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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, which places Yakima 60 air miles from the heart of the 1 million-acre Columbia Basin Project. 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:

1952, 40,000 within the city (1940 population, 27,221). 1952 Yakima County population, 142,000. (Based on figures of Washington State Census Board 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 and Northwest Airlines (transcontinental, Hawaii, Alaska and the Orient). Additional air service expected to be rendered by local service carrier upon approval of C.A.B. City-wide bus service. Eight scheduled motor freight lines, with terminals in Yakima. Additional truck operators offer unscheduled common carrier and contract service.

CLIMATE:

Mean annual temperature, 48.1 F. Normal annual rainfall, 7.28 inches. Days of sunshine — yearly average, 302. Wind velocity — average hourly 6.9 m.p.h. Dense fog — yearly average 14 days (From up to 40 years averages, U. S. Weather Bureau).

ALTITUDE:

1,065 feet.

AREA OF CITY:

6.64 square miles.

TRADE AREA:

Radius of 90 miles with a population of 239,000. (Yakima, Benton, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Franklin Counties.) Based on 1950 official county census and 1952 city census by State Census Board.)

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. Installation of instrument landing facilities has been approved by the C.A.A. and is in the process of being installed. The new \$300,000 administration building was dedicated in May, 1950. In addition to Northwest Airlines, a number of base operators offer flight instruction, aircraft and engine repair, crop dusting and spraying, hangar service and charter service. West Coast Airlines is expected to begin local carrier service in September, 1952.

PARKS:

Fifteen parks with a total area, within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Park District of 62.41 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 Recreation.

CITY GOVERNMENT:

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

CITY STATISTICS:

Total street mileage, 142.27. 137.41 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. 1951 bank debits \$599,818,854. (\$429,258,848 in 1945.) Deposits as of December 31, 1951, \$63,166,915. 1951 bank clearings, \$214,456,895. Three Savings and Loan Associations with savings accounts as of December 31, 1951, of \$20,156,123.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF MUNICIPALITY:

\$24,816,911 (50% of real value) (\$14,357,685 in 1945.) 1952 levies on city property ranged from 43.4 to 45.9 mills, depending on the school district.

BONDED DEBT:

City General Obligation Bonds outstanding \$48,000 and \$215,000 Water Revenue Bonds outstanding.

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS:

1951 per capita income, City of Yakima, \$1,737; County, \$1,247. There are 919 retail stores; 247 wholesale firms and 171 industrial plants covering 50 separate industries in Yakima County with concentration on the following:

Assembling fruits for fresh fruit market.

Manufacture of farm and hop ranch machinery and diversified metals processing.

Manufacture of growers' and processors' supplies.

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

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

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

Taxable retail sales, 1951, City of Yakima, \$81,484,000 — Yakima County, \$135,765,000.

Approximate value of farm products, Yakima County, \$88,239,000 Payroll, Yakima County, 1951, \$59,748,634 (includes all but agricultural, government and railroad employees.)

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:

No. permits new buildings, 301 — value, \$2,726,047; No. permits to repair buildings, 735 — value, \$725,428 Total, \$3,450,475. No. permits new homes, 156 — value, \$1,641,175.

POSTAL RECEIPTS:

\$569,942 for calendar year ending December 31, 1951. (\$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 Company. Number of telephones in service as of December 31, 1951 — 22,126 (12,616 in 1945).

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS (Yakima County):

40,444 passenger cars, 12,635 trucks, 2,674 trailers licensed and 3,408 transfers of ownership.

HOTELS AND MOTOR COURTS:

Twenty-two hotels and 34 motor courts furnish ample accommodations of all types and price range.

NEWSPAPERS:

Yakima Morning Herald (Daily except Sunday and Monday) Circulation, 14,273.

Yakima Daily Republic (Daily except Sunday) Circulation, 18,066.

Yakima Sunday Herald (Sunday only). Circulation, 28,661.

HOSPITALS:

Three, with a total of 401 beds, which includes Memorial, St. Elizabeth, Osteopathic. The Tuberculosis hospital at Selah, serving 6 counties, ten minutes from Yakima.

RADIO AND TELEVISION 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.

