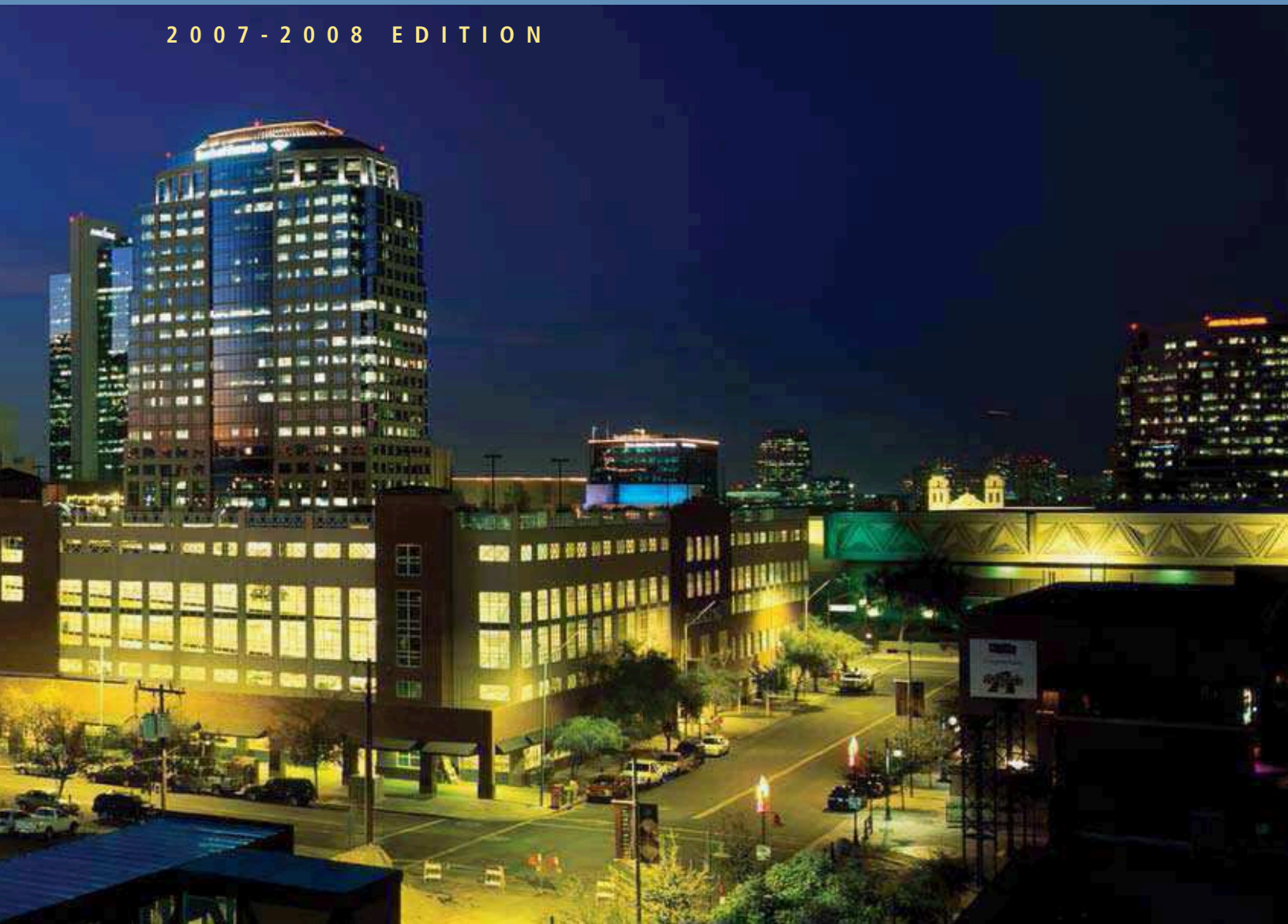


# Greater Phoenix

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# The Valley *of the Sun*

## History of Greater Phoenix

*h*ohokam Indians first inhabited Phoenix about 1,700 years ago. They farmed by digging long irrigation canals from the Salt River to bring water to their crops.

In 1539, Spanish explorers claimed the area. They also brought Old World diseases that destroyed most Hohokam communities. For 280 years, the area remained under Spanish rule. In 1821, Mexico seized the Valley from Spain. They held possession until their 1848 loss to the U.S. in the Mexican War.

From 1850 through 1862, the area was part of the New Mexico Territory. The following year, it was made into the separate Arizona Territory. In 1865, the United States established a military outpost called Camp McDowell northeast of the current city to protect the road between Tucson and the original capital in Prescott. Two years later, adventurers Jack Swilling and Darrel Duppa named the area Phoenix. In 1881, the city was incorporated and, eight years later, was named the state capital of the Arizona Territory.

The city became a trading and processing center once it was connected to the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroad lines.

Later, dam construction controlled the Salt River's uneven water flow, thereby increasing settler population.

In 1912, Arizona achieved statehood and by 1920, Phoenix was host to 30,000 people. After WWII, however, growth exploded. The introduction of air conditioning made the desert summers more comfortable. Coupled with the region's mild winters, cold weather retirees flocked here. And the city's business community annexed land, built massive, master-planned communities and welcomed new industries.

In just 50 years, the city has grown from 100,000 persons to three million—half the population of the entire state! Today, the Valley is one of America's best examples of how to build a city the right way.



## *How the City Views Itself*

### Yesterday's news.

That's what our long-held opinions about Phoenix are. Because in the past fifteen years, this is a town that has gotten younger, smarter and more urbane as it strives to be a great place to live. Perhaps greater Phoenix is maturing.

It's a great thing to say that nearly two out of three Valley residents rate the quality of life as "excellent" or "good."

### What's most important to residents?

Education and public safety and health care. As it should be.

Certainly, these are the key issues most communities face. How can we ensure a better life for our children? Are they safe? And do we have the health care system to improve the quality of life for everyone?

Certainly, residents are happy that the cost of living here is cheaper than the national average and that prices increased more slowly here than throughout America.

But lower income wage earners are skittish about being laid off, too.

Still, when measured against Pacific coastal cities, Phoenix is far more affordable. And rents over the past five years have actually decreased.

The environment is a key component of the quality of life here and residents are concerned. Many adults see the Valley as growing too fast. But you could say that about most American cities.

Transportation has gotten better over the past five years, too. More than half of all Phoenix residents rate the area's freeway system as "excellent" or "good." Five years ago, only one-third of persons said that.

