

Yakima: Facts on

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Concerning

Yakima, Washington

and

The Yakima Valley

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LOCATION:

Yakima is situated in Central Washington 150 miles southeast of Seattle, 230 miles southwest of Spokane and 190 miles northeast of Portland, Oregon and 165 miles southwest of Coulee Dam. It is approximately 80 miles north of the boundary line between Oregon and Washington, and 185 miles south of the Canadian border. County seat of Yakima county.

TRANSPORTATION:

Main line Northern Pacific Railway and branch line Union Pacific Railroad. U. S. Highways Nos. 410 and 97. Served by the Northwest Greyhound lines which maintains frequent service to all points. Served by the Northwest Airline Transcontinental Service. City wide bus service.

POPULATION:

1940 census, 27,221 within city limits. 1940 Metropolitan area census, 40039. 1940 Yakima County population 99,019. Estimated 1947 population, ~~42,932~~ 39,480 within city limits. Estimated 1947 metropolitan area census 57,500. Estimated 1947 Yakima County population, 134,000.

TRADE AREA:

Radius of 100 miles with a population of 200,000 (Yakima, Benton, Kittitas, Klickitat and Franklin Counties.)

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION:

U. S. No. 97, average daily gross traffic at North city limits.....13,606
U. S. No. 97, average daily gross traffic at South city limits.....15,087
Intersection South 1st and Walnut, daily average.....25,000

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

The Yakima Municipal Airport, operated by the city of Yakima has three paved runways—two 5,000 feet in length and one 4,800 feet in length. The airport is equipped with an air control tower, radio communications, radio beam night landing and other scientific equipment commensurate with modern airport operation. Flight instruction and charter service is available.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Commission form. Incorporated city. (Mayor and two commissioners.)
Metropolitan Park District.

AREA OF CITY:

5.82 square miles.

ALTITUDE:

1,065 feet.

CLIMATE:

Mean annual temperature 51.3 degrees F. Average annual rainfall 8.15 inches. Sunshine—average 64% of possible. Wind velocity—average hourly 5.9 miles. Dense fog—average number of days, 11. (From 10 to 30 years' average, United States Weather Bureau.)

PARKS:

14 with total area of 54.65 acres; all under supervision of Metropolitan Park District Board.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF MUNICIPALITY:

\$16,119,493 (50% of real value). Property tax rate—State \$2.381; County \$10.619; City \$18.20; Metropolitan Park District \$2.50; School District \$28.00. Total of \$61.695 per \$1,000 on assessed valuation. Value of city owned property \$9,245,286.

BONDED DEBT:

\$221,000 City General Obligation Bonds outstanding and \$711,000 City Revenue Water Bonds outstanding.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

Three banks (Trust Departments in connection). 1946 bank debits \$523,238,872; Deposits December 31, 1946, \$78,735,852. Three building and loan associations with total assets December 31, 1946, of \$13,175,483.

POSTAL RECEIPTS:

\$413,067 for the calendar year ending December 31, 1946. (1945 receipts \$398,637).

TELEPHONES IN SERVICE:

14,835 telephones connected as of December 31, 1946. 1432 applications for telephones on hand unfilled at that date.

CHURCHES:

Forty-six representing leading denominations.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:

1946 building permits, \$4,362,563. Permits for 589 new homes issued in 1946. March 1, 1947, 300 new homes under construction not completed.

HOMES:

10,733 with approximately 60% owned by occupants.

INDUSTRIES:

92 manufacturing establishments employing 4,700 people. Annual industrial payroll \$8,150,000. (1940 census.)

