

World War II Incarceration Sites

War Relocation Authority (WRA) Camps

The following chart shows the list of what are referred to commonly as “internment camps.” These are the sites where people were taken after being gathered at the Assembly Centers.

WRA Camp Names	Date of 1 st arrival	Peak Population	Date of peak population	Date of last departure
Gila River, AZ	7/20/42	13,348	12/30/42	11/10/45
Granada, CO	8/27/42	7,318	2/1/43	10/15/45
Heart Mountain, WY	8/12/42	10,767	1/1/43	11/10/45
Jerome, NB	10/6/42	8,497	2/11/43	6/30/44
Manzanar, CA	3/12/42	10,046	9/22/42	11/21/43
Minidoka, ID	8/10/42	9,397	3/1/43	10/28/45
Poston, AZ	5/8/42	8,130	9/2/42	11/20/45
Rohwer, NB	9/18/42	8,475	3/11/43	11/30/45
Topaz, UT	9/11/42	8,130	3/17/43	10/31/45
Tule Lake, CA	5/27/42	18,189	12/25/44	3/20/46

*Note that the camps are distributed throughout the US whereas the assembly centers are primarily located along the Pacific Coast throughout the restricted zone. (See the Map of Camp locations for comparing.)

This chart lists the Assembly Centers where people removed from their homes were taken to wait for WRA camp assignments.

Assembly Centers	Date of arrival	Peak Population	Date of last departure	WRA Destination
Fresno, CA	5/6/42	5,120	10/30/42	Jerome, Gila River
Owens Valley, CA	3/21/42	9,666	5/31/42	Jerome, Gila River
Marysville, CA	5/8/42	2,451	6/29/42	Tule Lake
Mayer, AZ	5/7/42	245	6/2/42	Poston
Merced, CA	5/6/42	4,508	9/15/42	Granada
Parker Dam, AZ	5/8/42	11,738	8/24/42	Granada
Pinedale, CA	5/7/42	4,792	7/23/42	Tule Lake, Poston
Pomma, CA	5/7/42	5,434	8/24/42	Heart Mountain
Portland, OR	5/2/42	3,676	9/10/42	Heart Mountain, Poston
Puyallup, WA	4/28/42	7,390	9/12/42	Tule Lake, Minidoka
Sacramento, CA	5/6/42	4,739	6/26/42	Tule Lake
Salinas, CA	4/27/42	3,594	7/4/42	Poston
Santa Anita, CA	3/27/42	18,719	10/27/42	Poston (6 others)
Stockton, CA	5/10/42	4,271	10/17/42	Rohwer, Gila River
Tanforan, CA	4/28/42	7,816	10/13/42	Topaz
Tulare, CA	4/20/42	4,978	9/4/42	Gila River
Turlock, CA	4/30/42	3,662	8/12/42	Gila River