Three television channels are assigned to Yakima, one educational and two commercial. Applications are being processed.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

The Yakima City Public School System consists of 12 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 1951 - 1952 term, 10,144. Parochial school enrollment for 1951 - 1952, 2,100. Public school faculty, 338. Parochial school faculty, 67. Value of public school property, \$6,219,520 (includes new McClure Grade School). 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 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
Department of Agriculture, Horticulture and Hops

Division of Marketing and Market Information.

Division of Weed Control
Division of Seed Inspection

Department of Game and Fisheries — Trout Hatchery

Department of Labor and Industries

Department of Public Service

Employment Security Department

Highway Department — District Engineer

Highway Patrol

Insurance Commissioner

Liquor Control Board

National Guard (Active Duty)

Soft Fruit Commission

Tax Commission

Veterans Rehabilitation Council

Soft Fruit Commission

Tax Commission

United States Government:

Army and Air Force Recruiting Service

Civil Aeronautics Administration

Civil Air Patrol

Department of Agriculture

Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine

Farm Home Administration

Forest Service

Production and Marketing Administration

Soil Conservation Service

Department of Commerce — Weather Bureau

Department of Interior — Bureau of Reclamation

Department of Justice — Lands Division

Department 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

Yakima County Extension Service

AMUSEMENTS:

Largest auditorium in city seats 3,000 persons (Armory).

Five theatres with total seating capacity of 5,161.

Drive-In Theatre (capacity 752 cars).

High School Auditorium seats 1,625.

Two golf courses near city.

Davis Field (high school athletic field) seating capacity 4,200.

Parker Field (Junior College athletic field and professional baseball, Class A, seating capacity 4,000).

Two outdoor swimming pools.

Tennis courts.

Riding stable.

Two bowling alleys.

One ice arena (winter months only).

One roller rink

Automobile racing at Central Washington Fairgrounds during the summer.

Central Washington Fair — September 24th through 28th.

YAKIMA VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY:

112,500 volumes. 25,917 registered borrowers, 12 community branches and 3 bookmobiles, making 330 scheduled stops a month.

CHURCHES:

51 representing leading denominations.

HOMES:

12,196, approximately 70% owned by occupants.

SERVICE CLUBS:

Business and Professional Women's Club, Soroptimist Club, The Active Club, The Altrusa Club, The Chelminar Grotto, The Exchange Club, The Gyro Club, The Kiwanis Club, The Lions Club, The Optimist Club, The Rotary Club.

STORAGE CAPACITY:

With 17,000 car cold storage capacity, Yakima's "Produce Row" is one of the largest cold storage plant districts in the world.

IRRIGABLE AREA, YAKIMA RECLAMATION PROJECTS:

Kittitas unit.....	59,610 acres
Tieton unit.....	27,271 acres
Sunnyside unit.....	103,579 acres
Roza.....	72,185 acres
Kennewick Highlands.....	5,091 acres
Franklin County.....	3,943 acres
Wapato Project.....	137,700 acres
Warren Act and Contracts.....	45,807 acres
Limiting Agreement Canals.....	48,836 acres
Private Canals.....	20,206 acres
Others.....	25,000 acres

Total Irrigable Area.....549,228 acres

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Kennewick.....	13,909 acres
Klickitat.....	28,000 acres

Grand Total.....591,137 acres

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION VALUE — 1951:

Yakima Valley (Comprising Yakima, Kittitas and Benton Counties)

Apples	\$ 21,600,000
Livestock, Meat and By-Products	18,400,000
Hops.....	13,600,000
Potatoes	10,900,000
Pears	10,600,000
Grain.....	10,300,000
Hay	10,100,000
Dairying and Dairy Products	7,910,000
Seeds (Alfalfa and Red Clover).....	7,200,000
Poultry, eggs and turkeys	5,200,000
Other fruits and vegetables	4,900,000
Sugar beets.....	3,900,000
Cherries.....	3,040,000
Asparagus	2,770,000
Mint	2,100,000
Peaches	1,620,000
Grapes.....	1,380,000
Wool.....	1,330,000
Prunes and Plums.....	960,000
Apricots.....	471,000

Total 1951 Production.....\$138,281,000

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.

(From 1945 Agricultural Census)