Arts, culture and recreation are now seen as more broad-based and participatory than "high art." Currently, over 300 organizations offer art and recreational pursuits to Valley residents. Individual donations to the arts have doubled in five years.

Finally, more than four out of ten persons say their personal quality of life has improved in the past year.



*Looking down Central Avenue*

So, why would you leave? Three out of ten say there are too many people here and one out of seven say it's too hot. People have been saying that since 1880.



### Starter Home Index

Here's the average sale price in neighborhoods with high concentrations of young, upwardly mobile professionals and executives. The figures are based on average sales of homes in selected ZIP codes with a median income of \$40,000.

Town/ZIP Code	Q1-3 2006	Q1-3 2005	% Change
PHOENIX, AZ (85044)	\$305,000	\$262,500	16.2
Danvers, Mass (01923)	350,000	379,000	(7.7)
New York City (10128)	835,000	727,600	9.5
Philadelphia, PA (19106)	416,100	380,500	10.0
Alexandria, VA (22301)	520,000	530,000	(1.9)
Raleigh, NC (27613)	221,800	240,000	(7.6)
Decatur, GA (30033)	230,000	230,000	0
Tampa, FL (33647)	265,000	260,000	1.9
San Bruno, CA (94066)	689,000	671,500	2.6
Kirkland, WA (98033)	485,000	447,000	8.5

Source: First American RES  
From The Wall Street Journal, September 2006

### I Appreciate It!

Here's a five-year look at how specific single-family, detached home prices have escalated in specific areas of the Valley.

Zip	Community	Jan-Aug 2006 Median Price	% Change vs 2005	# Homes Sold	% Change 2001-2006
85048	South Phoenix	\$399,900	11.1	455	101.0
85086	Anthem	400,000	15.0	1,182	83.5
85249	Chandler	426,479	31.2	1,327	134.9
85310	Glendale	400,000	23.9	607	109.9
85383	Peoria	415,000	12.2	1,574	93.5

Source: The Information Market  
Arizona Republic, December 24, 2006 and www.azcentral.com

### Arizona Growth Fastest in the U.S.

With a population growth rate of 3.6% in 2006, Arizona became America's fastest growing state. Today, we have 6.1 million people and are the 16th largest state.

Arizona overtook Nevada, Idaho, Georgia and Texas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, by adding over 213,000 people. Of that number, 130,000 came from in-migration from other states.

Now, the hard part: managing the growth through better roads, more housing and schools and finding water sources.

Source: Arizona Republic, December 22, 2006

### New Light Rail Line Spurring Private Development

Private businesses are investing hundreds of millions in residential housing, office complexes, hotels, shopping venues and restaurants adjacent to the new light rail line.

Buoyed by successes in Denver, Salt Lake City and Dallas, development is happening now—before the new system has even traveled one mile.

From Downtown, the light rail line will travel south and east to Camelback Road toward Sky Harbor International Airport and continue all the way to Tempe. It is slated to open in 2009.

New office complexes are being built because light rail is a selling point for companies in attracting workers—especially near the airport and in Tempe.

Professionals, nurses and empty nesters seeking a quality condo or townhouse with short commutes and minimal maintenance are another core target. Light rail is considered a catalyst to create infill housing as commuters rebel against long drives and pricey developments along the fringes in Maricopa County.

The Metro's starter line will have stations along two of Phoenix's former premier malls. As a result, the developers now have impetus to renovate and return the shopping centers toward high occupancy.

Sources: Arizona Republic, December 24, 2006  
by Sean Holstege and Andrew Long, City of Phoenix

### It's a Buyer's Market

It's a great time to buy. Home inventories are up substantially throughout the Valley and prices are down. Unemployment remains low as do interest rates. Picky buyers may find not only cut prices but incentives, too—like help with closing costs or kitchen upgrades.

### The Future of the Greater Phoenix Area

A key challenge is providing a diverse housing infrastructure to help achieve business recruitment and job growth goals for the region. Why? For every high wage job created in the market, two lower income jobs are also created.

So, public and private sector leaders are looking at the issues affecting affordability and availability of quality workforce housing. The end game: allowing lower income families to live and work in the same community.

### Local Top Employers

Big-box retailers, supermarket chains, banks and financial services, telecommunications companies and high-tech manufacturers are the Valley's largest employers.

Largest employers include Wal-Mart, Honeywell, Banner Health Systems, Intel, Albertsons, Bashas', Wells Fargo, Kroger, Target, Safeway, Qwest, American Express, Bank One, Pinnacle West Capital Corp, Bank of America, Motorola, Home Depot, Walgreens and Apollo Group.

Source: Arizona Republic

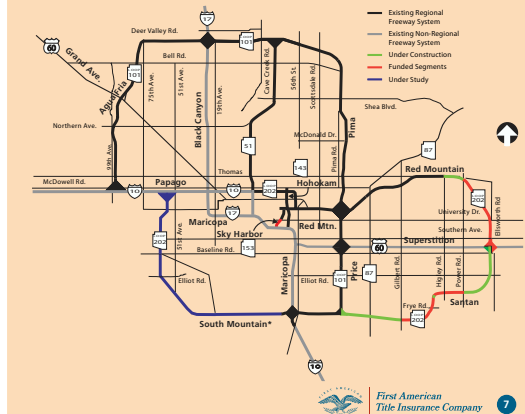
### Where Housing is Headed

Metropolitan Area	Price Trend <sup>1</sup>	Change in Housing Inventory <sup>2</sup>	Employment Outlook <sup>3</sup>	Loan Payments Overdue <sup>4</sup>
PHOENIX	↓	+65%	Strong	1.95%
San Diego	↓	+12	Strong	2.18
New York	↓	+26	Average	2.42
Boston	—	+6	Weak	2.30
Los Angeles	↓	+59	Average	1.92
San Francisco	↓	+32	Average	1.28
Miami	↓	+110	Average	2.73
Tampa	↓	+118	Strong	2.52
Las Vegas	↓	+59	Very Strong	3.33
Orlando, FL	↓	+97	Very Strong	2.55

1 Price trend compared with prior month.  
2 Change from a year ago in the number of single family homes, condos and co-ops offered in MLS in Dec. 2006.  
3 Job growth projected by Moody's Economy.com for the two years ending in Dec. 31, 2008.  
4 Percent of mortgage loans 30 days or more delinquent in latest quarter. U.S. Avg. = 2.51%

Source: The Wall Street Journal, January 25, 2007

### Greater Phoenix Area Freeway System





### It's a Buyer's Market-Finally

During Q4, 2006, sales fell and prices fell flat in the \$1 million starter home segment throughout America. Yet, luxury homes retained their prices better than the overall market.

