

YARNELL/PEEPLER VALLEY

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Yarnell and Peeples Valley are on U.S. Highway 89, approximately 80 miles northwest of Phoenix. Yarnell, the hill and the community, were named for Harrison Yarnell, who discovered and worked the Yarnell Mine in the 1890s. Abraham Peeples, who had a ranch in the valley which bears his name, came to the area in 1865.

FOUNDED: 1892

COUNTY: Yavapai County

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 80 miles

HIGHWAYS: US 89

INCORPORATED: No

ELEVATION: 4,782 feet

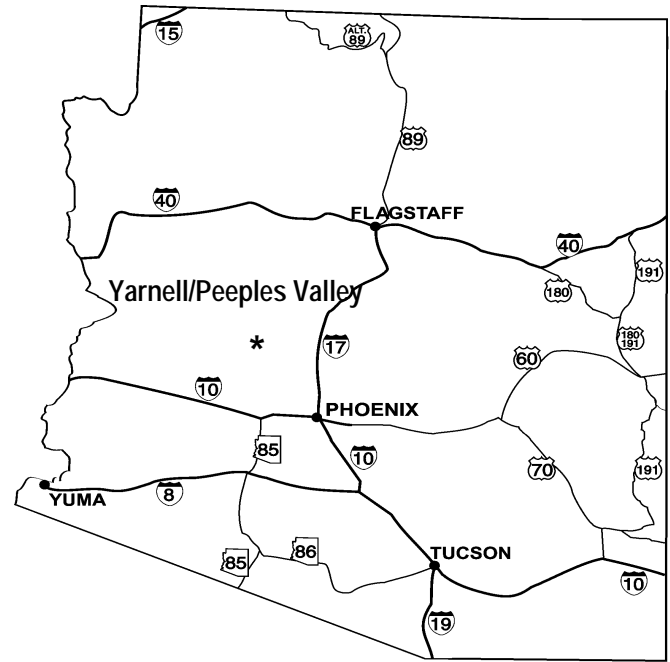
DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 180 miles

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
Yarnell/Peeples Valley	1,195	1,069	1,193
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	186,885
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

Note: 2003 estimate based on county growth rate.



PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Cattle & horse ranching are major economic contributors. Hays Cattle Company, located in Peeples Valley, is one of Arizona's most historic ranches. Their Bar-Muleshoe-Bar brand dates back to 1876. A growing fine arts, crafts, antiques & collectables business has brought increased tourism. Yarnell is an attractive retirement area due to its low cost of living & mild climate. Many visitors enjoy clean air, water & mild 4-season climate. A small commercial & service sector also exists.

County Employment

	2003
Construction	5,425
Educational & Health Svcs	8,175
Financial Activities	1,850
Government	10,750
Leisure & Hospitality	6,950
Manufacturing	3,175
Natural Resources & Mining	950
Professional & Business Svcs	4,075
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,025

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

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

LABOR FORCE DATA

	2000
Civilian Labor Force	355
Unemployed	33
Unemployment Rate	9.3%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2003
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	2,817,853	3,366,815	4,791,964

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Shrine of St. Joseph of the Mountains, located in the Weaver Mountains one-half mile west, consists of a chapel, the Way of the Cross, and replicas of the Garden of Gethsemane and the Last Supper—all the work of Felix Lucero. A lookout point off the highway provides a panorama of the desert regions below. Congress, nine miles southwest, was the site of a mine said to have been owned by Diamond Jim Reynolds. The old gold-mining ghost towns of Stanton, Octave and Weaver, the latter named for famed scout Pauline Weaver, are not far from Yarnell. The 1.5-million-acre Prescott National Forest is north and east of town. The forest offers numerous recreational opportunities, such as camping, hiking and water sports in one of the many recreation areas.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	6.12	5.45	7.09
City/Fire District	0.78	0.98	1.75
Countywide	5.14	4.18	4.46
Total	\$12.04	\$10.61	\$13.30

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.
2003 Peebles Valley Fire District rate is .9127.

Sales Tax Rate

City	0.00%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities for residents of Yarnell/Peebles Valley include a community hall, a library and a park.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 1

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Airports Nearby Wickenburg Airport, 26 miles south, with a lighted/paved 5,050-ft. runway and UNICOM radio.

Medical

Yarnell Medical Clinic

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 6

Capacity of Largest Facility: 100

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Yarnell/Peebles Valley Chamber of Commerce or the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9407
Propane	Various Dealers	
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Peebles Valley Water Co.	928.833.2027

Cable Providers: No

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: No

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	26.1	59.1	1.78
February	28.3	62.5	1.70
March	31.4	66.6	1.75
April	35.5	74.4	0.66
May	42.3	83.5	0.38
June	49.8	93.6	0.24
July	60.8	97.3	1.44
August	61.0	94.6	2.38
September	52.7	89.9	1.34
October	40.4	79.6	0.99
November	30.2	67.5	1.22
December	25.7	60.4	1.38

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1899-1997. Average Total Snowfall 1.6". Nearest data available from Hillside 4NNE Weather Station, AZ.

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