Yakima County was founded in 1865 from Ferguson County, which is no longer in existence. It was named after a local Indian tribe and is located in the south central part of the state. The county was first settled in 1858 after the Indian wars of 1855-57 resulted in the formation of the Yakima Indian Reservation. In the 1870s cattlemen and farmers began constructing irrigation systems. Growth continued into the 1880s, with the coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad creating a boom in the county. In 1950 the federal government began a major series of irrigation projects in the county that had profound results. Today Yakima County is one of the nation's richest agricultural counties. It leads the state in apple, pear, peach and grape production, while beets, hop and mint growing are also important. Its economy also encompasses wood products and food processing industries.

**Bounded by:** Kittitas County (N), Grant and Benton counties (E), Skamania, Lewis, and Pierce counties (W), and Klickitat County (S).

**County Seat:**

Near Fort Simcoe (1865), Moxee (1986-1870), and Yakima City (now Union Gap, 1870-1885), and Yakima (1885-present).

**Chambers of Commerce:**

- Grandview Chamber of Commerce, 103 W 5th, PO Box 666, Grandview, WA 98930-1616. Phone 509-882-2100.
- Granger Chamber of Commerce, Box 250, Granger, WA 98932. Phone 509-854-2448.
- Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, 10 N Ninth St, PO Box 1490, Yakima, WA 98907-1490. Phone 509-248-2021. Fax 509-248-0601.
- Selah Chamber of Commerce, 108 W Naches Ave, PO Box 415, Selah, WA 98942. Phone 509-697-5545.
- Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, 520 S 7th St, PO Box 329, Sunnyside, WA 98944. Phone 509-837-5939. Fax 509-839-7462.
- Zillah Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1294, Zillah, WA 98953. Phone 509-829-5055. Fax 509-829-6290.

**Courthouse:** 128 N Second St, Yakima, WA 98901. Courthouse hours Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Yakima County government web site: http://www.pan.co.yakima.wa.us
**Assessor:** Room 112. Phone 509-574-1100. Fax 509-574-1101. *Ask to be shown microfilm rack and reader and to have journal record explained. Must come in - we will not do extensive research over the phone. Written requests are honored on a time-permitting basis. Copies of printouts and mailing must be prepaid. Legal descriptions are needed to access information.*

**Auditor:** Room 117. Phone 509-574-1400. Fax 509-574-1341. E-mail dougc@co.yakima.wa.us

**Clerk:** Room 323. Phone 509-574-1430. Fax 509-574-1473. E-mail kime@co.yakima.wa.us. *Prepaid copies only: certified copies $2, 1st page, and $1 each additional page. Information copies $1 minimum, 15 cents per page from paper copies and 25 cents per page from microfilm. No personal checks accepted. Requests by mail, phone, or in person accepted. Self search microfiche/microfilm training offered for in-person requests. $20.00 per hour research fee (seldom charged, if easy search). Full names (plus alias), approximated dates, case types information essential for accurate search. Office hours are 8:30 am through 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.*

**Treasurer:** Room 115. Mail: PO Box 22530, Yakima, WA 98907-2530. Phone 509-574-2803. Fax 509-574-2801. *Requests by mail, phone or in person. We do research as time permits but may also allow public access if equipment and training time are available. Parcel numbers are required for access of all information. There may be charges for materials and/or equipment and the payment of such fees are required in advance. Office hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.*

**Genealogical Society:**


**Health Department / District:**

Yakima Health District, 104 N First St, Suite 204, Yakima, WA 98901. Phone 509-575-4040. Vital Records (to get birth/death certificates) 509-249-6505. Main Fax Line 509-575-7894

**Historical Society:**

Sunnyside Museum and Historical Society, 704 Fourth St, Sunnyside, WA 98944. Phone 509-837-6010.

Toppenish Historical Society, c/o Margaret Couch, 111 S Chestnut, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-3783.

Yakima Valley Museum & Historical Association, 2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA 98902. Phone 509-248-0747.

**Libraries - Academic:**

Heritage College Library, 3240 Fort Rd, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-2244, ext. 1833. Fax 509-865-4144.
Yakima Valley Community College Library, 16th Ave at Nob Hill Blvd, PO Box 1647, Yakima, WA 98907-1647. Phone 509-575-2375. Fax 509-454-7604.

Libraries - Public:

Yakima Valley Regional Library, 102 N Third St, Yakima, WA 98901-2705. Phone 509-452-8541. Fax 509-575-2093. This library system has branch libraries in Yakima and in the nearby towns of Granger, Harrab, Mabton, Toppenish, Moske, Naches, Selah, Sunnyside, Union Gap and Wapato. Collection includes the Relander Collection (see citation under Bibliographies) and a local newspaper-clipping file.

Grandview Public Library (Bleyhl Community Library), 311 Division, Grandview, WA 98930. Phone 509-882-9217. Very small collection of genealogy related materials including local history books, listing of historical buildings, cemetery records to 1972, some photos and scrapbooks, some school annuals, and vertical file material.

