

Yarnell/Peeples Valley

Community Profile

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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.

Basic Information

Founded: 1892	Distance to Major Cities:
Elevation: 4,782	Phoenix: 80 miles
Located in Yavapai County	Tucson: 180 miles
Nearby Highways: HWYS US 89	

Population

	1990	2000	2007
Yarnell/Peeples Valley	N/A	1,019	N/A
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	223,934
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau
N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.

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

	2007
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,700
Government	12,100
Educational and Health Services	10,000
Mining and Construction	8,800
Leisure and Hospitality	8,200
Professional and Business Services	4,600
Manufacturing	3,500
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).



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	0	380	0
Unemployed	0	26	0
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	6.8%	0.0%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
1990 Labor Force data unavailable for this area

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
Net Assessed Value (\$)	2.8 million	3.4 million	7.2 million

Source: Arizona Tax Research Assoc.

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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Community Facilities

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

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 1

Government

Fire Department: Volunteer
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Medical

Yarnell Medical Clinic

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 6
Meeting Rooms: n/a
Capacity of Largest Facility: 100

Industrial Properties:

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

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Propane	Various Dealers	
Sewer	Individual septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Peeples Valley Water Co.	928.833.2027

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

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2007
Elementary/High Schools	6.12	5.45	6.19
City/Fire District	0.78	0.98	2.21
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.41
Totals	12.04	10.61	11.81

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

Sales Tax

	2007
City/Town	0.00%
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.)
January	26.1	59.1	1.8
February	28.3	62.5	1.7
March	31.4	66.6	1.8
April	35.5	74.4	0.7
May	42.3	83.5	0.4
June	49.8	93.6	0.2
July	60.8	97.3	1.4
August	61.0	94.6	2.4
September	52.7	89.9	1.3
October	40.4	79.6	1.0
November	30.2	67.5	1.2
December	25.7	60.4	1.4
Yearly Avg.	40.4	77.4	15.2

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
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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