

## Quality of Life

### Climate

Annual Mean Temp & Precipitation	Low 22 Degrees	High 87 Degrees	
	Low	High	Precipitation
January thru March	24.8	45.7	1.94
April thru June	41.9	72.1	1.52
July thru September	49.6	83.6	0.97
October thru December	28.9	60.6	2.91
Elevation:	1,068 feet above sea level		
Sunny Days:	295 days per year		
Extended Growing Season	195 days per year		
Average Precipitation	8 inches per year		
Average Snowfall	20 inches per year		

### Personal Income Tax

<http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/treasurer/treasurer.htm>

<b>State</b>	None
Earned Income	None
Unearned Income	None
<b>Local</b>	None
Earned Income	None
Unearned Income	None
<b>Local Occupation Tax</b>	None
City Residents	None
Non-City Residents	None

### Current Housing Availability June 2008

Description	Listings	Average Price
5 Bedroom - all areas	84	\$420,665
4 Bedroom - all areas	252	\$302,553
3 bedroom - all areas	563	\$216,909
1-2 bedrooms - all areas	168	\$121,665
All homes on the market	1067	\$150,628
Manufactured Home, with land	130	\$158,768

### Residential Permits 2007

Single	199	\$ 24,931,847
Duplex	58	\$ 6,161,347
3 & 4	6	\$ 981,709
5 +	3	\$ 2,351,443
(this is for new construction only)		

### Rental Information - 2007

Description	Average Cost	Occupied Units - 2005
Home (s)		Total Units 81,643
One Bedroom	\$450 - \$600	
Two Bedroom	\$550 - \$850	Owned 50,145
Three Bedroom	\$750 - \$1200	Median Cost \$ 122,100
Duplexes		
One Bedroom	\$525	Rented 26,143
Two Bedroom	\$625	Medium cost \$ 534
Three Bedroom	\$950	
Apartments		
Studio	\$350 - \$450	
One Bedroom	\$385 - \$445	
Two Bedroom	\$475 - \$545	

### Cost of 2,200 sq.ft. Single Family Home-2007

Area	Cost	Area	Cost
Yakima	\$163,428	Spokane	\$207,321
Tri-Cities	\$225,125	Seattle	\$341,333
Tacoma	\$255,250	Bellevue	\$491,666

### 2007 Average Sale Price by Category

Residential	\$159,900
Multi-Family	\$152,850
Commercial	\$370,778
Agriculture	\$231,322
Orchard	\$239,854

### Housing Snapshot - June 2008

# Residential Sales	155
Median Price	\$162,266
<b>Units Available for Sale - June 2008</b>	
Single Family Units	1067
Condo's available	46

### Education

Number of School Districts	15					
Name of Six Largest School Districts	West Valley	Yakima	Selah	East Valley	Sunnyside	Toppenish
Total School Enrollment - 2006	4,479	14,626	3,487	2,683	5,853	3,324

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Elementary School Enrollment	1,839	6,712	1,356	742	3,271	2,087	
Secondary School Enrollment	2,633	7,914	2,240	1,680	2,209	1,639	
Spending Per Student	\$	6,920	\$	8,460	\$	7,434	\$
Total							8,842
Instructional							
Student Teacher Ratio	20	16	18	17	18	18	
Elementary School							
Secondary School							
ACT							
% Students Taking Test	30%		10%	15%	15%		
Average Score (WA State Av)	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.4	
SAT							
% Students Taking Test	50%	35%	28%	40%	30%	27%	
Average Score - Verbal	538	520	510	510	540	463	
Average Score - Math	546	513	496	490	550	461	
Number of Merit Scholarships in Last			0				
Semi-finalists			0				
Finalists	2	3	2				
Ratio of Merit Scholarships per 100							
Semi-finalists							
Finalists							
% of High School Seniors Graduating:	94%	94%	94%	99%	87%	96%	
Attending College	87%	73%	65%	82%	39%	71%	
Entering the Labor Market	9%	13%	30%	12%	60%	23%	
Mandatory Competency Testing for High	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Science & Technology Magnet Schools		yes					
Specialized High Schools		Yes			Yes	yes	
Tech Prep Programs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Occupational Clusters or Career		yes			yes	yes	
Vocational High Schools	yes	yes	yes	yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Private Schools - Countywide</b>	Union Gap	West Valley	Yakima	Selah	East	Middle Valley	Lower
Elementary School Enrollment		409	1705	159	168	159	168
# of Schools	2	6	4	6	5	7	5
Average Annual Tuition							
Secondary School Enrollment		167	418		273		273
# of Schools		1	2	3	1	4	3
Average Annual Tuition							
<b>Healthcare</b>	Number	Number of Beds					
Hospitals	4	531					
Clinics & Specialized Services	15						
Physicians	300						
Dentists	150						
<b>Crime Rate-Yakima Co. 2007</b>							
<i>% Per population</i>	<i>Property</i>	<i>Violent</i>	<i>Total Crimes</i>				
	6.9%	0.5%	7.4%				
Number of Enclosed Malls		3					
Number of Religious Institutions		160					
<b>Sports - - Local</b>	Type	Professional	College				
Soccer		Yakima Reds					
Auto Racing		Yakima Speedway (NASCAR sanctioned stock car					
Auto Racing		Renegade Raceway (NHRA sanctioned drag racing)					
Baseball		Yakima Bears	Yakima Valley Community College				
Basketball		Yakama Sunkings	Yakima Valley Community College				
<b>Professional Sports -</b>							
Within a 2-hr. Drive	Baseball	Seattle Mariners					
	Football	Seattle					
	Basketball	Seattle					
	Basketball	Seattle Storm -					
	Basketball	Portland					
	Horseracing	Portland					
	Horseracing	Auburn -					
	Soccer	Portland					
	Soccer	Seattle Sounders-Starfire Complex, Quest Field					
<b>Top Annual Events</b>							

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Event	Dates
Red Wine & Spring Barrell Tasting/Wineries	February
Cinco De Mayo	April
Farmer's Market	May
Yakima Folklife Festival	May-October
Toppenish Pow	July
Vintiques	July
A Case of the Western Art	August
Central	August
Hop Festival	September
Lighted Parade	October
	December

**Cultural Place & Amenities**

Yakima Valley Museum	Town Hall Lecture Series
Yakima Symphony Orchestra & Chorus	Agricultural Museum
Larson Gallery	The Warehouse Theatre
Yakama Indian Nation Cultural Center	Historical Toppenish Murals
Capitol Theatre	The Yakima Greenway

**Recreational Activities**

Within a 2-hr drive

Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens	Downhill and cross-country skiing
Columbia River, Yakima River	White water rafting, boating, and swimming.
17 Lakes	World-class fly fishing; boating; sailing; skiing
Upland bird and big game hunting;	Pheasants, quail, partridge, turkeys, deer, elk, bear
Cascade Mountains	Mt. climbing, camping, hiking and backpacking
Ten golf courses	Apple Tree Golf Course's signature par 3 17th hole features the world-famous apple island green and has been named "Best Par Three" by the Seattle Times

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