BUYING POWER:

City of Yakima—annual buying power per capita.....\$ 840
550 city retail stores—annual sales.....22,766,000
104 city wholesale firms—annual sales.....22,454,000
1,270 county retail stores—annual sales.....34,705,000
199 county wholesale firms—annual sales.....34,215,000
City manufacturers—annual sales.....10,150,000
City retail annual payroll.....2,992,000
City wholesale annual payroll.....1,576,000
County wholesale annual payroll.....2,574,000
Annual industrial payroll.....6,500,000
(16th Census of the United States—1940)
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco on December 31, 1946, reported 1946 Yakima retail sales 241% of the 1935-1939 average. An increase of 24% over the 1945 sales.

NEWSPAPERS:

Yakima Morning Herald (Daily, except Sunday) Circulation 11,016.
Yakima Sunday Herald (Sunday only). Circulation 12,590.
Yakima Daily Republic (Daily except Sunday). Circulation 20,467.

HOTELS:

18 with total of 1,170 rooms.

HOSPITALS:

Three with total of 250 beds. Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital of 100 beds to be constructed in near future.

RADIO STATIONS:

KIT (Mutual)—1000 watts—Broadcasting at 1280 Kilocycles.
KIMA (Columbia)—500 watts—Broadcasting at 1460 Kilocycles.

AMUSEMENTS:

Largest auditorium in city seats 3,000 persons (Armory).
6 moving picture theatres with total seating capacity of 5,150. New drive in theatre planned for early construction.
High school auditorium seats 1,625.
2 golf courses near city. New municipal course planned.
2 baseball parks aggregate seating capacity 10,000.
Natatoriums.
Tennis courts.
Riding academy.

PUBLIC LIBRARY:

One with total of 38,105 volumes. 14,783 registered borrowers. Operates one Bookmobile.

COUNTY LIBRARY:

15,000 volumes—13 branches.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

The public school system consists of 9 grade schools, 2 junior high schools, 1 senior high school or a total of 12 public schools. 4 parochial schools, 2 business colleges, 1 Junior College and 1 trade institution. Public school enrollment (1945-1946 term) 7,401. Parochial school enrollment, 1,384.
242 teachers in public schools and 41 teachers in parochial schools.
Value of public school property, \$2,159,044; parochial school property, \$200,000; Yakima Valley Junior College assets \$40,725. (In addition the Junior College has a very substantial building fund which it is anticipated will be devoted to a new college in the near future).

J. M. Perry Institute of Trades, Industries, and Agriculture—a privately endowed school established by Mrs. J. M. Perry in memory of the late J. M. Perry, pioneer business leader of Yakima. A non-profit institution offering courses in aircraft, automobile, carpentry, electrical wiring, machine shop, cabinet making, painting and decorating, plumbing and heating, sheet metal, welding, and general shop crafts. School capacity 500 enrollees. Buildings and grounds valued at \$600,000.

CITY STATISTICS:

Total street mileage, 119.5; 99.10 miles of sewer; 104 miles of water mains. City water storage capacity, 24,000,000 gallons; municipal water plant valued at \$3,477,285. Paid Fire Department of 51 men; paid Police Department of 48 men. Sidewalks 88.75 miles.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS:

The Yakima Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Yakima Better Business Bureau, Inc.
Yakima Junior Chamber of Commerce.
Yakima Engineers Club.
Yakima Credit Bureau.
Yakima Valley Traffic and Credit Association.
Yakima Clearing House Association.
Yakima Realty Board.
Yakima Bar Association.
Yakima County Medical Association.
Yakima County Dental Association.
United Marketers.

SERVICE CLUBS:

The Active Club.
The Gyro Club.
The Kiwanis.
The Lions Club.
The Rotary Club.
The Optimist Club.
The Chelminar Grotto.
The Altrusa Club (women).
Business and Professional Women's Club.

PUBLIC OFFICES:

City Government.
County Government.
State Offices:
Agriculture and Horticulture.
Apple Advertising Commission.
Board of Prison Terms and Paroles.
Department of Public Service.
Labor and Industries.
Liquor Control Board.
Naches Fish Hatchery.
State Fairgrounds.
State Highway District Engineer.
State Patrol.
State Tax Commission.
State Unemployment Compensation and Placement.
Employer Accounts Section.
State Veterans' Affairs.
State Hatchery.

