitution and has three branches of government.

**Big Question:** How do Arizona's different levels of government work?



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## Native Nations of Arizona



Arizona is home to twenty-two Native American tribes. Each tribe has its own independent government that works with the state and federal governments to provide for its members.

## Big Question:

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## CHAPTER 3: Arizona's First Peoples

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About thirteen thousand years ago, the Clovis people lived in what would become Arizona. They created special arrowheads to hunt large animals.

**Big Question:** Who were Arizona's first peoples, and how did they live?



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Agriculture was developed in Arizona around 2100 BCE. Maize became the most important crop.

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The Ancestral Pueblo, who lived in Arizona around 1500 BCE, built their dwellings into the sides of cliffs to protect and defend themselves.

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The Navajo, or Diné, arrived in the southwestern United States between 1300 and 1500 CE and settled in what is now the Four Corners region, which includes Monument Valley.

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## CHAPTER 4: Arizona's Colonial History

In the 1540s, Francisco Vázquez de Coronado explored the Southwest and claimed the land for Spain.



**Big Question:** How did Arizona change under Spanish and then Mexican rule?



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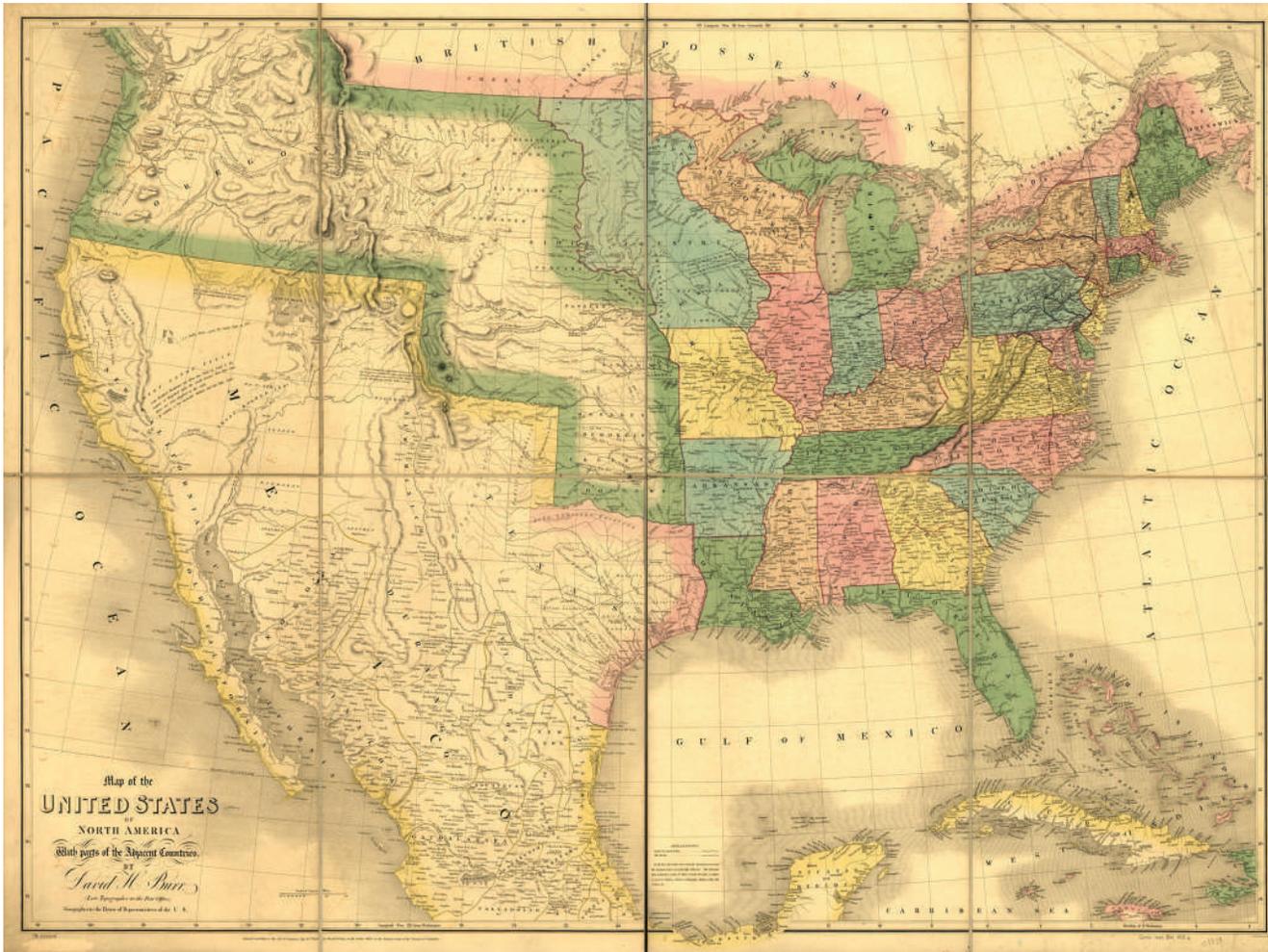


In the 1640s, the Spanish established missions in Arizona to spread their Catholic faith and expand their control over the territory.