In Phoenix, luxury homes flattened to \$887,660. Other Sun Belt cities that attracted droves of buyers and builders also fared poorly.

Whereas the national median home price fell 10% during this same period to \$225,000, luxury homes in 32 markets rose 1.4% to \$890,000.

Also, only 32 American metro markets had 100 or more sales in the \$750,000 to \$1.25 million range—down from 65 markets a year earlier.

Analysts say that the million-dollar market is doing better than the overall market because it had fewer investors during the boom.

The shift to a buyer's market has caused a change in selling tactics. During the run-up, sellers priced their home slightly above the market knowing that someone would buy it, even if the price tag was later lowered. Now, sellers are undercutting the market to sell while their listing is still fresh.

Metro Area	Q4 2006	Q4 2005	% Change
PHOENIX	\$887,760	\$902,000	(2.0)
Chicago	870,000	900,000	(3.3)
Edison, NJ	875,000	937,500	(6.7)
Miami	876,250	915,000	(4.2)
Minneapolis-St. Paul	935,000	899,000	4.0
New York	906,750	870,000	4.2
Richmond, VA	990,000	960,000	3.1
St. Louis	858,500	925,000	(7.2)
San Francisco	870,000	880,000	(2.0)
Salt Lake City	929,670	896,420	3.7
Santa Ana/Orange Co	917,750	880,000	4.3

Sources: National Association of Home Builders; Published in *The Wall Street Journal*, January 26, 2007, "The Chill at Luxury's Low End," by June Fletcher

Phoenix Area Home Sale Activity			
Q3, 2006			
Community	Zip Code	Median Price	Price/Sq Foot
Metropolitan Phoenix			
Phoenix	85003	\$345,000	\$238
Phoenix	85004	380,000	264
Phoenix	85006	208,000	180
Phoenix	85007	217,500	206
Phoenix	85008	199,000	173
Phoenix	85009	160,000	148
Phoenix	85012	250,000	221
Phoenix	85013	240,000	176
Phoenix	85014	225,000	179
Phoenix	85015	200,000	154
Phoenix	85016	300,000	213
Phoenix	85017	183,000	144
Phoenix	85018	320,000	253
Phoenix	85019	199,000	141
Phoenix	85020	206,000	188
Phoenix	85021	212,000	157
Phoenix	85022	216,000	187
Phoenix	85023	235,000	174
Phoenix	85024	305,000	189
Phoenix	85027	216,000	170
Phoenix	85028	370,000	195
Phoenix	85029	209,000	148
Phoenix	85031	194,000	124
Phoenix	85032	241,000	188
Phoenix	85033	195,000	142
Phoenix	85034	155,000	150
Phoenix	85035	199,000	159
Phoenix	85037	223,000	154
Phoenix	85040	184,000	146
Phoenix	85041	243,000	148
Phoenix	85042	213,000	169
Phoenix	85043	240,000	153
Phoenix	85044	295,000	194
Phoenix	85045	600,000	210
Phoenix	85048	286,400	193
Phoenix	85050	418,000	209
Phoenix	85051	204,700	143
Phoenix	85053	205,000	147
Phoenix	85054	297,000	245
Phoenix	85085	429,000	168
Phoenix	85086	372,500	185
New River	85087	403,000	234

Community	Zip Code	Median Price	Price/Sq Foot
East Valley			
Apache Junction	85218	\$314,300	\$ 183
Apache Junction	85219	214,000	169
Apache Junction	85220	200,000	154
Chandler	85224	254,950	176
Chandler	85225	245,000	171
Chandler	85226	279,000	199
Chandler	85248	369,608	185
Chandler	85249	435,000	173
Gilbert	85233	298,000	174
Gilbert	85234	311,500	174
Gilbert	85296	324,790	169
Gilbert	85297	360,000	168
Gilbert	85209	255,100	166
Higley	85236	278,000	157
Mesa	85201	180,000	159
Mesa	85202	208,000	153
Mesa	85203	227,000	153
Mesa	85204	215,000	162
Mesa	85205	229,500	165
Mesa	85206	240,000	163
Mesa	85207	300,000	174
Mesa	85208	221,000	160
Mesa	85209	255,100	166
Mesa	85210	195,000	155
Mesa	85212	333,100	157
Mesa	85213	275,000	170
Mesa	85215	280,000	178
Queen Creek	85242	253,250	134
Tempe	85281	202,500	180
Tempe	85282	240,000	167
Tempe	85283	265,000	175
Tempe	85284	440,000	198
Northeast Valley			
Carefree	85377	740,000	285
Cave Creek	85331	470,000	220
Fountain Hills	85268	445,000	239
Paradise Valley	85253	1,375,000	426
Scottsdale	85250	293,000	200
Scottsdale	85251	233,500	195
Scottsdale	85254	462,500	233
Scottsdale	85255	815,000	283
Scottsdale	85257	270,000	197
Scottsdale	85258	472,500	257
Scottsdale	85259	723,000	265
Scottsdale	85260	410,000	247
Scottsdale	85262	933,000	298
Rio Verde	85263	630,000	258

Community	Zip Code	Median Price	Price/Sq Foot
West Valley			
Avondale	85323	\$267,000	\$ 151
Buckeye	85326	242,167	138
El Mirage	85335	220,000	150
Glendale	85301	161,000	126
Glendale	85302	230,000	144
Glendale	85303	240,000	154
Glendale	85304	235,000	153
Glendale	85305	326,000	163
Glendale	85306	230,000	158
Glendale	85307	255,000	152
Glendale	85308	300,000	174
Glendale	85310	415,000	185
Goodyear	85338	324,900	160
Laveen	85339	275,000	145
Litchfield Park	85340	277,000	154
Peoria	85345	225,000	157
Peoria	85381	259,800	165
Peoria	85382	287,000	174
Peoria	85383	446,000	186
Sun City	85351	163,750	119
Sun City	85373	275,064	131
Sun City West	85375	282,250	142
Surprise	85374	240,000	153
Surprise	85379	297,000	146
Surprise	85387	305,100	189
Tolleson	85353	246,000	147
Tonopah	85354	215,000	130
Waddell	85355	296,650	239
Wickenburg	85390	219,250	146
Wittmann	85361	351,500	168
Youngtown	85363	182,000	145

**Maricopa County** ---- **263,000** **168**  
**Pinal County** ---- **224,985** **128**  
 Median Price in Maricopa County rose 5.6% in Q3, 2006 vs. Q3 2005.

