

Facts

Concerning

Yakima, Washington

and

The Yakima Valley

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LOCATION:

Yakima is situated in Central Washington 149 miles southeast of Seattle, 220 miles southwest of Spokane, 193 miles northeast of Portland and 165 miles southwest of Grand Coulee Dam. It is approximately 80 miles north of the Oregon-Washington boundary and 200 miles south of the Canadian border. County seat of Yakima County.

POPULATION:

1950 population 38,500 within the city limits (1940 pop. 27,221). Metropolitan area population (radius of 10 miles) 76,488. 1950 Yakima County population 135,206. (Based on preliminary U. S. Census reports).

TRANSPORTATION:

Main line Northern Pacific Railway and branch line Union Pacific Railroad. U. S. Highways Nos. 410 and 97. Served by the Northwest Greyhound Bus Lines, Northwest-Orient Airlines (Transcontinental and the Orient) and Inland Airways (Cross-State). City-wide bus service. Seven scheduled motor freight lines have terminals in Yakima. In addition there are a large number of truck operators offering unscheduled common carrier and contract service.

CLIMATE:

Mean annual temp. 51.5 degrees F. Normal annual rainfall, 7.28 inches. Sunshine—average 57% of possible. Wind velocity—average hourly, 5.5 m.p.h. Dense fog—average number of days, 13. (From up to 40 year averages, United States Weather Bureau. Annual meteorological reports available on request.)

ALTITUDE:

1,065 feet.

AREA OF CITY:

6.39 square miles.

TRADE AREA:

Radius of 90 miles with a population of 233,874 (Yakima, Benton, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Franklin Counties.)

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

The Yakima Municipal Airport operated by the City of Yakima has three paved runways—one 5,000 feet in length, one 4,300 feet and one 4,200 feet. The airport is equipped with an air control tower, radio communications, radio beam night landing and other scientific equipment commensurate with modern airport operation plus U. S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau Station. A new \$300,000 administration building was dedicated in May of 1950. In addition to the two airlines a number of base operators offer flight instruction, aircraft and engine repair, crop dusting and spraying, hangar space and charter service.

PARKS:

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

CITY GOVERNMENT:

City of the first class (incorporated 1886). Commission form (Mayor and two commissioners). Metropolitan Park District.

CITY STATISTICS:

Total street mileage, 130.73; 119.88 miles of sewer; city water storage capacity, 24,000,000 gallons; municipal water system valued at \$3,462,712.00. Paid Fire Department of 73 men; paid Police Department personnel, 63.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

Three banks (Trust departments in connection). 1949 bank debits \$505,855,631 (\$429,258,848 in 1945); deposits as of Dec. 31, 1949, \$61,582,878. Three savings and loan associations with total savings accounts as of Dec. 31, 1949, \$15,837,495.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF MUNICIPALITY:

\$23,862,839 (50% of real value) (\$14,357,685 in 1945). 1950 levies on city property ranged from 42.5 to 46 mills, depending on school district.

BONDED DEBT:

City General Obligation Bonds outstanding \$111,000 and \$427,000 Water Revenue Bonds outstanding.

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS:

Per capita income (City of Yakima)—\$1,500 (Estimated).

Approximately 545 retail stores, 121 wholesale firms, and 100 industrial plants covering 50 separate industries with concentration on the following:

Assembling fruits for the fresh fruit market.

Processing, canning, freezing, etc., of fruits and vegetables.

Manufacture of rough lumber, box shooks, and finished lumber.

Manufacture of farm machinery.

Processing of meat, poultry, dairy products and animal by-products.

Manufacture of growers' supplies.

Taxable retail sales, Yakima County—year ending Dec. 31, 1949—\$118,660,357.

Taxable retail sales, City of Yakima—year ending Dec. 31, 1949—\$71,196,214.

Approximate value of farm products (Yakima County only) 1949—\$65,000,000.

Payroll—covered employment (Yakima County) 1949—\$50,240,558 (includes all but agricultural, government and railroad employees.)

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:

1949 building permits \$5,885,224. Permits for 270 new homes issued in 1949.

POSTAL RECEIPTS:

\$529,437 for calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1949 (\$398,637 in 1945).

UTILITIES:

Gas (artificial)—Northwest Cities Gas Co. Several firms also distribute bottled gas.

Power and Light—Pacific Power & Light Company.

Telephones—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.—20,742 phones in service as of Jan. 3, 1950 (12,616 in 1945).

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION (Yakima County):

As of Dec. 31, 1949, 38,769 passenger cars and 12,481 trucks and trailers licensed.

HOTEL AND MOTOR COURTS:

24 hotels and 37 motor courts furnishing ample accommodations of all types and price ranges.

HOSPITALS:

Four with a total of 490 beds (Includes the new Memorial Hospital—100 beds, and six-county tuberculosis hospital of 140 beds, both opened in the spring of 1950).

NEWSPAPERS:

Yakima Morning Herald (Daily except Sunday and Monday). Circulation, 13,725.

Yakima Daily Republic (Daily except Sunday). Circulation, 16,717.

Yakima Sunday Herald (Sunday only). Circulation, 26,421.

RADIO STATIONS:

Three stations affiliated with four major networks.

KIMA (CBS)—1460 kc.—Maximum power—1,000 watts.

