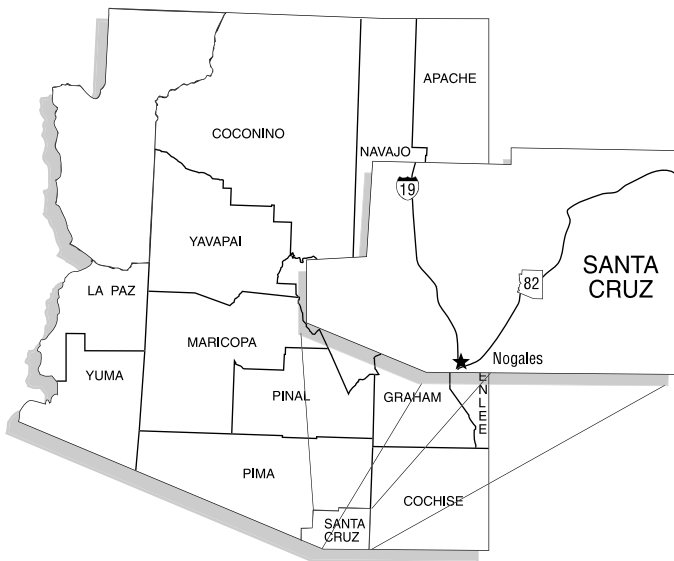


Profile:

Santa Cruz County, Arizona



Santa Cruz County is Arizona's smallest, encompassing only 1,238 square miles. Created by the 20th Territorial Assembly in 1899, the county is named after the river that flows into Mexico from Arizona before winding back into Santa Cruz and Pima counties. The river was named Santa Cruz, which means Holy Cross in Spanish, by Father Kino in the 17th century.

The fertile Santa Cruz Valley was populated by friendly Pima Indians when the Spaniards first arrived in the 1690s and established several missions, one of which, Tumacacori, is a national historical park.

Nogales, which means walnuts in Spanish, was chosen the county seat and remains such today. There are strong commercial, religious and cultural ties between Nogales, Arizona, and its sister city across the border, Nogales, Sonora. It serves as one of the major gateways between the U.S. and Mexico and is expected to grow in importance as the North American Free Trade Agreement continues to be implemented.

Tubac, founded in 1752 when the Spaniards built a presidio or fort, began as an early outpost for exploration and evolved to silver and gold mining and ranching in the 1800s. Recognized as Arizona's first European settlement, it was here that *The Weekly Arizonian*, the first newspaper of what became the territory of Arizona, was published. It is also home to Arizona's first state park – Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. Since the late 1940s, the community has gained a reputation as one of the premier artisan communities in the state, with more than 120 shops, studios and galleries in Tubac and neighboring communities of Amado and Tumacacori.

Given its border location, tourism, international trade, manufacturing and services are the county's principal industries. All of Santa Cruz County is an Enterprise Zone.

The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management own 54 percent of the land; the state of Arizona, 8 percent; individual or corporate ownership, 38 percent and other public lands comprise the remaining percent. Santa Cruz is one of the only counties in Arizona without an Indian Reservation.

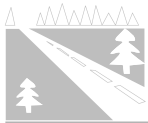


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Santa Cruz County At-A-Glance

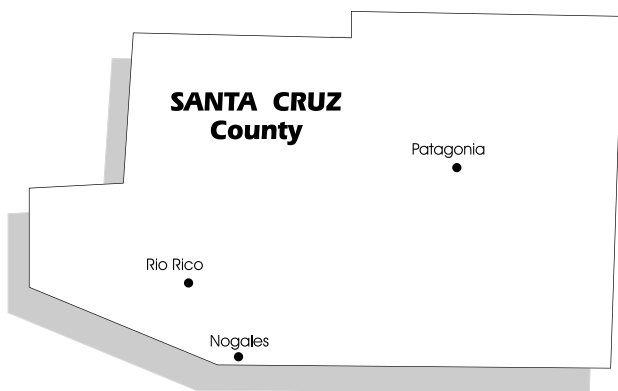
County Seat:	Nogales
2003 Population:	39,840
2003 Labor Force:	13,862
Unemployment Rate:	12.8%

Major Industries: Services, Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade

Best Paying Industries: Transportation & Public Utilities, Wholesale Trade, Manufacturing

Sources: Population Estimates, Population Statistics Unit, Research Administration and 2002 Preliminary Special Unemployment Report, Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Incorporated Cities



Population

	1990	2000	2003
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870
Santa Cruz County	29,676	38,381	39,840
Major Cities/Communities			
Nogales	19,489	20,878	21,110
Patagonia	888	881	905
Rio Rico*	1,407 ¹	10,413 ²	10,809**
Tubac	902	949	985**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Population Statistics Unit.

* Local sources estimate Rio Rico 2000 population at 12,800 based on residential utility connections.

