

Douglas

Community Profile

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Douglas, on the Mexican border, is 118 miles southeast of Tucson, and is reached via Interstate 10 to U.S. 80. Across the border from Douglas is Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, with a population of 110,000. The Janos Highway, the shortest route to Mexico City and Guadalajara by paved roads from the western United States, begins in Douglas. Douglas, at an elevation of 3,990 feet, was founded in 1901 as a site for a copper smelter and was incorporated in 1905. Originally, it was an annual round-up spot for ranchers. Agriculture and ranching are still important segments of the area's economy.

August 30, 2006: The City of Douglas was awarded a Growing Smarter Planning Grant of \$10,000 for fiscal year 2007.

Basic Information

Founded: 1901
 Incorporated: 1905
 Elevation: 3,990
 Located in Cochise County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS SR 80
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 229 miles
 Tucson: 118 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2005
Douglas	13,137	14,312	17,195
Cochise County	97,624	117,755	131,790
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,044,985

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 12,822).

Principal Economic Activities

Because of its location on the U.S.-Mexico border, international commerce is an important part of the local economy. Douglas has three manufacturing plants; and Agua Prieta has 33, many of the latter operating under the twin-plant concept. The lure of shopping and sight-seeing in "Old Mexico" and nearness to several outdoor recreation areas have made tourism and retirement significant to Douglas' economy. Brief visits to Agua Prieta do not require visas or special documents.

County Employment

	2005
Public Administration	6,642
Retail Trade	5,373
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,938
Accommodation and Food Services	3,741
Educational Services	3,609
Professional and Technical Services	2,835
Construction	2,744
Administrative and Waste Services	1,565
Manufacturing	893
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	818
Other	4,655

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Safeway
 Southeastern Arizona Medical Center
 Wal-Mart

Major Public Employers

Arizona State Prison
 City of Douglas
 Cochise College
 Douglas Unified School District
 US Border Patrol



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2005
Civilian Labor Force	4,334	5,164	5,934
Unemployed	584	362	452
Unemployment Rate	13.5%	7.0%	7.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2005
New Bldg. Permits	150	123	233
Taxable Sales (\$)	99.6 million	162.7 million	180.8 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	22.9 million	33.1 million	41.4 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 2005 New building permit data incomplete: one or more months not available

Scenic Attractions

Douglas' nationally registered historic landmarks include the Southern Pacific Depot, Gadsden Hotel, Church Square, Library, Douglas Municipal Airport, Downtown Historical District and Sonoran District. Many points of interest are nearby, among them the historic John Slaughter Ranch, Agua Prieta, the frontier mining town of Tombstone, ghost towns of Charleston and Dos Cabezas, historic Old Fort Bowie, Fort Huachuca, Coronado National Memorial, Cochise Stronghold, Texas Canyon, San Bernardino Wildlife Refuge, Chiricahua National Monument, Coronado National Forest, and Chiricahua Mountains for bird study and sports. Scenic drives include Bisbee and Cave Creek Canyon. Historic Arizona is a short drive into Sonora. Hunting and fishing areas, in both the U.S. and Mexico, are also nearby.

Community Facilities

Douglas offers a broad range of community facilities. There is an art gallery, a library, two city recreation centers, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a new indoor aquatic center, seven parks, golf course, several handball, raquetball and tennis courts and one indoor theater. Other athletic facilities are available at Cochise College and Douglas High School.

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

Financial

Number of banks: 4

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Douglas International Municipal Airport with two lighted runways (6,400-st. paved/unpaved). US Custom Services available.

Medical

Southeast Arizona Medical Center has 25 beds, 11 active staff and 15 courtesy staff/consultants. 24

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 325

Meeting Rooms: 12

Capacity of Largest Facility: 160

Industrial Properties:

Three industrial parks (Cochise Industrial Park with 75 acres, Douglas IDA Park with 33 acres and Phelps Dodge Industrial Park with 30 acres) are available. All utilities accessible upon request. Air and truck transportation available. For further information, contact the City of Douglas Economic Development Office (520) 364-7501.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Douglas)	520.364.7501

Cable Providers: Y

Digital Switching Station: N

Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: N

Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2005
Elementary/High Schools	4.38	7.80	6.16
City/Fire District	1.10	1.09	1.09
Countywide	6.26	5.70	5.66
Totals	11.74	14.59	12.91

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in Cochise Technical District (CTD).

Sales Tax

City/Town	2.50%
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	29.4	62.8	0.8
February	32.4	66.8	0.7
March	36.6	72.2	0.5
April	42.0	79.4	0.3
May	49.9	86.7	0.3
June	58.4	95.5	0.5
July	64.7	94.3	3.8
August	62.9	91.6	3.2
September	57.4	88.9	1.6
October	45.9	81.0	1.0
November	34.9	70.5	0.6
December	29.2	63.2	1.0
Yearly Avg.	45.3	79.4	14.2

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2005. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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