

Nogales

Community Profile

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Nogales, Arizona, and its twin city, Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, are on the international border separating the United States and Mexico. The Arizona city serves as both the economic capital and the county seat of Santa Cruz County, the smallest and southernmost of Arizona's counties. The city is in a mountainous setting at an elevation of 3,865 feet. Nogales was established in 1880 by Jacob and Isaac Isaacson, who built a trading post along the border. Two years later, Nogales was the site of the first rail connection between Mexico and the United States.

A Main Street and REDI accredited community

Basic Information

Founded: 1880
 Incorporated: 1893
 Elevation: 3,865
 Located in Santa Cruz County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-19; SR 82
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 179 miles
 Tucson: 67 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2006
Nogales	19,489	20,878	21,765
Santa Cruz County	29,676	38,381	45,245
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

International commerce is important to Nogales' economy. Over 60 percent of Nogales' sales tax comes from Mexican shoppers crossing the border daily. Nogales and its sister city, Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, are home to one of the largest cooperative manufacturing (maquiladora) clusters. Maquiladoras enable American manufacturing plants located on both sides of the border to take advantage of favorable wage and operating costs and excellent transportation and distribution networks.

County Employment

	2006
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,725
Other Private Service-Providing	4,075
Government	3,375
Goods Producing	875

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	8,471	7,406	8,438
Unemployed	1,535	752	806
Unemployment Rate	18.1%	10.2%	9.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	193	0	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	291.4 million	419.8 million	938.9 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	65.1 million	94.2 million	120.6 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 NOTE: No report for 2000 and 2006 New building permit data

Scenic Attractions

Santa Cruz County and the city of Nogales have 200 properties listed in the National Register of Historic Sites, two of which are Tumacacori National Monument, visited by Father Kino in 1691; and Tubac Presidio, established by the Spanish in 1752 on an Indian village site. Other sites are the Old Tubac Schoolhouse, Old Nogales City Hall, Santa Cruz County Courthouse, and Patagonia Railroad Depot. The Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Sanctuary, 19 miles east, attracts worldwide visitors to see its diverse bird life. Nogales' original city hall houses Pimeria Alta Historical Society Museum. Nearby are Parker Canyon, Pena Blanca Lake and Patagonia Lake State Park. Visitors also enjoy area ghost towns and mining camps. Nogales, Sonora, offers curio shops, first-class restaurants and night clubs.

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Community Facilities

The City of Nogales has a wide range of community facilities including nine parks, a museum, an art gallery, four recreation centers, four swimming pools, eight athletic fields, a library, six tennis courts and four nearby golf courses.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 6

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Nogales International Airport: 7,200-ft. runway. Terminal has: customs facility/passenger waiting and coffee shop.

Medical

Three regional health care facilities.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 900
Meeting Rooms: 30
Capacity of Largest Facility: 500

Industrial Properties:

There are five industrial parks (500 acres) with utilities and transportation available. Contact the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation, Inc.

Utilities

Electricity	Citizens Utilities Co. (Nogales area)	520.281.1212
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities Co. (Nogales area)	520.281.1212
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Nogales)	520.287.6574

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

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	6.63	7.50	7.37
City/Fire District	2.51	3.82	0.00
Countywide	4.89	4.58	4.02
Totals	14.03	15.90	11.39

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

Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	27.2	64.2	1.1
February	29.5	66.7	0.9
March	33.5	70.7	0.9
April	38.4	78.1	0.4
May	44.8	86.1	0.2
June	54.3	95.3	0.5
July	63.7	94.0	4.3
August	62.5	91.7	4.1
September	55.3	90.2	1.6
October	43.7	82.4	1.4
November	32.9	71.6	0.7
December	27.4	64.6	1.4
Yearly Avg.	42.8	79.6	17.5

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1952-2004.
Average Total Snowfall 0.4".

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