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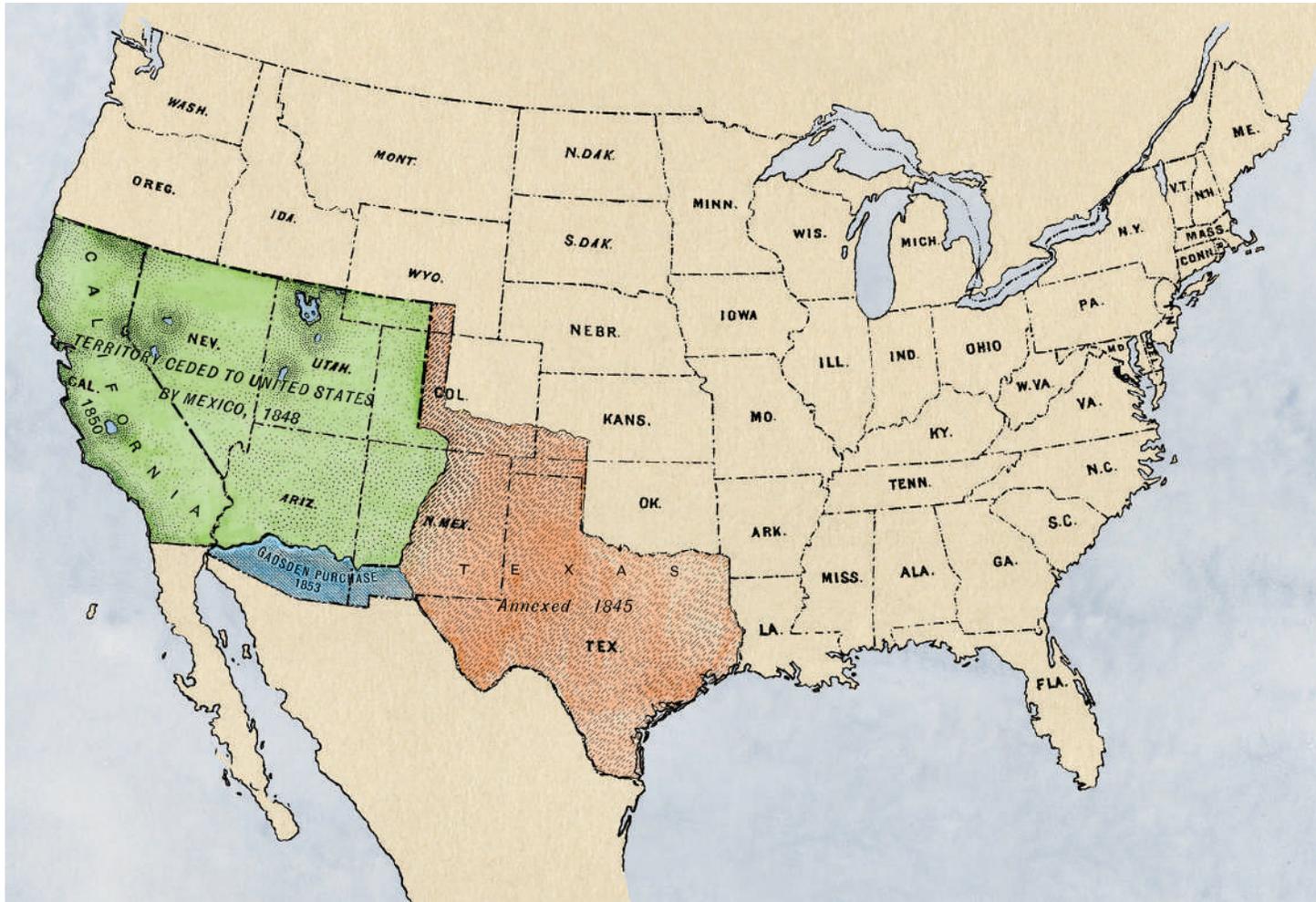


The Mexican-American War, which ended in 1848, resulted in Mexico giving the United States territory in California, Nevada, New Mexico, and parts of Arizona and Colorado.

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# CHAPTER 5: Arizona's Path to Statehood



The 1853 Gadsden Purchase expanded the United States' territory to include present-day Arizona.

