

The Hoover Dam



When was it built?	1931 - 1936
Where is it located?	In the USA, on Colorado River, between Arizona and Nevada.
Why was it built?	To control floods, provide irrigation water and to produce hydroelectric power.
Impact on people	The then small town of Las Vegas saw its population increase from 5,000 to up to 25,000 as unemployed people flocked to the area in hope of work. 112 workers died during the construction of the dam. Up to 1 million tourists visit annually. Lake Mead (the reservoir behind the dam) provides water for 25 million people.
Impact on animals	4 species of fish native to the river have now become endangered.
Impact on the environment	For 6 years after construction ended, no water reached the Colorado River. The water river's estuary has become more salty, with a much smaller freshwater-saltwater mixing zone.

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