

Patagonia lies in a narrow valley approximately 14 miles north of the international border surrounded by the Santa Rita Mountains to the north and the Patagonias to the south. This contemporary town was founded in 1898 by Rollin R. Richardson. Both the town and the mountains take their name from the Patagonia Mine.

### Principal Economic Activities

Wholesale, retail trade and services are among the major economic activities in Santa Cruz County. Patagonia's largest employment sectors include retail trade and services, but eco-tourism plays an important role as visitors come to take advantage of the birding opportunities at the Tucson Audubon Society's Paton Hummingbird Center and the Nature Conservancy's Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Wildlife Preserve. Birders come from all over the world to fill out their lists from the hundreds of birds that live in or pass through the area. Patagonia also enjoys its status as a gateway community on the Arizona Trail and regularly hosts hikers on their way up and down the trail. Several smaller trails in and around the town provide hiking opportunities for those who are not ready to undertake the Arizona Trail, but want to enjoy the beautiful weather that is a hallmark of the town. If you want to enjoy the outdoors without hiking, the nearby Circle Z Ranch lets you live the cowboy dream while enjoying gourmet meals. Short trips into the nearby countryside will let you experience and enjoy ghost towns which were once bustling centers of mining activity.



The business district is concentrated around AZ State Highway 82 and includes a number of art galleries featuring mostly local artists. The park in the center of town is a favorite spot for picnicking and relaxing on your way through town. Several restaurants and an authentic old-time western saloon provide refreshment to sustain the hungry traveler.

### Scenic Attractions

Nearby points of interest include recreations areas of the Coronado National Forest as well as the Patagonia Mountains and the Santa Rita Mountains. Lake Patagonia provides excellent camping along with fishing, swimming and boating. Parker Canyon Lake to the north is also a favorite fishing spot. Santa Cruz County has many locations on National Register of Historic Places. Two spots are from the Spanish colonial period: Tumacacori National Monument and Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. Another National Register site is the 1885 Old Tubac Schoolhouse.

### Community Facilities

The town of Patagonia offers a range of community facilities including a library, a swimming pool, parks, art galleries, restaurants, book stores, a winery, jewelry stores, gift stores, florists, food stores, an RV park, post office, service station, coin-laundry and three churches.

### BASIC INFORMATION

<b>Founded:</b>	1898	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1948
<b>Elevation:</b>	4,044 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Santa Cruz County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	174 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	468 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	61 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	546 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	467 miles		

### POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Patagonia	881	909	966
Santa Cruz County	38,381	47,539	50,581
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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### PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.33	5.27	7.28
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Santa Cruz County	4.58	3.91	5.67
Totals (Santa Cruz County)	11.91	9.18	12.95

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### SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Patagonia	3.00%
Santa Cruz County	6.60%
State	5.60%

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### LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	380	284	327
Unemployed	23	23	21
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	8.1%	6.4%

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### WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	78	13.4%
High school or equivalent, no college	115	19.8%
Some college or Associate degree	202	34.8%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	186	32.0%

*American Community Survey*

### INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	62	20.5%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	60	19.8%
Retail trade	47	15.5%
Education, health care & social assistance	40	13.2%
Manufacturing	34	11.2%
Construction	25	8.3%
Other services, except public administration	24	7.9%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	7	2.3%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	4	1.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Public administration	0	0.0%
Wholesale trade	0	0.0%

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