Libraries - Special:

Selah Family History Center, 701 N First, Selah, WA. Phone 509-697-9527.

Sundquist Research Library and Archives, Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA 98902. Phone 509-248-0747. Fax 509-453-4890. E-mail museum@wolfenet.com. Website http://www/wolfe.net/~museum. Storehouse of historical documents, photographs, rare books, and other records of the valley's history.

Yakima County Law Library, County Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901. Phone 509-457-5452.

Yakima Family History Center, 1006 S 16th Ave, Yakima, WA. Phone 509-452-3626.

Yakima Nation Cultural Center Library, Hwy 97 at Fort Rd, PO Box 151, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-2800, ext 721.

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library, 221 East B St, PO Box 445, Yakima, WA 98907. Phone 509-248-1328. Extensive genealogical collection including a cemetery file of known graves in Yakima, Kittitas and Klickitat counties cross-referenced with cemetery/mortuary records and obituaries, a pioneer file of individuals settling in the area prior to 1920, a surname file and a school record collection.

Museums and Historical Sites:

American Hop Museum, 22 S B St, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-4677. "Displays pictures, implements and stories of hops since the late 1500s."

Fort Simcoe Interpretive Center, 5150 Fort Simcoe Rd, White Swan, WA 98952. Phone 509-874-2372. Site of 1856 military fort, later Indian Agency headquarters. Four officers' quarters are still standing.


Ray E. Powell Museum, 313 Division, Grandview, WA. Mail c/o City of Grandview, 207 W 2nd St, Grandview, WA 98930. For schedule or to arrange tours, phone 509-882-9217, 509-882-2070. Collection includes some school annuals, framed class pictures, roster of veterans, and club meeting notes and rosters.

Sunnyside Historical Museum, 704 S 4th St, Box 782, Sunnyside, WA 98944. Phone 509-837-6010. Museums houses permanent display of Indian artifacts, pioneer life and the Ben Snipes's cabin (early cattleman).

Toppenish Museum, 1 South Elm, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-4510. Fire fighting equipment, early day ranch life, championship polo teams of the Lower Yakima Valley, gold panning, and wild horses exhibits. Features a section on notable women in Toppenish history.

Yakima Electric Railway Museum, 3rd Ave & West Pine, PO Box 649, Yakima, WA 98907. Phone 509-575-1700. Former Yakima Valley Transportation Co. 1910 shop facility.; Offering vintage electric trolley car rides between Selah and Yakima. Other electric rail equipment on display.

Yakima Indian Nation Cultural Center, PO Box 151, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-2800. Located on the ancestral grounds of the Yakamas. Collections and exhibits focus of the history and culture of the Yakama people as told by the Yakamas themselves.

Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum, 10 Asotin Ave, PO Box 889, Toppenish, WA 98948. Phone 509-865-1911. Located in restored Northern Pacific Depot, collections reflect the railroad industry's history in the Yakima Valley. Offers special excursions on the Toppenish, Simcoe & Western Railroad to White Swan.


State Archive Branch:

Central Region (Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan and Yakima counties. Bledsoe-Washington Archives Building, Central Washington University, MS 7547, Ellensburg, WA 98926-7547. Phone: 509-963-2136. Fax 509-963-1753. E-mail: archives@cwu.edu. Research Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

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Real estate, 1882-1891
Power of attorney, 1883-1910
Mortgages, 1880-1907

Judgements, 1882-1968
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Mining claims file, 1882-1968
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Yakima County Clerk's office (NOTE: Older records destroyed in 1908 Courthouse fire, some salvaged, majority lost, including docket books)

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Central Branch Archives

- Ft. Simcoe duty logs, 1858-1861
- Military duty lists, 1889-1895
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Yakima County Auditor's office

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Central Branch Archives

- Declarations of intention, 1869-1907, 1973-1980
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  - Mortgages, 1880-1907
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- Mug books, 1924-1969
- Official bond journals, 1893-1950
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- Old Age Pension cases, 1913-1937
- Savings and Loan incorporations, 1913-1917
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- Official bonds [fragmentary series], dates unknown

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Central Branch Archives

- Clerk's trust fund ledgers, 1909-1972
- Index to probate case files, 1874-1977
- Letters of administration, 1874-1950
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- Probate book of wills, 1874-1950
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- Probate dockets, 1882-1885
- Probate memorandum of files, 1891-1907
- Probate record of petitions, 1891-1925
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Yakima County Clerk's office (NOTE: Older records destroyed in 1908 Courthouse fire, some salvaged, majority lost, including docket books)

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- Name changes, 1879-1978: changed to civil, then to District Court early 1990s

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Central Branch Archives

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- Assessor's plats, 1912-1914
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Tax judgement journals, 1901-1940's
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Yakima County Clerk's office (NOTE: Older records destroyed in 1908 Courthouse fire, some salvaged, majority lost, including docket books)

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