

Welcome to Wapato, Washington



Community Profile

Wapato, WA



LOCATION

Wapato is located 10 miles South of Yakima, in South-Central Washington, on US Route 97. It is approximately 180 miles from Seattle, 215 miles from Spokane and 175 miles from Portland, with direct access to I-82, I-90, US Route 12, and State Routes 22, 24, 241 and 410.

POPULATION

City of Wapato - 4,997
Within 15 Miles - 160,690
Within 30 Miles - 242,934

CITY GOVERNMENT

205 East 3rd Street
Wapato, WA 98951
Phone: (509) 877-2334 - www.wapato-city.org
Form: Strong Mayor/Council. The seven-person council is elected by the citizens, two positions are two-year terms and five positions are four-year terms. The Mayor is elected by the citizens to four-year terms.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Wapato Lions Park features an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and soccer and softball fields. Wapato is host to community wide festivals, the Wapato Labor Harvest during Labor Day Weekend and the Wapato Tamale Festival in October.

To learn about local events and activities, click [here](#)

MUSEUM

Filipino-American Community Hall
211 West 2nd Street, Wapato, WA 98952
(509) 877-3087 or (509) 837-2771

LIBRARY

119 East 3rd St - (509) 877-2882
Monday & Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TOP AREA EMPLOYERS

Amtech Corporation	Naumes Concentrates, Inc.
Sonoco	Valley Fruit
Windy Point Packing	Inland Fruit

HEALTHCARE

The [Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic](#) and [Toppenish Community Hospital](#), a 63-bed facility, are within ten miles, and four specialty hospitals are within 20 miles. The city also features other specialty medical clinics.

SCHOOLS

[The Wapato School District](#), services 3,351 students through one preschool, three elementary schools, one middle school, and two high schools. [Heritage University](#) is located in neighboring Toppenish. This four-year private institution focuses on educators, social services, and life sciences.

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RELOCATION INFORMATION

Phone Service: CenturyLink Communications (866) 642-0444

Electric Service: Pacific Power (888) 221-7070 or Yakama Power (509) 865-7697 or (877) 382-2759 within city limits; for service outside the city limits call Benton REA (509) 865-2600 or 24hr at (509) 786-2913

Natural Gas Service: Cascade Natural Gas (888) 522-1130

City Utilities: City of Wapato (509) 877-2334

Voter Registration: Yakima County (800) 833-0569; online registration click [here](#)

Vehicle Registration: Yakima County (509) 574-1370; online information click [here](#)

Rental Housing: Click [here](#) to search local newspaper classified listings

[Link to Wapato Area Yellow Pages](#)

OTHER KEY COMMUNITY LINKS

[City of Wapato](#)

[Wapato Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Wapato School District](#)

[Toppenish Community Hospital](#)

[Yakima Regional Medical & Cardiac Center](#)

[Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital](#)

[WorkSource Yakima](#)

[Heritage University](#)

[Central Washington Hispanic Chamber](#)

[Toppenish Review Independent](#)

[Yakima Herald-Republic](#)

[El Sol de Yakima](#)

[¡Viva!](#)

[Local Churches](#)

CHILDCARE AND PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

Little Bridges Preschool

Phone: (509) 877-2683

502 S Satus Ave

Washington State Migrant Council

Phone: (509) 877-3092

607 W 3rd Street

Stars Child Care Learning Center

Phone: (509) 877-3000

450 W Wapato Road

Wapato CDC

Phone: (509) 877-3092

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WAPATO SCHOOL DISTRICT PROFILE

PO Box 38 | 212 West Third Street, Wapato 98951-0038
 Phone: 509.877.4181 FAX: 509.877.6077 Website: www.wapatosd.org
 Business Hours 8:00 am-4:00 pm
 Superintendent: Becky Imler | 509.877.4181 ext. 1201 | beckyi@wapatosd.org

OVERVIEW: The mission of Wapato Public Schools is “Preparing Students for Success in the Global Economy.” The District has a very dedicated staff of nearly 400 working towards that goal every day . Wapato Public Schools serve an average of about 3300 students a year at its 3-elementary schools (Camas, Satus & Adams), 1-Middle School and 2-High Schools (Wapato High & PACE). The District is proud of its culturally diverse student body. 69%-Hispanic, 24%-Native American, 4%-White and 3%-Asian. The schools, staff and students look for opportunities to celebrate that diversity whether it is the annual Cultural Unity Fair at the Middle School or Filipino Week at the High School. Quality public schools are part of the foundation to a thriving community. The Wapato School District is dedicated to the mission of preparing our students for success in the global economy and is committed to working with our students, families and community to improve learning experiences for our students.

ENROLLMENT		MSP/HSPE TEST SCORES 2011-2012				
May 2012 Student Count	3,291	Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
GENDER		3rd Grade	37.6%	39.4%		
Male	50.0%	4th Grade	48.0%	40.4%	46.0%	
Female	50.0%	5th Grade	50.4%	44.2%		25.7%
ETHNICITY		6th Grade	36.4%	27.2%		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	19.4%	7th Grade	37.2%	19.7%	50.9%	
Asian	1.5%	8th Grade	42.3%	36.5%		26.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5%	10th Grade	60.3%	38.0%*	73.7%	11.8%
Black	0.1%	*Score reflects all End of Class (EOC) results in Year 2				
Hispanic	72.0%	SAT SCORES				
White	3.9%		Reading	Math	Writing	
Two or More Races	3.0%		401	436	400	
TEACHER INFORMATION		GRADUATION RATES				
Classroom Teachers	183	On-Time Graduation Rate (2012)		68.3%		
Average Years of Teacher Experience	9.4	Extended Graduation Rate (2012)		62.5%		
Teachers w/ at least a Master's Degree	50.8%					
# Teachers in core academic classes	163					
Total number of core academic classes	715					
% of classes taught by teachers meeting ESEA highly qualified (HQ) definition	96.4%					
District Revenue Per Student	\$10,369					

Note: The Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) and High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE) are a series of tests designed to assess and drive academic performance within the state's K-12 system. MSP exams are administered for grades 3-8, HSPE exams are for 9-12. **Information Sources:** Washington State Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction www.k12.wa.us, Educational Service District 105 www.esd105.org, and Yakima County School Districts