KIT (ABC and NBC)—1280 kc.—Maximum power—5,000 watts.

KYAK (Mutual)—1400 kc.—Maximum power—250 watts.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

The public school system consists of 9 grade schools, two junior high schools, one senior high school and one junior college. There are five parochial schools, two business colleges and one trade school. Public school enrollment (1949-50 term) 9,609. Parochial school enrollment (1949-50 term) 1,925. 311 teachers in public schools and 45 teachers in parochial schools. Value of public school property, \$4,796,500 (this includes the new Yakima Valley Junior College building dedicated in the summer of 1949). Value of parochial property, \$2,025,000.

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 and engines, auto mechanics, body and fender work, building trades, instruments, machine shop, piano tuning and repair, radio refrigeration, sheet metal and welding. School capacity, 500 enrollees. 30 instructors. Buildings and grounds valued at \$695,000.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

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

WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS:

American Red Cross
Community Welfare Federation (includes the following):
Boy Scouts of America
Camp Fire Girls
Dental Clinic
Salvation Army
Visiting Nurses
Washington Children's Home, Branch Office
Y.M.C.A.
Y.W.C.A.
Yakima Catholic Children's Bureau
Yakima Day Nursery
Yakima County Humane Society
Yakima County Welfare Department

PUBLIC OFFICES:

City Government
County Government
State Offices:

Apple Advertising Commission
Board of Prison Terms and Paroles
Board for Vocational Education
Dept. of Agriculture, Horticulture and Hops
Dept. of Game and Fisheries—Trout Hatchery
Dept. of Labor and Industries
Dept. of Public Service
Employment Security Department
Highway Dept.—Dist. Engineer
Highway Patrol
Insurance Commissioner
Liquor Control Board
National Guard
Soft Fruit Commission
Tax Commission
Veterans Rehabilitation Council

United States Government:

Army and Air Force Recruiting Service
Civil Aeronautics Administration
Dept. of Agriculture
Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine
Farm Home Administration
Production and Marketing Administration
Soil Conservation Service
Dept. of Commerce—Weather Bureau
Dept. of Interior—Bureau of Reclamation
Dept. of Justice—Lands Division
Dept. of Labor—Apprentice Training Service
District Court
Internal Revenue Office
Marine Corps Recruiting Office
Navy Recruiting Office
Post Office Inspector
Social Security Administration
Veterans Administration

AMUSEMENTS:

Largest auditorium in city seats 3,000 persons (Armory).
5 moving picture theatres with total seating capacity of 5,161.
Drive-In theatre (capacity, 752 cars).
High School Auditorium seats 1,625.
2 golf courses near city.
Davis Field (high school athletic field) seating capacity 4,200.
Parker Field (Junior College athletic field and professional baseball, Class B, seating capacity 4,000).
2 outdoor swimming pools.
Tennis courts.
Riding stables.
2 bowling alleys.
1 ice arena (winter months only).
1 roller rink.
Automobile racing at Central Washington Fairgrounds during the summer.
Central Washington Fair—late September—early October.

PUBLIC LIBRARY:

One, with 45,808 volumes. 10,152 registered borrowers.
Operates one bookmobile.

COUNTY LIBRARY:

51,323 volumes—13 branches—14,098 registered borrowers. Operates two bookmobiles.

CHURCHES:

Fifty-six, representing leading denominations.

HOMES:

11,700, with approximately 70% owned by occupants.

SERVICE CLUBS:

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

STORAGE CAPACITY:

With 17,000 car cold storage capacity Yakima is one of the largest cold storage plant districts in the nation.

IRRIGABLE AREA, YAKIMA VALLEY RECLAMATION PROJECTS:

Kittitas unit.....	69,552 acres
Tieton unit.....	27,273 acres
Sunnyside unit.....	103,579 acres
Roza.....	72,000 acres
Wapato (Inc. Safus).....	137,500 acres
Ahtanum.....	15,000 acres
Warren Act and Contracts.....	46,434 acres
Limiting Agreement Canals.....	48,836 acres
Private Canals—No Contracts.....	20,206 acres
Others.....	25,000 acres

Total Irrigable Area.....565,380 acres

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Kennewick.....	27,682 acres
Klickitat.....	28,000 acres

Grand Total.....621,062 acres

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION VALUE—1949:

Yakima Valley (Comprising Yakima, Kittitas and Benton Counties).

Apples.....	\$ 22,000,000
Hops.....	10,223,000
Pears.....	5,000,000
Peaches.....	1,500,000
Cherries.....	3,000,000
Prunes and Plums.....	1,000,000
Apricots.....	500,000
Grapes.....	950,000
Potatoes.....	10,381,000
Asparagus.....	2,300,000
Mint.....	750,000
Hay, Grain and Seeds.....	14,000,000
Other Fruits and Vegetables.....	3,850,000
Dairying and Dairy Products.....	6,900,000
Livestock, Meats; By-Products.....	19,000,000
Poultry, Eggs, Turkeys.....	4,000,000
Wool.....	600,000
Sugar Beets.....	4,466,000

Total 1949 Production.....\$110,420,000

YAKIMA COUNTY, of the 3,072 counties in the United States, ranks:

1st in production of apples, pears and hops.
5th in production of cherries.
5th in total agricultural production.
6th in production of all fruits and nuts.
8th in production of peaches.
9th in production of plums and prunes.