In Pinal County, the median home price rose 9.4% during the same one year period.

Source: DataQuick, January 25, 2007  
 Data is for Third Quarter, 2006

# Metropolitan Phoenix

## Overview

*It's an eight mile drive from the northernmost foothills where Central Avenue meets the mountain to the epicenter of Downtown. But the descent to Broadway and Washington illustrates how the past meets the future with a bang.*

*It's a beautiful view from that gated community near Central Place—the high rises and ballpark are framed against the mountains. New luxury apartment buildings in this mature Hispanic neighborhood are a portent to redevelopment.*

*Go South on this four-lane road and see metropolitan Phoenix. It's urban, but not in an East Coast kind of way. You can almost touch its authenticity. From Guadalupe High School—just a block off—you can see the history of Mexico in the hardscrabble faces of the pedestrians.*

*And then, it upscales considerably. There's colorful trees basking in the autumn sun making the neighborhood look more Midwestern than Southwestern. At Northern Avenue, you hit Alhambra Village. Large, beautiful homes dot each side of Central. Massive churches take entire city blocks.*

*Past developments like Rancho Solano, you hit the commercial core at Camelback Avenue. Ten-story buildings replace the manicured lawns of languid ranch homes. The avenue becomes three lanes. The median strip is made of crushed brick.*

*There's a Jesuit College and venerable Central High School. Elegant condos. The VA Medical Center is a block away. At Indian School, it becomes 20-story buildings and palm trees, company headquarters and fancy restaurants. Between the law firms, banks and insurance companies are the Heard Museum, the Phoenix Art Museum and the beautiful VIAD Center building.*

*At McDowell, the buildings become lower again. And then, pop!*

*Welcome to Central Phoenix and Downtown proper. There's lots of walk around traffic. Boy Scouts and Blue Birds, college kids.*

*They're visiting St. Mary's Basilica, Heritage Square and the Science Hall and the Monroe School and the new ASU Downtown Campus.*

*Near the intersection of Washington and Central (000 @ 000), there's the ballpark and the arena, the Civic Plaza and the Convention Center, the Herberger Theatre Center and the Arizona Republic newspaper. And bars and restaurants and Copper Square retail shops.*

*Just when you think it's over, you see two new buildings—the Civic Plaza addition and the Phoenix Bioscience Center at 7th Street.*

*One will ensure the city's reputation for hosting conventions for decades to come and one will enhance the city's ability to focus on white collar business. And as if there's any doubt where Downtown is going, just look at the new lofts and condos being built on Seventh.*

*Downtown is one of the best hubs in the entire Western United States. This is truly a city that understands how business, entertainment, tourism, and education fuels economic growth.*

*Look out, world, the phoenix is rising.*

## City of Phoenix

The new Phoenix Civic Plaza, part of a \$600 million expansion to revitalize downtown, is also part of a program to connect it.

A glass atrium will connect recently refurbished Symphony Hall to the new Civic Plaza building which will also feature a view corridor through the original west building to the Herberger Theater Center.

The new Civic Plaza building will create hundreds of thousands of square feet of underground exhibition space to bring bigger conventions to town. As a result, Downtown businesses will reap the largesse.



Downtown Phoenix

## Downtown

### Alhambra Village

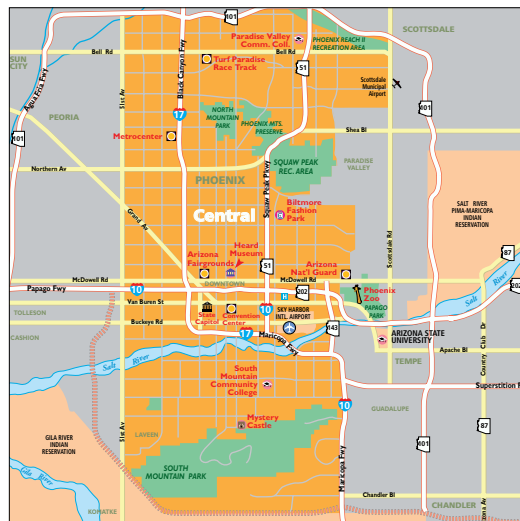
This is an upscale, single-family area with a historic district that straddles I-17 north and west of Encanto Village.

### Arcadia

Here's a wonderful place whose name does it justice. Large ranch-style homes, mature trees and charming, this desirable community is long on history and peacefulness.



Papago Park



### Biltmore

This 20-block upscale neighborhood is a "second city" to Downtown. It's a major shopping, eating and business destination coupled with the cache of its namesake—the Arizona Biltmore Resort. It's a premiere community where you can live, work and play.

### Central City

Including all of Downtown, this is where the action is. Here is the center of political, business and cultural life. The state Capitol, county and city governments are located here. Two sports stadiums plus several music and arts facilities are here too. Many large hotels plus exhibition centers are here as well. The upshot is a vibrant section of town that's busy both day and night.



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# Metropolitan Phoenix

Surrounding the core are some of Maricopa County's oldest neighborhoods. Strong residential organizations make sure that the traditional look and feel of the area is maintained.

## Deer Valley

Located from 16<sup>th</sup> Street east to the city limits to the west, Greenway Road on the south and the Central Arizona Project canal on the north, Deer Valley is a blend of old and new. Desert and mountain panoramas are bold. The community is named in honor of Indian petroglyphs that were discovered in the area.

## Desert View

Bounded by Carefree Highway to the north, the Central Arizona Project canal to the south, Union Hills to the west and Scottsdale Road to the east, this recreational area

exudes a peacefulness and beauty amid upscale homes.

## Encanto Village

Uptown Phoenix is one of the choice North Downtown areas.

Containing Central Avenue, here you'll find "old money" massive homes surrounding Encanto Park as well as high-rise condos and luxury apartments where many executives and professionals live.

## Maryvale

Home of the Valley's best entertainment amphitheater, this community is also a mix of old and new. Here you'll find 40 year-old homes and new subdivision homes within easy proximity. There's also a good blend of commercial retailers here.

