

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	2006
Clarkdale	2,144	3,422	3,715
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	213,285
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau

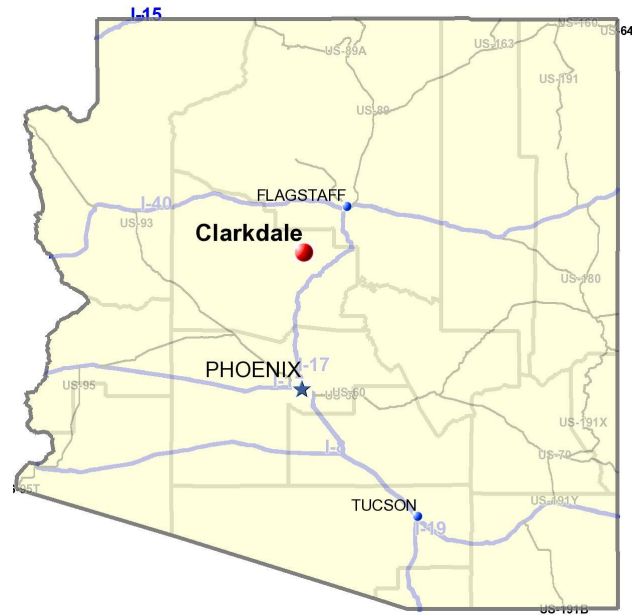
Principal Economic Activities

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 Phelps Dodge. Railroad freight service to and from Clarkdale is operated by Arizona Central Railroad.

County Employment

	2006
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,300
Government	11,500
Mining and Construction	9,200
Educational and Health Services	8,900
Leisure and Hospitality	7,900
Professional and Business Services	5,200
Manufacturing	3,800
Financial Activities	2,400
Other Services	2,200
Information	600

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	894	1,595	2,004
Unemployed	56	61	71
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	3.8%	3.5%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	77	93	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	5.4 million	14.7 million	33.6 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	7.9 million	18.3 million	30.6 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 2006 New building permit data not reported.

Scenic Attractions

Clarkdale's location makes the varied scenic, historic & recreational areas of the Verde Valley & north-central Arizona easily accessible. Historic Main-Town Clarkdale preserves its "model town" look & an ambiance perfect for walking tours. In addition, the historic downtown district offers two restaurants, a deli, an arts & accents & an Antique Emporium & Soda Fountain. 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: 3
Meeting Rooms: 3
Capacity of Largest Facility: 300

Industrial Properties:

There is one industrial park with utilities available and rail and road transportation. Commercial properties are available in the central business district and the new areas of Clarkdale. Current information is available from the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.428.7324
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities (Clarkdale)	928.634.5555
Sewer	Clarkdale Municipal	928.634.9591
Telephone	AT&T (statewide)	800.222.0400
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Cottonwood Water Works (Clarkdale)	928.634.5559

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

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	6.13	4.86	4.17
City/Fire District	2.17	1.22	1.13
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.70
Totals	13.44	10.26	9.00

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

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

Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.75%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
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
Yearly Avg.	45.2	78.2	11.8

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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