



Yakama Nation Economic Development Community Input Survey

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation is creating its 2026 - 2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Led by the **Yakama Office of Economic Development (OED)**, the purpose of this survey is for Tribal Leadership to gather Tribal Member input to impact decision-making about future economic development. Your participation and insight are greatly appreciated.

Individual surveys will be kept confidential.

If you would like to participate in the optional gift raffle, please provide your contact information at the end of the survey. *This information is only for the survey raffle and will not be used to identify any specific responses you provide.*

1. Yakama Enrollment Number **(Required)**: _____

2. I am:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Yakama Enrolled Member | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of another Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Yakama Descendant | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not Tribally affiliated |

Survey Questions

3. The Yakama Nation is working to define its **core values for guiding economic development decisions**. Which of the following values do you believe should be included? *(Select all that apply)*

- ☐ Balance of Our Traditional Ways and the Western World
- ☐ Commitment, Work Ethic, and Quality Workmanship
- ☐ Honor the Family Unit and Responsibilities to Family
- ☐ Respect for Each Other, Our Land, Our Homes, and Ourselves
- ☐ Resilience and Survivorship
- ☐ Sovereignty and Our Treaty Rights
- ☐ Taking Care of Our People
- ☐ Transparency and Accountability
- ☐ Other: _____

4. What is your **biggest concern** about the overall economy/financial health of the Nation?

5. The Yakama Nation is **defining success for the Tribal economy**. Please rank the following from most important (1) to least important (7).

_____ **A trained Tribal Member workforce**

_____ **Ability to financially care** for self, home, family, and each other

_____ **Business alignment** with Yakama cultural values

_____ **Business diversification** to increase financial resilience

_____ **Climate resilience** and **sustainable development**

_____ **Economic self-sufficiency** for the Nation

_____ **Jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities** for Tribal Members

6. Please describe the **economic legacy** you would like to leave for the next seven generations of Yakama Tribal members.

7. Which **economic development priorities** should the Nation focus on over the next five (5) years. *(Please select your top 5)*

- ☐ **Basic Needs** – Expanding housing and healthcare for Tribal Members
- ☐ **Enterprises** – Growing and reinvesting in the Tribal enterprises/businesses
- ☐ **Jobs** - Creating more opportunities for quality jobs for Tribal Members
- ☐ **Infrastructure** – Improving roads, utilities, broadband, and energy infrastructure
- ☐ **Partnerships** – Partnering with Tribes, governments, and regional organizations
- ☐ **Planning** – Developing long-term economic and community plans
- ☐ **Self-sufficiency** – Reducing reliance on outside funding sources
- ☐ **Training** – Increasing training and certification for a skilled workforce
- ☐ **Transparency** – Strengthening financial reporting and accountability
- ☐ **Vision** – Establishing a shared Tribal economic vision and goals
- ☐ **Youth** – Connecting youth education to Yakama industries and careers
- ☐ Other: _____

8. Yakama Tribal members are essential to the Yakama economy. **Please share all the ways you contribute to the Yakama economy.** (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ I work for a Yakama enterprise
- ☐ I work for the Yakama government and provide services to other Yakama members
- ☐ I buy products and services from Yakama enterprises
- ☐ I own and operate my Yakama Tribal member-owned business(es)
- ☐ I buy products and services from Yakama Tribal member-owned businesses(es)
- ☐ I support family members who contribute to the Yakama economy
- ☐ I participate in elections and economic planning processes
- ☐ I volunteer and/or donate to Yakama initiatives

9. **What services do you need most to participate in the Yakama economy over the next five (5) years?** (Choose up to 3)

- ☐ Business advice and technical help
- ☐ Certifications or licenses for jobs
- ☐ Childcare so I can go to work
- ☐ Help getting credit or loans
- ☐ Help starting or growing a business
- ☐ Help with saving for retirement
- ☐ Job training and skill building
- ☐ Learning how to manage money
- ☐ Reliable transportation to go to a job or training
- ☐ Other: _____

10. What types of **industries** are you interested in exploring for **career opportunities?** (Choose Top 3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Government contracting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing (making products) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail/Wholesale (selling products) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

11. Do you have any recommendations for Tribal Leadership regarding **the current enterprises?**

12. Which public services need the most improvement over the next five (5) years?
(Choose your top 5)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband access | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare and youth programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Public safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development support | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder services | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

13. The Yakama Nation is creating a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Yakama Nation. Do you have any additional comments to share for the CEDS?

14. Do you have any questions about the CEDS process?

15. Would you like to stay updated on the CEDS process?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (Please list your email) _____

Demographics

This information helps Yakama Leaders understand more about Tribal Members who respond to the survey. It also helps Leaders better understand Tribal Member needs and priorities to more effectively make decisions on behalf of the Nation.

16. Where do you live?

- ☐ I live within Yakama Territory
- ☐ I live outside of Yakama Territory

17. How many people live in your household?

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11+ | |

18. How old are you?

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 - 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 + |

19. I am:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and looking for work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and not looking for work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student part-time | |

20. If you are currently unemployed and looking for work, what are the main reasons you have not yet found a job? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Not enough job opportunities available
- ☐ Lack of transportation to job sites
- ☐ Lack of childcare or family support
- ☐ Not enough training, skills, or certifications
- ☐ Health or disability challenges
- ☐ Pay or benefits offered are too low
- ☐ Hiring process is difficult or unclear
- ☐ Discrimination or unfair treatment in hiring
- ☐ N/A - I am not looking for work
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

21. What is your current housing situation? (Select one)

- ☐ Own my home
- ☐ Rent my home
- ☐ Living with family or friends (permanently)
- ☐ Living with family or friends (temporary)
- ☐ Living in Tribal or government-assisted housing
- ☐ Staying in a shelter or transitional housing
- ☐ Experiencing homelessness (unsheltered, vehicle, etc.)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Please complete the information below if you would like to participate in the raffle.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____