

Order No. 9066 authorizing the Secretary of War to institute civil control measures. It was thought at that time that Manzanar and Colorado River would be utilized in the voluntary evacuation of Japanese families from the Pacific Coast military zone.

The Relocation Centers served a total of 108,155 Japanese and that total includes 794 Japanese individuals that were never evacuated and remained in institutions in the evacuated areas for the duration of the war.

There were 89,698 Japanese that were first housed in Assembly Centers before being transferred to War Relocation Centers.

18,249 Japanese were evacuated from their homes and moved directly to Relocation Centers bypassing Assembly Centers.

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INFORMATION ABOUT RELOCATION CENTERS

LOCATION--SIZE--EVACUEE POPULATION--ORIGIN OF INTERNEES

CENTRAL UTAH RELOCATION CENTER - Located at Abraham Utah, in Millard County and close to the center of the State. The site contained about 19,000 acres. 1400 acres were public domain land. 8,840 acres were owned by Millard County and the balance was privately owned. Most of the area was level land. The average rainfall there is about eight inches per year. This Center was built to house 10,000 evacuees and construction began July 10, 1942, Relocation population reached a total total of 8,255. Internee occupation began on September 11, 1942 and was completed on October 15, 1942. All of its resident Japanese evacuees were transferred from Tanforan Assembly Center.

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER - Located on Colorado River Indian Reservation land belonging to the United States Indian Service, at Poston Arizona, 17 miles south of Parker, Arizona. This is only about 20 miles east of the California border. The site included 71,600 acres of land and several irrigation canals bringing water from the Colorado River. This Center was built to house 20,000 evacuees and construction began March 27, 1942. Relocation population at this facility was the highest of all Relocation Centers reaching a total of 17,740. More than 11,000 of the Internee population at this Center came directly from their homes without being processed through any Assembly Center. Japanese evacuees transferred from Assembly Centers came from Mayer, Salinas, Pinedale, and Santa Anita Assembly Centers.

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