**Big Question:** How did Arizona become a U.S. state?







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The Arizona mining industry boomed in the second half of the nineteenth century, producing a lot of high-quality copper ore.

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After overcoming many obstacles, Arizona achieved statehood in 1912.

**Big Question:** How did Arizona become a U.S. state?



## CHAPTER 6: Wartime Arizona



In 1917, the United States entered World War I on the side of the Allies.

**Big Question:** How did global and national events affect Arizona in the first half of the twentieth century?



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The construction of dams, like the Hoover Dam, provided jobs and a sense of purpose to the unemployed during the Great Depression.

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The bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, destroyed the USS *Arizona* and brought the United States into World War II.

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From 1942 until 1945, the U.S. government forced Japanese Americans into internment camps throughout the western United States, including Arizona.

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## CHAPTER 7: Arizona in the Late Twentieth Century



Arizona military bases and nuclear missile silos played an important role in the Cold War.

### **Big Question:**

How did Arizona grow and change in the second half of the twentieth century?



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Martin Luther King Jr. addressed the March on Washington in 1963. Arizona was greatly affected by the civil rights movement, and in 1964, Cloves Campbell Sr. became the first African American to join the Arizona senate.

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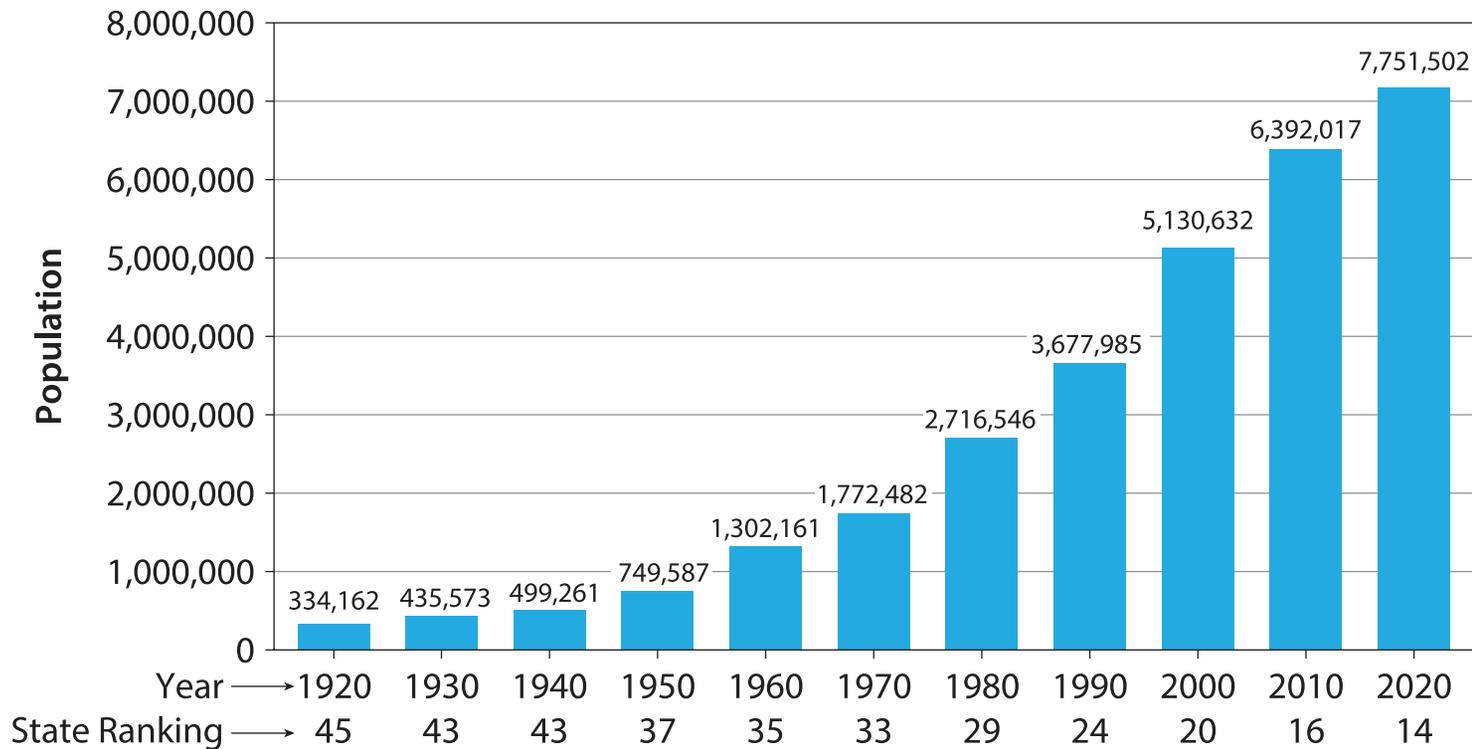
The Colorado Storage Act of 1956 allowed dams to be built to store water and to provide hydroelectricity.

