

CLARKDALE

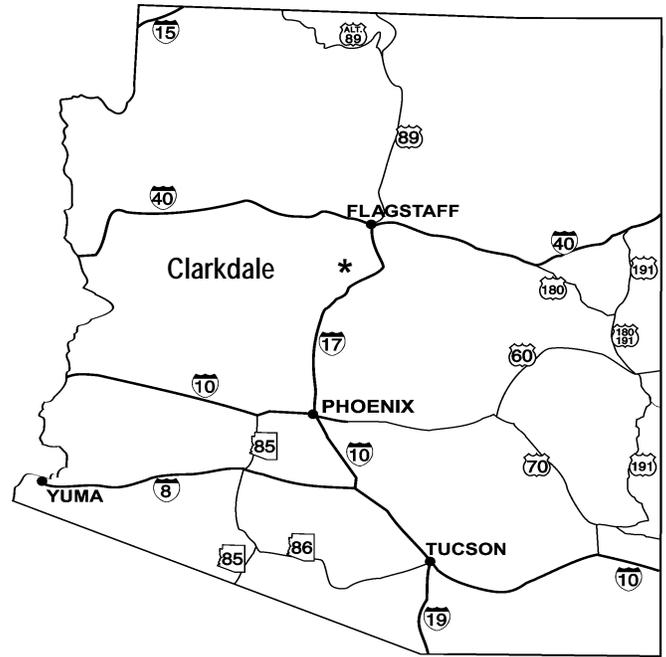
Community Profile

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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.

FOUNDED: 1914
 COUNTY: Yavapai County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 107 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-17; SR 89A; SR 260

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1957
 ELEVATION: 3,550 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 220 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
Clarkdale	2,144	3,422	3,595
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.

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	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).

Major Private Employers

Bent River Machine	Mold In Graphic Systems
Phoenix Cement	Verde Canyon Railroad
Wolf Insulation	

Major Public Employers

Clarkdale-Jerome School District	Town of Clarkdale
Yavapai College, Verde Campus	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2003
Civilian Labor Force	961	1,402	1,601
Unemployed	26	53	71
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.8%	4.4%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2003
New Bldg. Permit	77	93	53*
Taxable Sales (\$)	5,369,186	14,700,133	19,089,733
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	7,938,893	18,332,659	23,038,322

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation
 *Incomplete Data: One or more months not available

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.

