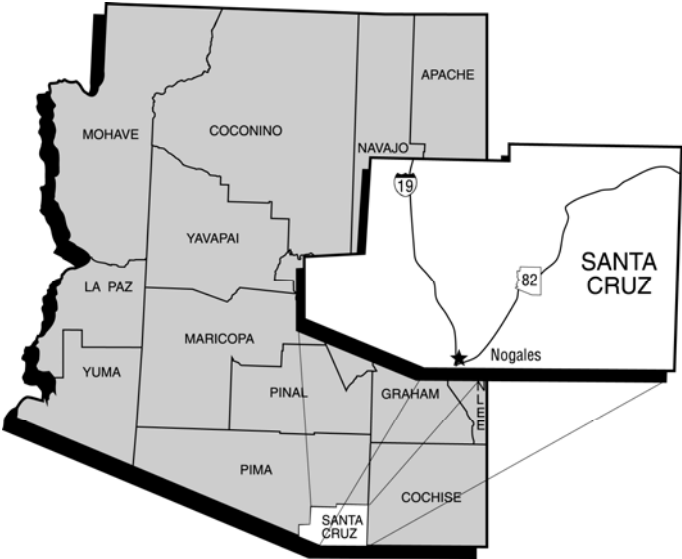


Profile:

Santa Cruz County, Arizona



Santa Cruz County is Arizona's smallest, encompassing only 1,236 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 54.6 percent of the land; the state of Arizona, 7.8 percent; individual or corporate ownership, 37.5 percent.



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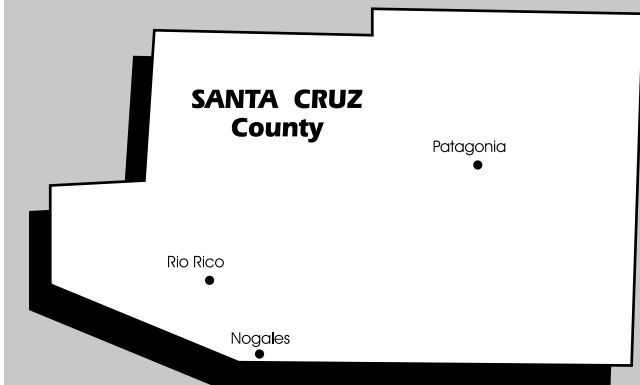


Santa Cruz County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Nogales
2008 Population:	47,471
2008 Labor Force:	17,422
Unemployment Rate:	9.3%
Major Industries:*	Retail Trade, Public Administration, Wholesale Trade
Best Paying Industries:*	Health Care & Social Assistance, Public Administration, Wholesale Trade

Sources: July 2008, Population Estimates, Strategic Investment and Research, Arizona Department of Commerce; and 2008 Preliminary Special Unemployment Report, OES Report, Arizona Department of Commerce.

Incorporated Cities



Population

	1990	2000	2008
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455
Santa Cruz County	29,676	38,391	47,471
Major Cities/Communities			
Nogales	19,489	20,878	21,709
Patagonia	888	881	934
Rio Rico*	1,407 ¹	10,413 ²	N/A
Tubac	902	949	N/A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.

* 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

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

2008 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	3,132,667	5.5%
Santa Cruz County	18,250	9.3%

Major Cities/Communities

Nogales	9,171	12.1%
Patagonia	467	7.3%
Rio Rico Northeast CDP	1,425	10.7%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research, December 2008 Special Unemployment Report.

2008 Employment by Sector

Goods Producing	950
Private Service-Providing	3,650
Government	3,700
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,125

Source: Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.
Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2008 Total All Occupations

Employment	15,250
Hourly Compensation	
Median Wage	\$12.08
Average Wage	\$16.15
Entry Wage *	\$7.82
Experienced **	\$20.32

2008 Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative Support	3,090	\$12.14
Construction & Extraction	230	\$14.66
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1000	\$8.66
Sales & Related	3,190	\$13.98
Transportation & Material Moving	1,310	\$12.16
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	160	\$26.54
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	430	\$15.63
Protective Service	1,070	\$24.36
Management	790	\$38.59
Building & Maintenance	570	\$10.35
Production	520	\$10.39
Personal Care & Service	n/a	\$13.34

Source: Prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2009
 * 10th percentile ** 75th percentile

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Canchola Foods Company, Nogales	Retail
Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales	Health Services
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	Trade
United Musical Instruments, Nogales	Manufacturing
United States Customs Service, Nogales	Government

Source: Nogales/Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce



Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

Citizens Utilities Co.	(520) 281-1212
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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:

Qwest	(800) 244-1111
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Major Hospitals:
 Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales (520) 285-3000
 Tucson, in Pima County, has many additional hospitals.



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

Major Airports

Airport Name: **Nogales International** (520) 761-7886
 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: Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Nogales

There are five industrial parks (500 acres) with utilities and transportation available. For information, contact the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce, (520) 287-3685.

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 Chamber of Commerce, (520) 287-3685.



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Commercial Banks

Bank of America Wells Fargo Bank
 Chase

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

2008 Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Nogales*	6.50	3.25	3.71	13.46
Patagonia	5.53	0.00	3.71	9.24
Rio Rico	6.70	2.92	3.71	13.33
Tubac	6.70	2.64	3.71	13.05

* The Nogales Suburban F.D. has a rate of 3.25.
 Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2008 (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% general sales tax. Nogales has a 2.00% city sales tax. Patagonia has a 3.00% city sales tax. Patagonia has an additional 3.00 percent hotel/motel tax.

Source: League of Arizona Cities and Towns

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 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



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Distance to Major Cities

