

San Luis is strategically located at the southwest corner of Arizona along the U.S.-Mexico border with Sonora, Mexico. The community sits on an intersection of two countries and four states: California, Arizona, Baja California and Sonora. With access to a consumer market exceeding 53 million people within a 500-mile radius, San Luis is highly competitive for new business development. San Luis has experienced sustained population and commercial growth, making it one of Arizona's fastest growing cities.

Principal Economic Activities

The agriculture, commercial, government and manufacturing sectors make up a large portion of the local economy. The San Luis Port of Entry I is one of Arizona's busiest ports, with eight million people crossing the border on a yearly basis. San Luis Commercial Port of Entry II is the second largest commodities port of entry due to fresh produce imported from Mexico. Since the connection of the Arizona Service Highway to Interstate 8 and Highway 95, the city's industrial base increased with two new major industrial parks subdivisions totalling 220 acres of shovel ready sites. San Luis has abundant natural resources like water and sun, making it an ideal location to locate your business.

Scenic Attractions

San Luis offers a variety of shopping opportunities in downtown, and the proximity to the border provides a tremendous opportunity to leverage binational recreational and cultural assets. As a binational region, tourism experiences binational events such as the Taco and Beer Festival, Tierra Sonora Concert, Fourth of July, Off-Road Expo and Sonora Rally Dakka events. Shopping in the Mexican border town is always a favorite, and the open-air market in this town offers Mexican souvenirs, while dentists, doctors and pharmacies are within walking distance from the border. San Luis is the gateway to the Sea of Cortez and the El Golfo de Santa Clara is merely 70 miles south of the border offering abundant recreational opportunities including driving, sailing and swimming as well as great seafood restaurants. The new coastal highway, La Costera toll road, connects Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point) to El Golfo de Santa Clara while creating a safe passage for visitors wanting to experience beautiful beaches, quality resorts, cruises, deep-sea fishing and snorkeling.

Community Facilities

The city of San Luis offers abundant recreational facilities and a variety of community services targeting people of all ages. The senior center administers educational courses and activities to the senior population. The Cesar Chavez Cultural Center offers art, music and dance classes, as well as displaying the city mural. Art and music expos are held at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. The Joe Orduno Park is a central location that offers a variety of services including a youth center, an aquatic center, a gymnasium and recreational fields. The Joe Orduno Park hosts numerous special events including the famous Fourth of July and Off-Road Expo.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1930	Incorporated:	1979
Elevation:	100 ft.	Location:	Yuma County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	206 miles	San Diego:	194 miles
Tucson:	259 miles	Los Angeles:	294 miles
Las Vegas:	318 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017 (est.)
San Luis	15,322	25,614	35,289
Yuma County	160,026	196,160	221,648
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,965,897

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.83	4.07	7.94
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yuma County	5.78	4.92	6.77
Totals (Yuma County)	13.61	9.00	14.71

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

San Luis	4.00%
Yuma County	1.11%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2017
Civilian Labor Force	5,188	12,693	17,377
Unemployed	1,834	3,996	6,508
Unemployment Rate	35.4%	31.5%	37.5%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	9,334	53.9%
High school or equivalent, no college	2,677	15.5%
Some college or Associate degree	3,901	22.5%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,402	8.1%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	2,525	23.6%
Education, health care & social assistance	1,715	16.1%
Retail trade	1,370	12.8%
Public administration	879	8.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	780	7.3%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	771	7.2%
Construction	769	7.2%
Manufacturing	609	5.7%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	382	3.6%
Wholesale trade	317	3.0%
Other services, except public administration	259	2.4%
Finance, insurance & real estate	220	2.1%
Information	84	0.8%

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