

Founded in 1912 as Arizona's first planned community and a former mining community, Clarkdale is now in the heart of the vibrant Verde Valley wine country in Yavapai County. The town originally operated as a United Verde smelter town until 1953. During this period, Clarkdale was a company town with commercial, industrial and retail businesses. Today, Clarkdale is 10 square miles in size and has more than 4,000 residents. Glimpses into its historic past are still evident in the historic business district and the regional housing. The beauty of the area includes the Verde River and Tuzigoot National Monument.

Principal Economic Activities

Clarkdale's economy has five major sectors: tourism, precision manufacturing, wine production, education and the arts. Lovers of history and nature will find unparalleled outdoor recreation like the iconic Verde Canyon Railroad, the Tuzigoot National Monument, the Arizona Copper Art Museum and the free-flowing Verde River. Not only does Clarkdale feature multiple precision manufacturers as well, but wine production and wine tasting rooms abound. As home to the Verde Valley Campus of Yavapai College with its new Southwest Wine Center, there are many educational opportunities here. Clarkdale also celebrates the arts with the Made in Clarkdale league operating for over 30 years.



Scenic Attractions

With attractions for all ages, tourism and outdoor recreation are essential to Clarkdale's success. People can enjoy the Arizona Copper Art Museum, the Verde Canyon Railroad, the Verde River @ Clarkdale and Tuzigoot National Monument. The award-winning Arizona Copper Art Museum features over 5,000 copper art pieces in a one-of-a-kind restored high school. The Verde Canyon Railroad offers scenic train tours stretching 19 miles along the Verde River introducing passengers to the beauty of the terrain. With two river access parks along the Verde River, a person can participate in kayaking the Verde River with Clarkdale Kayak Co. Bird watching abounds and various bald eagle sightings occur throughout the year. At Tuzigoot National Monument, visitors can tour ancient dwellings and study the lives of the earliest area inhabitants.

Fittingly located on the eastern edge of Clarkdale's Historic District sits the Clarkdale Museum which showcases many fascinating artifacts. Clarkdale's Historic District highlights many preserved, revitalized homes and buildings, keeping the original spirit of Clarkdale alive. Town Park features a gazebo and serves as the summer gathering place for free outdoor activities. Mindful of its sustainable stewardship role, Clarkdale boasts Centennial Plaza – an exemplar permaculture garden highlighting native landscaping. Home to the only winemakers' incubator, Four Eight Wineworks, Clarkdale offers spots to stop, sip and savor. Visitors can sample fine pastries at the caboose on the corner, home to Violette's Bakery Cafe, or grab a cocktail at the renovated 10-12 Lounge.

Community Facilities

The historic downtown area with the Arizona Copper Art Museum, Town Park, Town Hall Complex, Clarkdale's Historical Society and Museum and Tuzigoot National Monument are all must-see attractions. If you have a chance, visit Yavapai College, the Verde River @ Clarkdale park sites or ride the Verde Canyon Railroad.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1912	Incorporated:	1957
Elevation:	3,550 ft.	Location:	Yavapai County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	107 miles	San Diego:	454 miles
Tucson:	220 miles	Los Angeles:	471 miles
Las Vegas:	276 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Clarkdale	3,422	4,103	4,173
Yavapai County	167,517	210,899	220,189
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	4.86	3.69	5.54
City / Fire District	1.22	1.70	3.22
Yavapai County	4.18	3.47	4.95
Totals (Yavapai County)	10.26	8.86	13.71

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Clarkdale	3.00%
Yavapai County	6.35%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	1,597	1,935	1,962
Unemployed	63	80	122
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.1%	6.2%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	183	5.3%
High school or equivalent, no college	915	26.6%
Some college or Associate degree	1,565	45.5%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	773	22.5%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	518	32.8%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	230	14.6%
Retail trade	187	11.8%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	122	7.7%
Finance, insurance & real estate	108	6.8%
Public administration	107	6.8%
Construction	93	5.9%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	78	4.9%
Wholesale trade	54	3.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	35	2.2%
Manufacturing	27	1.7%
Other services, except public administration	19	1.2%
Information	1	0.1%

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