

Young

Community Profile

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Young, also known as Pleasant Valley, is a picturesque valley, nestled in the NE portion of the Tonto National Forest, halfway between the Mogollon Rim and Roosevelt Lake, surrounded by mountains. The town began as a cattle ranching community in the 1880s and became semi-famous as the site of the Pleasant Valley War between the Grahams and the Tewksburys, two cattle ranching families. Pleasant Valley eventually became known as Young in honor of long-time citizen Miss Ola Young, who served 50 years as the town's first postmistress. Young is accessible via graveled roads on Forest Road FH-12, from state Highway 260 on the Rim and state Highway 288 on the east side of Roosevelt Lake.

Basic Information

Founded: 1890	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: No	Phoenix: 126 miles
Elevation: 5,177	Tucson: 168 miles
Located in Gila County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS ST 260, ST 288, FH-12.	

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Young	468	561	N/A
Gila County	40,216	51,335	57,361
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

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

Principal Economic Activities

Young serves primarily as a place in the country, a retirement & second home community. The town maintains a Pleasant Valley Community Council, who sponsors Gymkhanas, Ropings, Stampedes and other events in the arena, as well as other functions in the approximate 7,000 sq. ft. Community Center building. Of the approximately 5,000 acres in the community, 2,500 acres have been broken up into 2 to 5-acre parcels with the balance remaining as undeveloped land.

County Employment

	2008
Government	5,000
Other Private Service-Providing	4,625
Goods Producing	2,550
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,375

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



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	N/R	187	204
Unemployed	N/R	6	7
Unemployment Rate	N/A	3.2%	3.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
1990 Labor Force data unavailable

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
Net Assessed Value (\$)	8.8 million	12.1 million	7.3 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

Scenic Attractions

Tonto National Forest attracts more visitors than any other national forest. Hunting, fishing, camping & hiking are popular activities. Young is located between Sierra Anchas & Hell's Gate Wilderness areas. There are major archaeological & historical sites in the area. Tours feature the various century old cabins, museums & battle sites of the Pleasant Valley war. Forest Road FH-12 was selected as a Scenic Byway, making Young a common stop on the Payson/Rim Lakes/Pleasant Valley/Roosevelt Lake scenic loop drive. The Haigler Creek & Old Homesteaders areas, as well as outlying ranches are commonly considered part of the Young area. Young enjoys a small town atmosphere that isolates it from the commotion of the rest of the world, self-sufficient in it's own way, a place in the country.

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Community Facilities

Young has grocery stores, restaurants, complete auto services, a roping arena, trap club, community center & a library. There are several historical landmarks including Hoghland's Store Museum, a well-stocked 1930s general store complete with hand operated gasoline pump, Perkins Store Museum & Young Cemetery, where several victims of the Pleasant Valley War are buried. To commemorate the end of this war, Young delivers a grand celebration called "Pleasant Valley Days" each year during the 3rd weekend in July, complete with an old time parade. Fun for the whole family, with arena events, children's games, food, music, & historical site tours Town hall holds about 300 people & provides kitchen facilities/arena/picnic areas. Several dances, dinners & meetings are held at the arena.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Vocational/Technical College	N	Y

Financial

Government

Fire Department: Volunteer
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Medical

Pleasant Valley Medical Center.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 25
Meeting Rooms: 3
Capacity of Largest Facility: 300

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact Pleasant Valley Community Council.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Telephone	Midvale Telephone Exchange	800.462.4523

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

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	4.54	7.45	7.20
City/Fire District	0.00	0.76	1.14
Countywide	4.91	5.37	4.78
Totals	9.45	13.58	13.12

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

Sales Tax	2008
City/Town	0.00%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	35.3	75.9	1.8
February	17.3	56.6	2.1
March	25.3	62.6	1.9
April	27.3	65.3	2.0
May	31.8	72.1	1.2
June	35.8	80.2	0.4
July	44.0	90.7	0.6
August	56.5	95.2	2.9
September	57.3	93.4	3.5
October	48.9	87.3	1.9
November	33.5	78.7	1.3
December	26.2	68.5	1.3
December	19.5	59.9	2.0

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1903-1964.
Average Total Snowfall 20.0".

This profile was prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce Communications Division in cooperation with local sources.

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