

Clarkdale

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Clarkdale is at the upper end of the Verde Valley in Yavapai County. Topography is characterized by numerous mesas and buttes along the rise from 3,300 feet at the Verde River on the east to the 7,000-foot Mingus Mountains on the west. Clarkdale was laid out in 1914 near the site of the Clarkdale Smelter, which began construction in 1910; it processed ore from nearby Jerome until 1952. Clarkdale was a company town ahead of its time with modern amenities. The old mining and smelter sites and clubhouse are listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The Verde River Canyon Railroad is a 19-mile scenic tour up the Verde River between Clarkdale and Perkinsville.

Basic Information

Founded: 1914
 Incorporated: 1957
 Elevation: 3,550
 Located in Yavapai County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-17; SR 89A; SR 260

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 107 miles
 Tucson: 220 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Clarkdale	2,144	3,422	4,030
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	227,348
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

Clarkdale developed as a service center for the mining area around it. The growing population spurs the housing, construction and construction-related industries and makes for active retail and service sectors. Peck's Lake is the site of the Verde Valley Ranch, a 977-acre mixed-use, master-planned community currently being developed by Freeport-McMoRan. Railroad freight service to and from Clarkdale is operated by Arizona Central Railroad.

County Employment

	2008
Government	12,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,600
Educational and Health Services	10,100
Leisure and Hospitality	8,400
Mining and Construction	8,300
Professional and Business Services	4,200
Manufacturing	3,100
Financial Activities	2,500
Other Services	2,000
Information	600

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

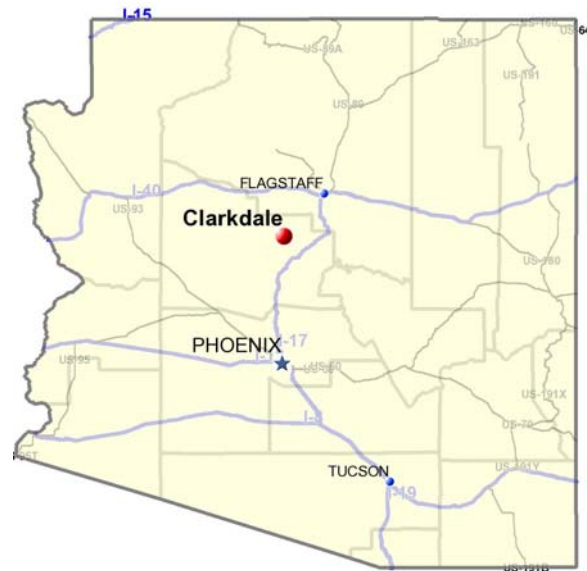
Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Private Employers

Phoenix Cement

Public Employers

Yavapai College, Verde Campus



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	894	1,595	2,075
Unemployed	56	61	113
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	3.8%	5.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	77	93	8
Taxable Sales (\$)	5.4 million	14.7 million	39.6 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	7.9 million	18.3 million	52.9 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

Scenic Attractions

Clarkdale's historic Main-Town Clarkdale preserves its "model town" look & an ambiance perfect for walking tours. In addition, historic downtown has a new Heritage Center filled with local history, a community information center "The Caboose", and is the home to a local theater group - Verde Valley Theatre. Sycamore Canyon Wilderness area, a quiet & beautiful 26-mile canyon is perfect for short walks as well as lengthy backpacking. Tuzigoot Natl. Monument, immediately east of Clarkdale, dates prior to 1000 AD. This 42-acre site houses three large Sinagua Indian pueblos containing over 100 rooms. Dead Horse Ranch State Park is a 300-acre park with a visitor contact station & facilities for camping, picnicking, & fishing.

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Community Facilities

Clarkdale offers a range of community facilities including a library, three parks, one swimming pool, several ball parks, and a clubhouse with lounge, library, social hall and auditorium. The Clark Memorial Clubhouse and the Clarkdale-Jerome School are available for social cultural, sports, civic, and educational events.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Charter School	N	N
Community College	Y	N

Financial

Banking services are available in Cottonwood, 4 miles east.

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Nearby Cottonwood Airport with a lighted 4,250-ft. runway

Medical

Medical professionals and a hospital with 112 beds are within a five-minute drive (in Cottonwood).

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 15
Meeting Rooms: 4
Capacity of Largest Facility: 300

Industrial Properties:

There is one industrial area with available land that includes utilities and rail and road transportation. Commercial properties are available in the historic downtown, along State Route 89A and along historic State Route 89A (Broadway).

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Natural Gas	Unisource Energy Services	928.634.5555
Sewer	Clarkdale Municipal	928.639.2520
Telephone	AT&T (statewide)	800.222.0400
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Clarkdale Municipal	928.639.2520

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Internet Service Provider: Y Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	6.13	4.86	3.43
City/Fire District	2.17	1.22	0.71
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.06
Totals	13.44	10.26	7.20

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Valley Academy of Career and Technology Education (VACTE).

Sales Tax

	2008
City/Town	2.25%
County	0.75%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
	45.2	78.2	1.0
January	28.1	58.1	0.8
February	31.7	63.3	0.8
March	35.6	68.3	0.9
April	41.9	76.3	0.5
May	49.2	84.8	0.4
June	57.8	94.8	0.5
July	65.9	98.5	1.9
August	63.8	95.5	2.2
September	57.4	91.3	1.1
October	46.4	81.2	1.0
November	35.6	68.1	0.7
December	28.7	58.6	1.1

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1949-1977. Average Total Snowfall 4.2". Nearest data available from Cottonwood, AZ.

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