

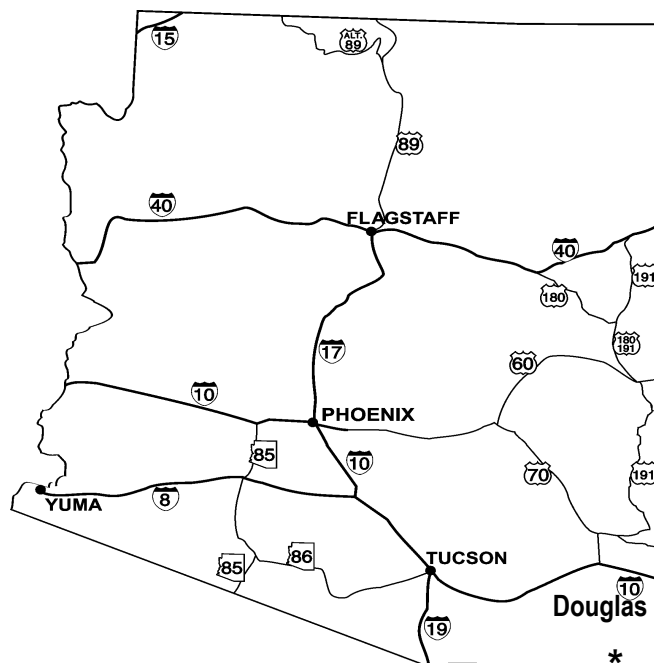
# DOUGLAS

# Community Profile

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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.

ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE INCORPORATED: Yes - 1905  
 COUNTY: Cochise County ELEVATION: 3,990 feet  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 229 miles DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 118 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: SR 80



## POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Douglas	13,137	14,312	16,740
Cochise County	97,624	117,755	130,220
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

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

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2004</u>
Educational & Health Svcs	3,800
Financial Activities	900
Government	11,550
Information	525
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000
Manufacturing	875
Mining & Construction	2,550
Professional & Business Svcs	3,550
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,300

Sources: 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

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,705	4,719	5,317
Unemployed	566	448	466
Unemployment Rate	12.0%	9.5%	8.8%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
New Bldg. Permit	150	123	149*
Taxable Sales (\$)	99,638,900	162,721,240	177,616,640
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	22,927,209	33,135,731	37,212,682

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation  
 \* Incomplete data: 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 Arizpe is a short drive into Sonora. Hunting and fishing areas, in both the U.S. and Mexico, are also nearby.

## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	4.38	7.80	6.83
City/Fire District	1.10	1.09	1.09
Countywide	6.26	5.70	5.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.74</b>	<b>\$14.59</b>	<b>\$13.61</b>

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

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

## Sales Tax Rate

City	2.50%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

## 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
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	Y

### Financial

Number of Banks: 4

### Governmental Agencies

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/unpved). US Custom Services available.

**Medical** Southeast Arizona Medical Center has 25 beds, 11 active staff and 15 courtesy staff/consultants. 24-hr. emergency room with physician. Full-service Laboratory, Radiation and Physical Therapy.

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

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: Yes  
 Digital Switching Station: No  
 Internet Service Provider: Yes  
 Cable Internet Service Provider: No  
 Fiber Optics: No

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	29.4	62.8	0.83
February	32.0	66.7	0.66
March	36.5	72.2	0.50
April	41.9	79.4	0.28
May	49.7	86.7	0.29
June	58.4	95.5	0.50
July	64.5	94.2	3.85
August	62.9	91.6	3.18
September	57.2	88.8	1.58
October	45.7	81.0	1.00
November	34.9	70.5	0.61
December	29.1	63.0	1.07
Yearly Avg	45.2	79.4	14.37

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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