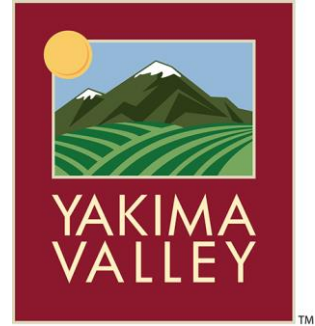


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# Yakima Valley Facts

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## Name

The origin of the name remains unknown, though there are legends that describe the derivation of the city's name. The most popular legend explains that the daughter of a Native American chief from Moxie ran away breaking tribal rules and settled on the Yakima River. In this legend the name Yakima means "runaway".

Another derivation of the name is what the Native Americans used to refer to Yakima as, "Beginning of Life, Big Belly, and Bountiful."

Source: Yakima Valley Museum

## Established

The first white men to view the Yakima Valley were members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1805. In 1865, the Yakima County was officially established with rich volcanic soil covering the valley and by 1880 nearly 3,000 people were reported in the county.

## Geography

Yakima is located at latitude 46° 34' N, longitude 120° 32' W, on central Washington. It is approximately two hours and fifteen minutes, driving time, and 143 miles from the Seattle.

City of Yakima 20 sq. miles  
Yakima County 4,296.23 sq. miles  
Washington State 66,544 sq. miles

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Climate

Average Temperatures (Fahrenheit)

January 37°/21°  
February 46°/26°  
March 56°/30°  
April 64°/35°  
May 73°/42°  
June 80°/49°  
July 88°/53°  
August 86°/52°  
September 78°/44°  
October 64°/35°  
November 48°/28°  
December 38°/23°

Source: MSNWeather.com