## Moon Valley

Well, it *does* look like the moon. The area sits between three mountains in north Phoenix. It's a mixed neighborhood with hillside homes, town homes and quaint, well-kept smaller houses.

## North Gateway

Ten years ago, it was open desert. Today, it's a convenient neighborhood near the Loop 101, Union Hills, 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the west and the Central Arizona Project canal to the south. Upscale neighborhoods abound.

## North Mountain

Both the Phoenix Mountains Preserve and the Cave Creek Recreation Area encompass this area that zigzags through the mountains to Northern Avenue, 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue

to Greenway and 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Cactus Road. It's near Paradise Village Mall and ASU's west campus. There are many beautiful foothill homes and older suburban neighborhoods here.

## South Mountain

This rural area is both middle class and upper middle class with some industrial development. Once an agricultural, floral and farming community, it sits between South Mountain and the Maricopa Freeway.



Arizona State Capitol Building



Downtown Phoenix



Arizona Diamondbacks Chase Field



Patriots Square Park



Sunset in Downtown Phoenix

# East Valley

## Overview

Visiting the East Valley can only start where the action is: University at Mills in Tempe near Arizona State University. Here walks the future leadership of our country.

Tempe is a college town in a metropolitan area. By day, there's a hip college trade trawling its boutiques, Echo Boomer retail stores, and quirky food joints. At night, there's a freedom and sassiness here. Twenty-somethings prowling the underground bars and grills while visiting parents take their kids to PF Chang's. Next to the indoor arena and football stadium are frat houses lined in a row.

Come Fiesta Bowl week, it's like Mardi Gras here. Tens of thousands of alumni, football fans and locals party to pop bands and festivities. The Fiesta Bowl is one of college football's four biggest games. And the upcoming Super Bowl? Fuhgeddaboutit.

Go west on University and you'll see more collegians and apartments deep into Tempe. Then, take a turn and you're on East Main Street in Mesa. Here you'll find seven blocks of galleries, antiques and book stores. There's a new Arts Center here. Continue west and you'll drive past massive RV retail lots and mobile home sales companies and apartment complexes. It's gets more working class here.

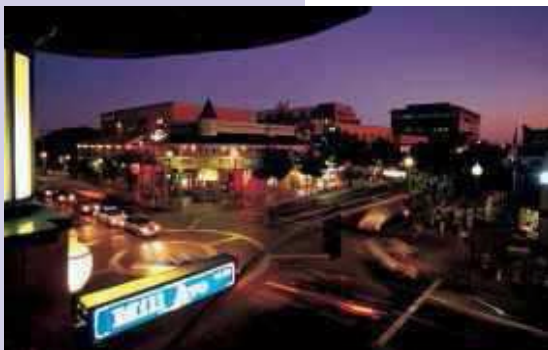
Then, you hit Apache Junction—a virgin Cave Creek near the Superstition Mountains and Tonto National Forest. Many snowbirds and retirees live here. We're in the most southeastern part of Maricopa County.

Take a right turn and go south of Hwy 60 into Gilbert. Here's where the West Valley professionals live.

New town homes and detached houses are everywhere with SUVs, trucks and kids' bikes tucked into the driveway. Across the street are undeveloped farms that someday will be a new housing project. The city has a beautiful new Civic Center.

Continuing east, you hit Chandler. Here, you'll find an upscale Asian community that lives near the man made lakes and work at Motorola and Intel.

It's varied, it's diverse and it's growing.



Mill Avenue at twilight

## East Valley

### Ahwatukee

Separated by I-10, South Mountain and the Gila Indian Reservation, this convenient community is attractive and affluent. Here you'll find family homes and estates in a pretty foothill setting.

### Apache Junction

Located next to the Superstition Mountains and the Tonto National Forest, this is an inexpensive area frequented by retirees and winter visitors.

### Camelback East Village

Hohokam ruins, Piastewa Peak and Papago Park are part of this desirable neighborhood

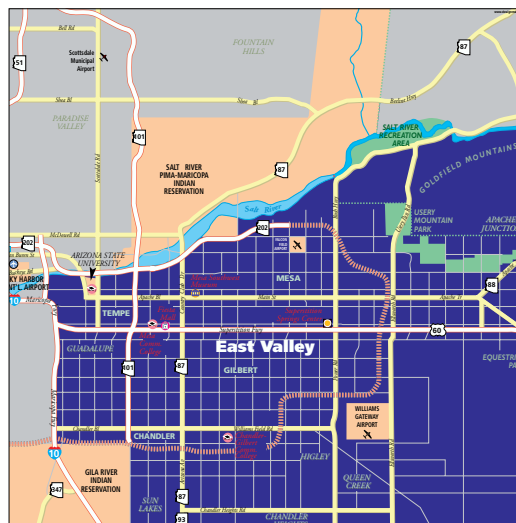


East Valley home

of thirty to fifty year-old homes. The area encompasses many of the Valley's best hotels, resorts and shopping areas. Also, Camelback East covers the Zoo and Botanical Gardens.



Downtown Mesa



### Chandler

Founded in 1912 by veterinary surgeon A. J. Chandler, this community is a sought-after neighborhood populated with younger families. It's got a good base of manufacturing and industrial companies and has a "small town" feel. Here is a community that mirrors Frank Zappa's description of a "real good place to raise your kids up right."

### Gilbert

Much like the adjacent community of Chandler, Gilbert is also a community populated by families. Long a farming and ranching center, the city has experienced huge growth. Acres of open recreational space and a strong business mix make the area desirable. Importantly, public school AIM scores are superior. Finally, it's less expensive than Chandler.



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# East Valley



*East Valley Casino*

## Mesa

Founded in the 1880's by Mormon missionaries, today the area is eleven zip codes big. It's Anglo and it's Hispanic. It's median priced and it's got good employment options. It's got big business and it's a cultural art center area too. It's the heart of the Valley's community college system and it's filled with families, execs, yuppies and sports enthusiasts.

## Ocotillo

A master planned community adjacent to Chandler, Ocotillo is really a high lifestyle, lake-oriented place. It's got water, it's got golf and it surrounds a 27-hole golf course. On weekends, you'll see why Phoenix has the highest boat per capita ownership of anywhere in America.

## Queen Creek

Deep in the East Valley near the San Tan Mountains, Queen Creek is growing rapidly. The surrounding mountain views and large lot homes make this an area on the move.



