

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.

FOUNDED: 1880
 COUNTY: Santa Cruz County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 179 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-19; SR 82
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

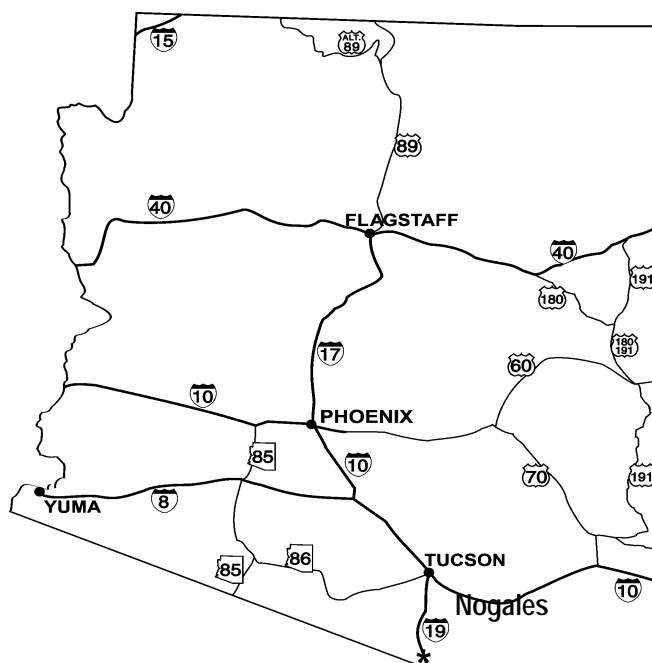
INCORPORATED: Yes - 1893
 ELEVATION: 3,865 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 67 miles

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Nogales	19,489	20,878	20,990
Santa Cruz County	29,676	38,381	39,325
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,319,895

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

NOTE: 2002 City of Nogales population is estimated at 21,110



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.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2001</u>
Agriculture		136
Construction	292	400
FIRE	275	425
Government	1,825	3,125
Manufacturing	1,075	925
Mining	0	0
Services	1,825	1,550
TCPU	700	1,200
Trade	4,725	4,575

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

NOTE: 2001 Agriculture figure from 4th Qtr., AZ ES 202 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Data unavailable due to confidentiality issues or No data available.

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Civilian Labor Force	8,403	8,698	8,598
Unemployed	1,489	1,549	1,426
Unemployment Rate	17.7%	17.8%	16.6%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
New Bldg. Permit	193*	N/R	N/R
Taxable Sales (\$)	291,409,766	419,772,048	430,634,719
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	65,128,785	94,163,420	140,715,743

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

*Incomplete Data: One or more months not available; N/R: No report

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.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2001
Elem/High School	6.63	7.50	6.88
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	4.89	4.58	4.77
Total	\$11.52	\$12.08	\$11.65

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	1.25%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

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
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 6

Governmental Agencies

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 and Lodging Facilities

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: Yes Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: Yes Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	27.4	63.7	1.05
February	28.7	66.7	0.78
March	32.7	70.2	0.95
April	37.4	77.6	0.26
May	43.3	84.8	0.14
June	53.5	93.9	0.40
July	63.5	92.5	4.71
August	61.0	90.5	3.59
September	54.3	89.1	1.60
October	42.7	81.8	1.12
November	32.1	72.1	0.63
December	27.4	65.2	1.34
Yearly Avg	42.0	79.0	16.57

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1983. Average Total Snowfall 2.9".

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