

# *Facts*

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*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:**

1951, 39,200 within the City (1940 population 27,221.) Metropolitan population, radius 10 miles, 1951 Yakima County population 138,200. (Based on preliminary U. S. Census reports, and Sales Management figures.)

**TRANSPORTATION:**

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

**CLIMATE:**

Mean annual temperature 48.1 degrees F. Normal annual rainfall 7.28 inches. Wind velocity—average hourly 6.9 m.p.h. Dense fog—average number of days, 14. (From up to 40 years averages U. S. Weather Bureau. Annual meteorological reports available on request.)

**ALTITUDE:**

1,065 feet.

**AREA OF THE CITY:**

6.48 square miles.

**TRADE AREA:**

Radius of 90 miles with a population of 239,000. (Yakima, Benton, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Franklin Counties.)

**MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:**

The Yakima Municipal Airport is operated by the City of Yakima. It 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 station, radio beam, night landing lights, ILF and VOR and other scientific equipment commensurate with modern airport operation plus U. S. Department of Commerce weather station, and Civil Aeronautics Authority offices. A new \$300,000 administration building was dedicated in May, 1950. In addition to Northwest-Orient Airlines a number of base operators offer flight instruction, aircraft and engine repair, crop dusting and spraying, hangar space and charter service.

**PARKS:**

15 parks with a total area, within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Park District of 54.65 acres. The new Yakima Sportsmen State Park on the Yakima River has 40 acres developed, with more than 200 acres in all . . . this under the supervision of the Washington State Board of Parks and Recreations.

**CITY GOVERNMENT:**

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

**CITY STATISTICS:**

Total street mileage, 133.26. 120.56 miles of sewer; city water storage capacity 24,000,000 gallons; municipal water system valued at \$4,141,911.67. Paid Fire Department of 73 men and paid Police Department of 65 personnel.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:**

Three banks (four offices) with trust departments in connection. 1950 bank debits \$545,756,746. (\$429,-258,848 in 1945). Deposits as of Dec. 31, 1950, \$63,387,440. Three Savings and Loan Associations with total savings accounts as of December 31, 1950, of \$16,344,326.

**ASSESSED VALUATION OF MUNICIPALITY:**

\$23,876,019 (50% of real value) (\$14,357,685 in 1945). 1951 levies on city property ranged from 34.5 to 66.0 mills depending on the school district.

**BONDED DEBT:**

City General Obligation Bonds outstanding \$80,000 and \$333,000 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 fresh fruit market.

Processing, canning, freezing, etc., of fruit 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 for Yakima County—year ending December 31, 1950, \$128,804,381.

Taxable retail sales for City of Yakima—year ending December 31, 1950, \$83,722,848.

Approximate value of farm products (Yakima County only) 1950—\$93,233,000.

Payroll-covered employment (Yakima County) 1950, \$49,764,481. (Includes all but agricultural, government and railroad employees.)

**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:**

1950 building permits, \$6,916,155. Permits for new homes: 340 issued in 1950.

**POSTAL RECEIPTS:**

\$540,535 for calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1950 (\$398,637 in 1945.)

**UTILITIES:**

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

Power and Light—Pacific Power and Light Company.

Telephones—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. 27,500 telephones in service as of Dec. 31, 1950. (12,616 in 1945).

**AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS (Yakima County):**

42,000 passenger cars, 12,248 trucks, 3,104 trailers licensed and 10,335 transfers of ownership.

**HOTELS AND MOTOR COURTS:**

25 hotels and 37 motor courts furnishing ample accommodations of all types and price ranges. (Including new Hotel Chinook, 200-room Community Hotel dedicated May 17, 1951).

**HOSPITALS:**

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

**NEWSPAPERS:**

Yakima Morning Herald (Daily except Sunday and Monday). Circulation, 13,895.

Yakima Daily Republic (Daily except Sunday). Circulation, 17,313.

Yakima Sunday Herald (Sunday only). Circulation, 27,032.

**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 11 grade schools, two junior high schools, one senior high school and one junior college. There are six parochial schools, two business colleges and one trade school. Public school enrollment for the 1950-51 term, 9,609. Parochial school enrollment (1950-51) 2,136. Public school faculty, 333; Parochial school faculty, 63. Value of public school property, 5,684,000 (includes new Gilbert school). Parochial school property value, \$2,925,000. 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 rebuilding, radio, refrigeration, sheet metal and welding. The school capacity is 500 enrolees, 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 (Active Duty)  
Soft Fruit Commission  
Tax Commission  
Veterans Rehabilitation Council

### United States Government:

Army and Air Force Recruiting Service  
Civil Aeronautics Administration  
Civil Air Patrol  
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.

## YAKIMA VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY:

102,461 volumes. 24,459 registered borrowers, 12 community branches, and three bookmobiles.

## CHURCHES:

57, representing leading denominations.

## HOMES:

12,040, 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. Satus).....	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—1950:

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

Apples.....	\$ 27,500,000
Hops.....	14,866,000
Pears.....	7,500,000
Peaches (Average).....	\$2,500,000
Cherries.....	3,000,000
Prunes and Plums.....	1,000,000
Apricots (Average).....	750,000
Grapes.....	2,125,000
Potatoes.....	5,259,000
Mint.....	1,179,000
Asparagus.....	2,985,000
Hay, Grain and Seeds.....	10,109,000
Other Fruits and Vegetables.....	5,172,000
Dairying and Dairy Products.....	8,000,000
Livestock, Meat and By-Products.....	20,800,000
Poultry, Eggs and Turkeys.....	4,000,000
Wool.....	8,000,000
Sugar Beets.....	7,057,000

Total 1950 Production.....\$128,552,000

## 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.