¹ 1990 Census included Rio Rico East as the only Census Designated Place (CDP)

² 2000 Census, included Rio Rico Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest CDPs

** Based on county growth rate

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	28.2%
15-24	13.6%
25-44	26.6%
45-64	20.8%
65+	10.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	76.0%
African American	0.4%
Native American	0.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.6%
Other	22.3%
Totals	100.0%

Hispanic Heritage* 80.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race



Labor Force

2003 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,690,294	5.6%
Santa Cruz County	14,703	12.4%
Major Cities/Communities		
Nogales	9,523	16.1%
Patagonia	N/A	N/A
Rio Rico East CDP	877	2.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 2003 Special Unemployment Report.

2003 Employment by Sector

Goods Producing	1,350
Government	3,400
Other Private Service-Providing	2,825
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,900

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

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

2003 Total All Occupations

Employment	12,570
Hourly Compensation	
Median Wage	\$11.52
Average Wage	\$14.75
Entry Wage	\$ 6.23
Experienced	\$17.82

2003 Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

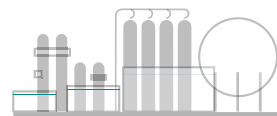
	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative Support	2,570	\$12.08
Sales & Related	1,310	\$14.90
Transportation & Material Moving	1,470	\$10.37
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,000	\$6.70
Protective Service	850	\$20.36
Construction & Extraction	670	\$13.98
Management	650	\$31.23
Production	660	\$12.30

Source: Prepared by the Ariz. Dept. of Economic Security, Research Administration in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2004

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Canchola Foods Company, Nogales	Retail Foods
Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales	Full-Service Hospital
Immigration and Naturalization Service, Nogales	Government
City of Nogales, Nogales	Government
District 35 Public Schools, Tubac	School
Nogales Unified School District, Nogales	School
Santa Cruz County, Nogales	Government
Wal-Mart Discount Cities, Nogales	Discount Department Stores
United Musical Instruments, Nogales	Instrument Manufacturing
United States Customs Service, Nogales	Government

Source: Local sources



Utilities

Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

Citizens Utilities Co.	(520) 281-1212
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative Inc.	(520) 394-2051

Natural Gas Service

Major Suppliers:

Citizens Utilities Co.	(520) 281-1212
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Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local chamber of commerce directly.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:



Medical

Qwest (800) 244-1111

Major Hospitals:

Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales (520) 287-2771
Tucson, in Pima County, has many additional hospitals.



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 19, state Highway 82, state Highway 83, state Highway 289

Bus Lines

Citizens Express Lines (520) 398-2100

Rail Service

Union Pacific Railroad (freight only) (888) 870-8777

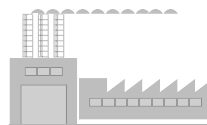
Trucking Service

Arkansas Best Freight Systems (ABF) Freight System Inc., C-Bar Hauling, Con-Way Western Express, Consolidated Freight Ways, Medina's Trucking, Orion Transystems LLC, Roadway Express Inc., Yellow Freight System Inc.

Air Service

Airport Name: **Nogales International** (520) 761-7879
 Functional Class: Business Service
 Elevation: 3,932'
 Ownership: Public
 Use: Public/Commercial/Military
 Nav-Aids: TVOR/NDB
 Runway: 03/21 Length: 7,200' Width: 100'
 Extension to 7,200'
 Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Industrial Facilities

Nogales

There are five industrial parks (500 acres) with utilities and transportation available. For information, contact the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation, (520) 377-2055.

Rio Rico

Rio Rico has one industrial park with 256 acres available for light industry, warehousing and produce distribution. All utilities are available, and there is easy access to the Southern Pacific Railroad and I-19. A neighborhood business park with 47.5 acres is available for light industry, warehousing and neighborhood-type businesses. Contact the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation, (520) 377-2055.





Financial Authorities

Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Santa Cruz County

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For information on:

Foreign Trade Zone #60

Santa Cruz County Enterprise Zone

State of Arizona REDI Community - Nogales

Contact: NSCCEDF, Administrator

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Commercial Banks

Bank of America
Bank One

Stockmen's Bank
Wells Fargo Bank



Taxes

State Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Nogales	7.05	0.00*	4.84	15.55
Patagonia	8.51	0.00	4.84	13.35
Rio Rico	5.19	2.77	4.84	14.78
Tubac	7.17	2.62	4.84	14.64

* The Nogales Suburban F.D. has a rate of 3.66.

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2003 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Santa Cruz County has a 1/2 cent general sales tax. Nogales has a 1.25 percent city sales tax. Patagonia has a 3 percent city sales tax. Nogales has an additional 4 percent hotel/motel tax. Patagonia has an additional 3 percent hotel/motel tax.

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 37 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



For Further Information

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Distance to Major Cities