*Tempe Beach Park*

## Sun Lakes

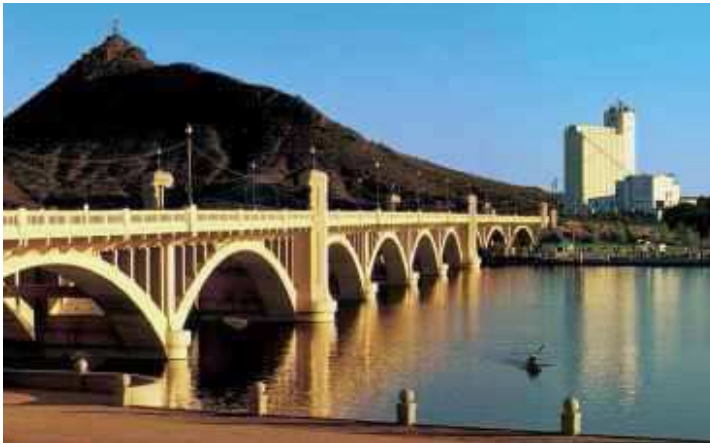
For the baby boom generation, growing older does not mean slowing down. Just ten minutes from Chandler is the East Valley's answer to Sun City. One of the "Top Twenty Retirement Communities in America," here is a self-contained town that caters to active seniors.

## Tempe

Four separate areas define this college town and sporting hub. Housing values run the gamut from far below to far above the median. An "All American City," Tempe is a mix of student and educator communities, commercial developments and workplaces that make this central area so unique.



*Tempe*



*Tempe Town Lake*



*Scenic Camelback Mountain and a nearby subdivision*

# Northeast Valley

## Overview

*Driving Scottsdale Road is a journey of the city's past and its future—of all things Indian, all things Western and all things unique. Foremost, Scottsdale is a housing and hospitality juggernaut filled with art galleries, four- and five-star resorts, world class golf, restaurants and medical facilities.*

*Old Town Scottsdale captures the essence of that high life with its quaint retail district. It's as if you happened upon Little Santa Monica Boulevard at Rodeo Drive twenty years ago. Seek and you'll find well-hidden restaurants, stylish women in sharp shoes, jewelry stores and chic shops.*

*Then, make a U-turn and go north on Scottsdale Road and you hit the world-class resorts. It's green, it's wide and it's some of the best hospitality you'll find anywhere in the world.*

*The Borgata is the most elegant collection of eclectic stores in the Valley. Paradise Hills, the Bel-Air of the Southwest, is on your left. Continue north and you're in McCormick Ranch. You'd swear you were in Shaker Heights! To your right are the McDowell Mountains.*

*In the Kierlan area, you'll find nightclubs. In Gainey Ranch, trendy shops. At Bell Road, you've a choice. Make a right and it's called Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. Take a left, it's just Bell.*

*Either way, the beauty continues. Go east a ways and you'll hit Cave Creek Road going north. Here, it becomes more middle class. At Tatum Road, you drive miles seeing untouched chaparral dotted with cacti. At Cave Creek, you find the real West—quiet, small town feel, independent. There's a couple of great biker bars, mom and pop places and a slice of the real outlaw. Best of all, we're 2,500 feet above sea level and it's much cooler.*

*Drive south on Carefree Desert Scenic Highway in deepest North Scottsdale and you're again looking at designer homes. With each new, high-line home being built, you can see how the Northeast Valley is on the move.*



El Polregal, Cave Creek

## Northeast Valley

### Anthem

Here's another master-planned community developed by Del Webb where you can live the "country club" life within a small town atmosphere. There are two golf courses and two new schools. The place also has many family-oriented amenities.

### Carefree

Separated by the Continental Mountains from Cave Creek, this community features beautiful homes in a wonderful setting close to the Tonto National Forest. Here sits the better heeled community than its neighbor...

### Cave Creek

First settled in 1870, this community has views, vistas and character. It's more eclectic here in the retail district and a place where real cowboys, rather than urban ones, hoist a glass. Cave Creek and Carefree are two great Southwest communities here in the northeast section of the Valley and prime reasons why you should move here.

### Fountain Hills

Located in the McDowell Mountains, this community features a 500' fountain. The town was originally founded in 1970 as a master-planned community. Today, however, it's more a mix. Retirees, young professionals, execs and young families are drawn



Fountain Hills



to the small-town, residential feel of the place. Fountain Hills High is a superior school.

The city even has a family practice clinic operated by the famous Mayo Clinic.

### Paradise Valley

Surrounded by Scottsdale, Paradise Valley has the most expensive housing in the market. Multi-million dollar homes are the rule rather than the exception. Two other communities—Greater Paradise Valley and the Town of Paradise Valley—are primarily residential. It's an exclusive area populated by athletes and masters of the universe.

# Northeast Valley

## Rio Verde and Tonto Verde

North of Fountain Hills and east of Scottsdale are these two upscale, adult communities. They are secluded and pristine, yet only a short drive to Scottsdale. You'll find many custom homes punctuated by golf courses here in this desert and fairway community.



*Grayhawk Country Club, Scottsdale*



*Taleen West*

## Scottsdale

Simply stated, Scottsdale is one of the best addresses in town. It's fancy, it's artistic and it's got it all—great schools, extensive medical facilities, the finest shopping, the best resorts and private golf clubs and thousands of upscale housing choices.

### North Scottsdale

Willie Nelson once sang, "If you've got the money, honey, I've got the time." Well, here, they've got both. Million dollar home sites, estates and master-planned communities make coming home here (even if it is only your winter home) a dream. When you say you live in Troon, McDowell Mountain Ranch or Grayhawk, it means one thing: You have arrived.



*Overlooking the city from the north*



*Scottsdale*



# West Valley

## Overview

Perhaps the best thing to hit the Southwest Valley is the new community of Estrella Mountain Ranch. Starting at the airport, we drive west on I-10 past land that twenty years ago were dusty cotton fields or farms. This used to be the end of the earth on the road to Los Angeles or Yuma.

But, Phoenix is growing and changing for the better.

We turn at Goodyear at Exit 126 and go south onto access roads where street lights have just been installed.

Just off the Interstate, tract houses line newly minted surface streets. Elaborate landscaping dots the new developments. Fifty laborers are constructing homes. Look right and see cotton plants across from the airplane graveyard. Look ahead to the Sierra Estrella foothills and drive into a Jack Nicklaus II golf course and yacht club. A yacht club? Yes, there's 70 acres of lakeside property here! An amphitheater, too. And today, a country fair with ferris wheel for the kids.

