



FACT SHEET: The NACS Show

NACS has held an annual meeting since it was founded in 1961. These first meetings actually were called “annual meetings,” as opposed to being known as the “NACS Show.” It wasn’t until 1976 that the meeting even included a true exhibition. While NACS continued to hold annual meetings, the expo was part of the event only every two or three years. From 1986 on, the annual meeting included an expo, although those early years featured a greatly scaled-down expo every other year until the early 1990s. Today, the NACS Show is rotated between three cities: Chicago, Las Vegas and Atlanta.

Year	Location	Attendance	Expo size (net sq. ft.)
1986	New Orleans	9,330	126,000
1987	Toronto	3,346	7,920
1988	Las Vegas	11,469	169,700
1989	Boston	5,068	36,900
1990	Dallas	12,252	196,500
1991	Orlando	6,800	68,000
1992	Atlanta	12,500	183,000
1993	San Francisco*	11,900	171,000
1994	New Orleans	13,900	172,000
1995	Chicago ¹	16,200	188,000
1996	Las Vegas	16,100	229,000
1997	Orlando	19,000	253,000
1998	Atlanta	21,000	262,000
1999	Chicago	23,642	278,000
2000	New Orleans	23,032	300,100
2001	Las Vegas	21,064	304,400
2002	Orlando ²	22,368	372,150
2003	Chicago	22,165	369,500
2004	Las Vegas	24,365	377,400
2005	Las Vegas ⁺	22,350	372,700
2006	Las Vegas	22,579	384,000
2007	Atlanta	22,806	382,800
2008	Chicago	21,303	382,350
2009	Las Vegas	22,524	348,800
2010	Atlanta	21,983	372,800
2011	Chicago	22,312	387,000
2012	Las Vegas	24,056	381,050
2013	Atlanta	22,263	403,200

¹ Alliance with the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) begins

² Alliance with the Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) begins

*First time the expo is an annual event and called the NACS Show

+Show relocated from New Orleans because of Hurricane Katrina

Founded in 1961 as the National Association of Convenience Stores, NACS (nacsonline.com) is the international association for convenience and fuel retailing. The U.S. convenience store industry, with more than 151,000 stores across the country, posted \$696 billion in total sales in 2013, of which \$491 billion were motor fuels sales. NACS has 2,100 retail and 1,600 supplier member companies, which do business in nearly 50 countries.

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