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# CHAPTER 8: Looking Ahead

### Arizona's Population Growth

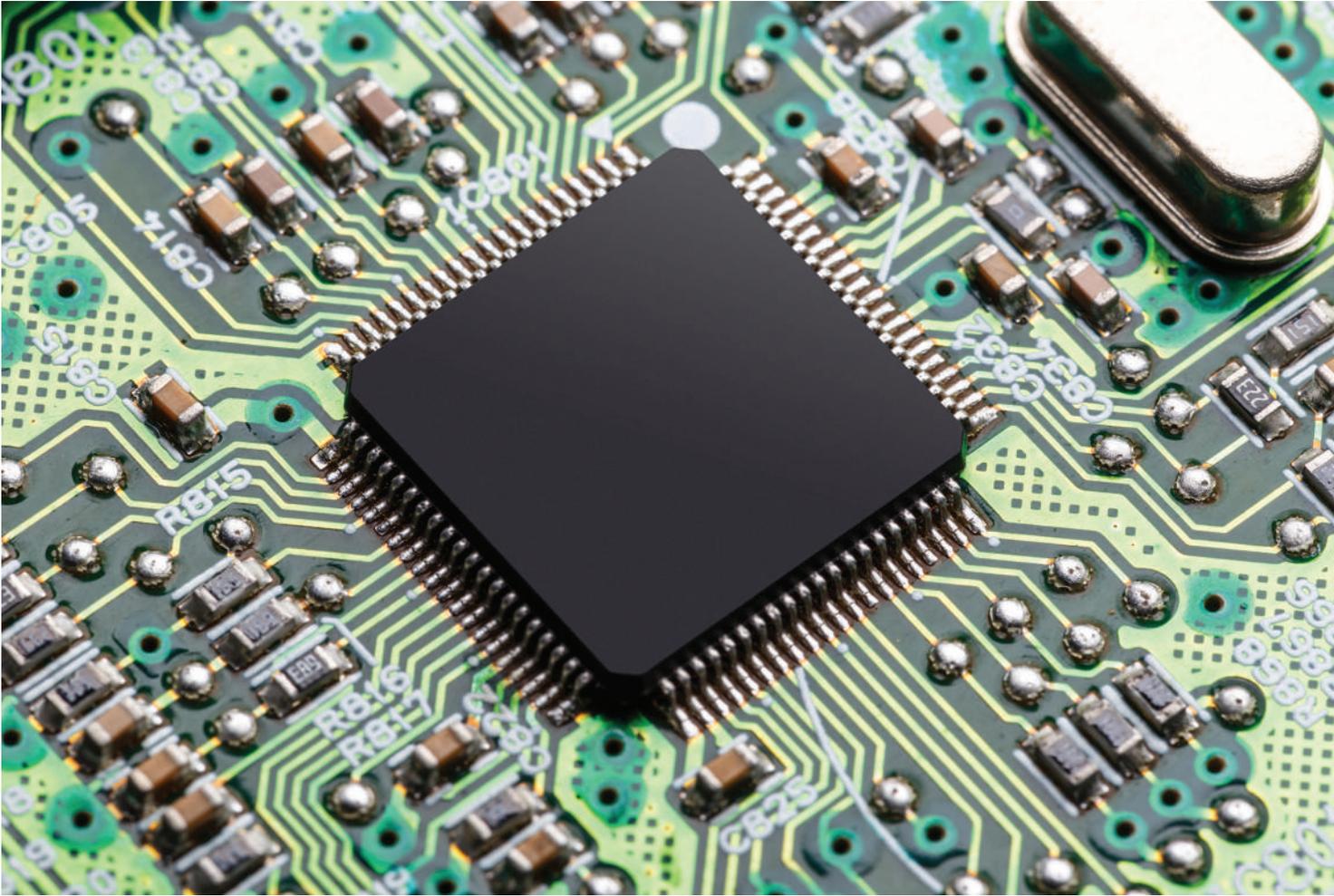


Arizona's population continues to grow, reaching 7.5 million in 2024.

**Big Question:** What challenges does Arizona face in the twenty-first century?



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Thanks in part to the CHIPS Act, Arizona has become an industry leader in microchip production.

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In the 2020s, Arizona began expanding its use of clean energy sources. Arizona has seven windfarms that help supply needed electricity.

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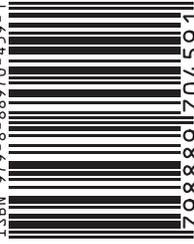
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