United States Government:

Agriculture Dept. of Emergency Crop and Feed Loans.
Bureau of Census.
Entomology and Plant Quarantine.
Farm Labor Office.
Farm Family Labor Camp.
Farm Security Administration.
Food Distribution Administration.
Soil Conservation Service.
U. S. Army Recruiting Station.
Civil Aeronautics Administration.
Airport Traffic Control Tower.
Airways Communication Station.
General Inspection Board.
U. S. Navy Recruiting Office.
United States District Court.
United States Employment Service.
Interior Department, Bureau of Reclamation.
Roza Division, Construction Engineer.
Internal Revenue Office.
United States Attorney.
Marine Corps Recruiting Station.
Post Office Inspector.
Selective Service Boards No. 1 and No. 2.
Social Security Board Field Office.
Veterans' Administration.
Weather Bureau.

WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS:

Community Welfare Federation.
Y. M. C. A.
Y. W. C. A.
American Red Cross.
Boy Scouts.
Camp Fire Girls.
Salvation Army.
Visiting Nurses.
Day Nursery.
Washington Children's Home, Branch Office.

POWER AND LIGHT:

Pacific Power & Light Co.—district offices.

GAS (ARTIFICIAL):

Northwest Cities Gas Company.

STORAGE CAPACITY:

Yakima Valley cold storage capacity.....14,000 cars
Frost-proof storage capacity..... 4,000 cars
Total storage capacity.....18,000 cars

IRRIGABLE AREA, YAKIMA VALLEY RECLAMATION PROJECTS:

Kittitas unit..... 69,552 acres
Tieton unit..... 27,588 acres
Sunnyside unit.....103,579 acres
Roza..... 72,000 acres
Wapato.....137,500 acres
Ahtanum..... 5,000 acres
Warren Act and Contracts..... 54,195 acres
Limiting Agreement Canals..... 41,608 acres
Private Canals—No Contracts..... 20,206 acres
Others..... 40,000 acres

Total Irrigable Area.....571,228 acres

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Kennewick..... 21,000 acres
Klickitat..... 30,000 acres

GRAND TOTAL.....623,228 acres

LAND PRICES:

Non-irrigated lands—bottom lands and foothills—
\$10 to \$15 per acre.
Irrigated lands—\$75 to \$1,500 per acre depending on
improvements.

PRODUCTION VALUE—1946:

Yakima Valley (Comprising Yakima, Kittitas and
Benton Counties.)
Apples.....\$ 20,000,000
Hops..... 11,795,640
Pears..... 10,813,100
Peaches..... 2,171,112
Cherries..... 4,667,320
Prunes and Plums..... 1,067,640
Apricots..... 1,104,000
Grapes..... 1,250,000
Potatoes..... 5,404,100
Asparagus..... 2,150,000
Mint..... 480,000
Hay and Grain..... 6,500,000
Other Fruits and Vegetables..... 4,850,000
Dairying and Dairy Products..... 6,562,500
Livestock, Meats; By-Products..... 22,700,000
Poultry, Eggs, Turkeys..... 6,325,000
Wool..... 570,000
Dehydrated Fruits and Vegetables..... 4,250,000
Frozen Foods..... 3,126,000
Canned Fruits, Vegetables..... 6,500,000
Beet Sugar..... 7,500,000
129,786,412
Manufacturing..... 7,750,000

TOTAL 1946 PRODUCTION.....\$137,536,412

*YAKIMA COUNTY of the 3072 counties in the United States ranks:

1st in production of apples, pears and hops.
3rd in production of cherries.
4th in production of potatoes.
6th in total agricultural production.
7th in production of fruits and nuts.
8th in production of all vegetables.
8th in production of peaches.

(*Figures from United States Census, 1940).