It's a beautiful setting in a gorgeous master-planned community.

And only 20 miles west of downtown Phoenix. There's new schools and a new hospital and essential services ready to meet you.

Now, drive north into Litchfield Park and you're at the Wigwam Resort. Here's a resort that can say it started it all. It's a mature community with low slung red tile roof adobe homes adjacent to a golf course. Today, they've blocked off the main road for a holiday festival and carnival. Someone has trucked in snow and the kids are throwing snowballs. It's 70 degrees outside—in December!

Finally, take Thunderbird Road east of 51st Avenue and you'll see the Arizona State University campus and many medical facilities. The campus stretches on for miles out here where the lots are larger and horses graze. Go further and you'll hit the big box retailers before snagging the I-17 exchange.

Here, too, is an area of old and new that blends together.

## West Valley

### Avondale

This Southwest community is the home of the Phoenix International Raceway, home of two NASCAR races in 2007. Once an "ag hub," Avondale now has 12,000 housing units planned plus new commercial and industrial centers building in lockstep. It's inexpensive and yet freeway close.

### Buckeye

Largely rural and inexpensive, Buckeye is a long-time farming and cotton community facing a new future. With civic leaders offering tax credits and incentives for industry seeking relocation, Buckeye is poised to morph into an area with a central business district and an economy that's breathes more than its signature Pima cotton.

### El Mirage

Inexpensive and growing rapidly, it's an area of new subdivisions. This area near Loop 101 and along the western banks of the Agua Fria River is small-town and friendly.

### Estrella

This 40 square mile community has a lot of diversity. There are 50 year-old modest homes for about 20 blocks. Then, there are new subdivisions with every possible amenity. Finally, large parcels of undeveloped land await the carpenter's hammer.

### Glendale

This diverse community has a historic downtown center known for its antique shopping. About 5,000 employees from nearby Luke Air Force Base live here as well. Thousands of college-educated persons who work in the high-tech and industrial corporations also call Glendale home. Housing is affordable and the economic base strong.

The addition of two major stadium complexes plus a new Spring Training baseball stadium for the Los Angeles Dodgers is rapidly transforming this community into a 'live-work-play' destination.



Arizona Cardinals in their new Glendale Stadium



The new Westgate mixed-use center in Glendale



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# West Valley

## Goodyear

Goodbye, cotton! Hello, neighborhoods! Certainly, this Southwest Valley community benefits from major employers like Lockheed Martin, the United States military and its "last stop before LA" location.

New, master-planned communities like Estrella Mountain Ranch are making this area hum with upscale, family excitement. It's a far cry from the town's founding nearly 90 years ago when the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company bought farmland here to grow cotton for its tire cords.

## Laveen

Here in the Southwest Valley, Laveen sits between the Salt River and South Mountain. Long an agricultural stalwart in an area of rural beauty, it's been "horse country" for decades. The development on more than 20 miles of undeveloped land will help shape the community for the next decade.

## Litchfield Park

This area is known for the Wildlife World Zoo and the historic Wigwam Resort Hotel. Slightly north and east of Goodyear, the hotel originally opened during the Depression to service Goodyear Tire execs. It's a clean, well-maintained community here.

## Peoria

Known for its good schools, affordability and central location, this community is also the Spring Training baseball home to the San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners. This West Valley city has benefited greatly by the opening of Loop 101, which opened the community up to convenience.



Glendale



The community of Glendale's economic base is strong, given its sports and retail complexes

## Sun City

Built nearly 45 years ago and one of the original retirement communities, Sun City is a senior master-planned community with legs. It's got more golf carts than sin and a quiet, slower-paced approach to the world.



Sun City



West Valley

## Sun City West

Built in 1978, this area is slightly more upscale. No kids are allowed and you must be older than 45 years old to live here.

## Surprise

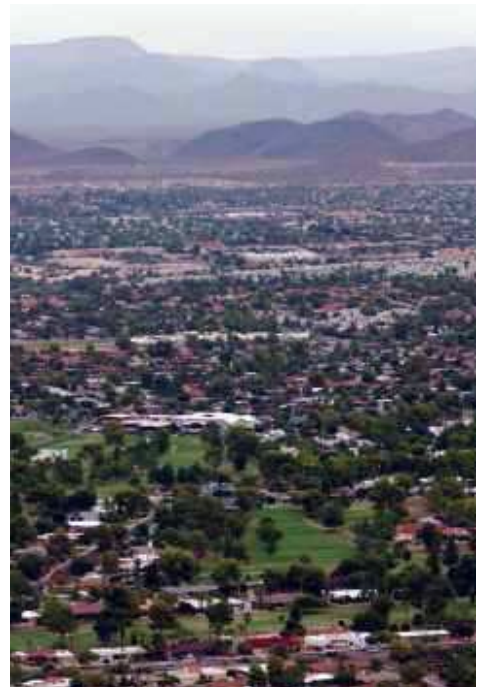
This quickly growing community is expected to add 50,000 new housing units within the next ten years. Plus, Del Webb's 4,000 acre master-planned Sun City Grand caters to mature adults. Surprise is deep in the Northwest Valley and its moderate housing prices will continue to act as a magnet for residents, retailers and industry.

## Tolleson

An inexpensive, convenient community, Tolleson has an industrial and commercial business base with a Midwestern friendliness and small-town approach.

## Wickenburg

About an hour north of Phoenix on I-17, Wickenburg is a bucolic area and recreational haven for boating, golfing and the quiet life. Situated just below mountain country and near the Hassayampa River ("following the water as far as it goes"), the town has many museums, galleries and dude ranches.



