

Yakima Washington

Yakima, jokingly referred to as the Palm Springs of Washington, is a small Western city of 92,000 nestled under large arid rolling hills which outsiders might call mountains. It has a typically short history of white settlement and a rich Native tradition. Located at the junction of glacial valleys which are lushly irrigated and feature orchards and vineyards, Yakima is notable for its vistas of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, its significant Latin@* and Native American populations, and its active network of former Jesuit Volunteers. The population of Yakima is 34% Latin@*, and the city is bordered by the Yakama Indian Nation. JVs have served in Yakima since 1979.

*Latin@ is an inclusive way of referencing both women and men of Latin American descent

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