

SAN LUIS

Community Profile

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San Luis is in the southwestern corner of Arizona immediately adjacent to both Mexico and California. Only 140 feet above sea level, San Luis was established in 1930 with the opening of the U.S. Port of Entry. Since incorporation in 1979, it has experienced tremendous population and commercial growth making it one of the fastest growing communities of Yuma County.

San Luis' sister city across the border, San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, has a population estimated at more than 200,000.

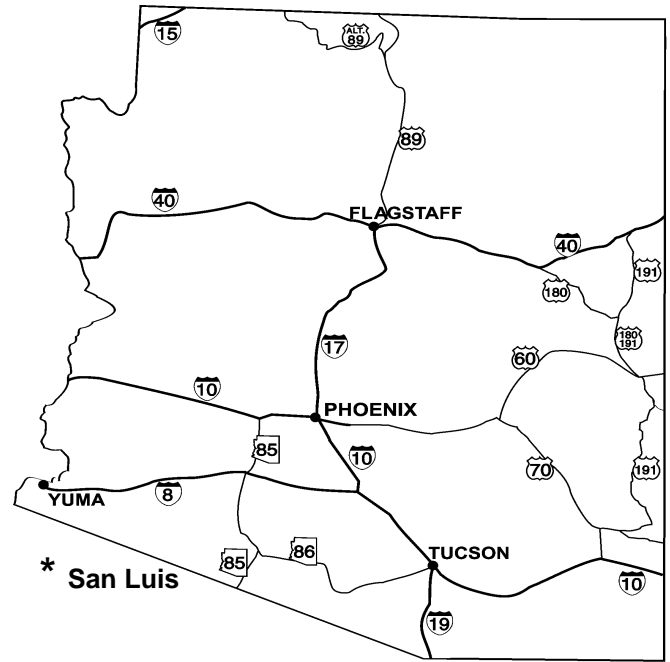
FOUNDED: 1930
 COUNTY: Yuma County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 206 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-8
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1979
 ELEVATION: 100 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 259 miles

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
San Luis	4,212	15,322	19,745
Yuma County	106,895	160,026	175,045
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

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



PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Retail trade, agriculture and manufacturing form a large portion of the local economy. Another significant segment is the light industry located on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border. San Luis is an excellent site for labor intensive manufacturing and assembly plants. A new 40 acre privately owned industrial park and 40 acre commercial area are currently under construction in north San Luis along Highway 95. Parcels and pads are available for purchase and development.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2003</u>
Construction	3,625
Educational & Health Svcs	5,500
Financial Activities	1,300
Government	12,575
Information	1,025
Leisure & Hospitality	4,325
Manufacturing	2,550
Professional & Business Svcs	3,750
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,800

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

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

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2003
Civilian Labor Force	2,525	4,355	4,218
Unemployed	1,561	3,056	2,756
Unemployment Rate	61.8%	70.2%	65.3%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	1990	2000	2003
New Bldg. Permit	26*	488	538
Taxable Sales (\$)	35,115,200	65,290,480	86,391,920
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	4,759,686	18,755,594	25,938,585

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

* Incomplete Data: One or more months not available.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Visitor attractions within a 30 minute drive of San Luis include the old Territorial Prison, Fort Yuma and the 16th century Fort Thomas Mission. Laguna, Imperial and Morelos Dams and the California sand dunes are also nearby. Fishing, water skiing and swimming at lakes along the Colorado River attract residents of the area and tourists alike.

Located across the border is San Luis, Sonora, Mexico, reputed to be Mexico's fastest growing city with a population of approximately 200,000. This area has curio shops, night clubs and various other attractions for tourists.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	4.47	7.83	8.69
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	6.03	5.78	5.70
Total	\$10.50	\$13.61	\$14.39

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.50%
County	1.50%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of San Luis offers many community facilities including four recreational areas, one community center, a senior center, three parks, a library, two baseball fields, and a tennis and basketball court. A recreational activity center and community swimming pool is currently under construction.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 2

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Nearby Yuma International Airport (33 miles northeast) with a lighted 13,300-ft. runway.

Medical

Two local medical clinics.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 36

Meeting Rooms: 2

Capacity of Largest Facility: 250

Industrial Properties

A 26-acre industrial park exists on state land, including off-site improvements and city service. The industrial park is located immediately adjacent to the U.S. Customs commercial port-of-entry providing easy accessibility. An additional 150 acres on state land within city limits is zoned for industrial development and is located along the U.S./Mexico border in San Luis, Arizona. The city of San Luis invites labor-intensive industry to develop manufacturing facilities on either side of the border.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9407
Propane	Petrolane	928.782.9851
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (San Luis)	928.627.8848

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	39.1	67.9	0.39
February	41.9	73.1	0.32
March	46.1	78.7	0.27
April	51.5	85.9	0.13
May	58.5	93.5	0.03
June	66.0	101.8	0.02
July	76.0	106.1	0.24
August	76.2	104.9	0.54
September	69.2	100.8	0.48
October	57.0	90.2	0.33
November	45.9	77.4	0.18
December	40.4	68.5	0.49
Yearly Avg	55.6	87.4	3.41

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1920-2003. Average Total Snowfall 0.0". Nearest data available from Yuma Citrus Station, AZ.

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