

FY 2003 Economic Impact

As the principal non-agricultural employer in Yuma County, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground plays a vigorous role in the economic stability of Southwest Arizona and contributes significantly to the economic health of the entire state. The proving ground is an active consumer in the Yuma County economy through its purchase of standard goods and services and its requirements for high technology items and services related to its mission.

YPG is Yuma County's largest single employer of civilians and is one of the largest consumers of local goods and services of all the government organizations in the county. Federal impact funds are provided to the local community to help defray educational costs for dependents of civilian and military employees.

Yuma Proving Ground has an aggressive affirmative action program which ensures equal employment opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or handicap. The affirmative action profile of the civilian workforce has remained fairly constant over recent years, with white males represented at about 53 percent, white females at 21 percent, minority males at 18 percent, and minority females at eight percent.

YPG plays host to several tenants from military organizations around the nation. The most recent addition is the Military Freefall School, a part of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The freefall school is made up of nearly 100 permanent instructors who annually train approximately 1000 students from all the military services in freefall parachute techniques. Test operations at the Cold Regions Test Center at Fort Greely, Alaska, and the Tropic Regions Test Center are managed by YPG officials. Tropic testing takes place in Hawaii, and other tropic areas, as negotiated and required for individual test missions.

Yuma Proving Ground hosts over 17,000 visitors per year. These include test customers, training units, U.S. government and foreign dignitaries, local organizations, and school groups. This volume of visitors generates a huge volume of revenue for local hotels, restaurants, airlines, and area businesses.

The YPG Heritage Center is open to the public, where visitors learn about the proving ground's and the Army's history. There is no charge for visiting the center, which has proved to be a very popular attraction. Numerous tours of the proving ground for school and other groups were offered throughout the year by the Public Affairs Office. YPG has come to symbolize an extremely effective working/living partnership with the community.

For the 31st consecutive year, the U.S. Army Parachute Team (the Golden Knights) used Yuma Proving Ground as its winter training site in FY00. The team's high speed aerial acrobatics attracted thousands of winter visitors and local residents to the proving ground. Members of the team participated in numerous civic events, such as the Silver Spur Rodeo and the Yuma Air Show at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, during this time.

YPG has an aggressive environmental program that assures compliance with both state and federal regulatory standards for pollution abatement. YPG invests heavily in environment and safety programs that protect human health and the natural environment. As a major federal land manager in southwest Arizona, YPG is the responsible steward of natural resources for over 838,000 acres of land, practicing sustained yield and multiple use management consistent with our test mission.

Yuma Proving Ground is proud to be an integral part of the economic structure of Yuma County and the state of Arizona. Its numerous sophisticated and highly instrumented facilities and test mission capabilities have expanded greatly since its humble beginnings in 1943, as has

its relationship with the community and the state. The proving ground's unique capabilities, together with a military and civilian workforce of dedicated professionals, make U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground truly the "Proving Ground of the Future."

U.S. ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND
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Personnel and Payroll Statistics

Personnel Category	No. of Personnel	Salaries
Active Duty Military	126	\$ 2,268,926
Students	75	\$ 1,012,725
Military Retirees	102	\$ 1,655,004
DoD Civilians	664	\$ 50,693,140
Non Mil/DoD employees*	1027	\$ 72,486,367
TOTAL:	1994	\$128,116,162

Direct Spending Statistics

Contracts and direct spending: maintenance, const., & bldgs	\$ 32,526,732
Contracts: operations	\$ 57,037,641
Purchases	\$105,405,200
Travel/TDY (to YPG/Yuma)	\$ 5,446,697
Utilities	\$ 1,197,318
Education Payments	\$ 134,410
Health Services	\$ 717,434
Commissary Sales	\$ 1,299,901
Exchange (PX) Sales	\$ 1,065,706
TOTAL:	\$204,831,039

TOTAL DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF YPG: \$332,997,201

* The Non Mil/DoD employees includes contractors, NAF employees, DeCA and AAFES employees

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