White Tank Mountains in the distance

## Senior Living

### Overview

*As you drive west on Bell Road to the end of the Northwest Valley, you clearly realize that Del Webb was a visionary. Imagine what this looked like forty years ago! Creating and building Sun City and its affiliated communities was a master stroke of genius.*

*So far away...and yet the community ultimately came to its door. Make no mistake, Sun City and Sun City West are a long ways away. One hundred fifty blocks away from Central Avenue or forty-five minutes from the airport.*

*You drive past Coyote Lakes Golf course and continue west in three-lane traffic. Resort condos...golf carts...RVs for sale...Lions and Kiwanis Club meeting dates...welcome to Sun City West. You drive a huge circle surrounded by pebble and stone landscaping, mature saguaros, drought resistant cacti and high stone walls. Inside the communities are thousands of one-story ranch houses with similar roofs. It's really inexpensive to live here.*

*Then, there's the keepers of the flame...dentists, doctors, financial planners, drug stores and rehabilitation facilities outnumber actual retail stores.*

*Drive further and there's the Del E. Webb Medical Plaza and Memorial Hospital and the Sun Health Campus. Here, gerontology is practiced every hour. This is an area that truly understands what mature adults want with its social programs, golf courses and health care for the "Greatest Generation."*

*Nearby is Sun Lakes—a 3,500-acre, resort-style master planned adult community that resembles a giant country club. Over 16,000 residents enjoy its many athletic and recreation facilities, beautiful clubhouses and various service clubs. Built by Robson Homes, Sun Lakes is the second largest adult living community in the Valley.*

*Drive east again and you'll see the new City of Surprise Recreation Center Spring Training ballparks. Here, the Texas Rangers and their American League rival Kansas City Royals get ready for the season.*

*And as you drive east still, you see endless building. Malls, plazas, hospitals, houses, apartments...all the infrastructure that Del Webb must have envisioned when he built it. Boy, did they come.*



The Valley has a long-history of catering to retirees—both "go-go" and "slow-go" types. From master-planned communities to an active volunteer force, senior living here is a special thing.

Who wouldn't want to live here? It's an inexpensive place to live and warm during the winter. It hardly ever rains. Get up and drive and by lunchtime you're in Sedona or the Grand Canyon or Lake Powell or Tucson. Most days during the year, you can attend a major league sporting event. Play a different golf course every day for seven months. Hop a plane at Sky Harbor and hit Vegas, San Diego or Salt Lake City in an hour. Or, just slow down a notch and enjoy the many activities of the "go-go" resort-style adult communities.

Senior citizens are moving out of the cold and congested rust belt states. The Census Bureau is projecting that the West will continue to lead the country in the growth of the senior population. Certainly, Phoenix and the state of Arizona will be major beneficiaries of that movement.

The "Greatest Generation" will be followed by Baby Boomers—who will redefine what growing old is all about. Forget rocking chairs. It's all going to be about taking college classes, traveling and staying active.

Perhaps that is why the Valley is a leading candidate for in-migration.

First, there are "go-go" facilities for the healthy, active and well heeled.

Then, there are "slow-go" assisted care facilities for those more dependent.

And then there's "no-go" for those in decline.

The Valley's multiple health care options are a key plus to moving here. Plus, a desire to stay away from nursing homes while relying on friends and family via home care will also play a part in relocation.

## Medical Services

Of course, Phoenix has many assisted living centers with thousands of units. Coupled with the Valley's excellent medical and healthcare communities, there's a place for you here.

The Valley is home to the world-famous Mayo Clinic and the Barrow Neurological Institute. Additionally, thousands of beds in world-class facilities are available to serve healthcare needs.

### METROPOLITAN PHOENIX

Estrella Medical Center  
9201 W. Thomas Rd  
602-495-4411

Good Samaritan Medical Center  
1111 E. McDowell Rd  
602-239-2000

Maricopa Medical Center  
2601 E. Roosevelt  
602-344-5011

Maryvale Hospital  
5102 W. Campbell Ave  
623-848-5000

Mayo Clinic Hospital  
5777 E. Mayo Blvd  
480-515-6296

North Mountain Hospital  
250 E. Dunlap Ave  
602-943-2381

Paradise Valley Hospital  
3929 E. Bell Rd., Phoenix  
602-923-5000

Phoenix Baptist Hospital  
2000 W. Bethany Home Rd  
602-546-1000

Phoenix Children's Hospital  
1919 E. Thomas Rd  
602-546-1000

Phoenix Indian Medical Center  
4212 N. 16th St  
602-263-1200

Phoenix Memorial Hospital  
1201 S. 7th Ave  
602-258-5111

St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center  
Barrow Neurological Institute  
350 W. Thomas Rd  
602-406-3000

St. Luke's Medical Center  
1800 E. Van Buren  
602-251-8100

### EAST VALLEY

Baywood Medical Center  
6644 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa  
480-981-2000

Chandler Regional Hospital  
475 S. Dobson Rd., Chandler  
480-963-4561

Desert Medical Center  
1400 S. Dobson Rd., Mesa  
480-512-3000

Mesa Medical Center  
1010 N. Country Club Dr., Mesa  
480-834-1211

Mesa General Hospital  
N. Mesa Dr., Chandler  
480-969-9111

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital  
1500 S. Mill Ave., Tempe  
480-784-5500

### NORTHEAST VALLEY

Scottsdale Healthcare  
7400 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale  
480-675-4000

Scottsdale Healthcare  
1500 S. Mill Ave., Tempe  
480-860-3000

Scottsdale Healthcare  
7400 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Scottsdale  
480-675-4636

Scottsdale Rehabilitation Hospital  
9630 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale  
480-551-5400

### WEST VALLEY

Arrowhead Community Hospital  
18701 N. 67th Ave., Glendale  
623-561-1000

Boswell Memorial Hospital  
10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City  
623-977-7211

Thunderbird Medical Center  
5555 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale  
602-865-5555

Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital  
14502 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West  
623-214-4000

### VA HOSPITALS

Hayden VA Medical Center  
650 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix  
602-277-5551/www.va.gov/vs18

VA Southwest Health Care Network  
950 E. Williams Field Rd., Mesa  
602-222-2681/www.va.gov/vs18



# Education

The public school system in Maricopa County serves more than 625,000 students. Additionally, there are about 130 private, parochial, charter and college pre-boarding schools serving tens of thousands of other children.

Valley schools commence in mid-August and end in late May. Registration, at each school, starts about August 1. You'll need to bring a birth certificate for age certification; immunization records signed by a physician's office and a utility or telephone bill to authenticate your address.

If your child is entering K-1, and your immunizations are incomplete, you'll have two weeks to complete the missing shots. Also, your child will need a health checkup.

The state Department of Education has a series of standardized tests students must take to determine if they, and their schools, are achieving performance minimums.

Below is a breakdown of selected schools in Maricopa County and their scores relative to students throughout the state.

## School Districts —

For a complete list of school districts, contacts, addresses, zip codes, phone numbers and maps, visit:  
[www.ade.az.gov/edd/eddList.asp](http://www.ade.az.gov/edd/eddList.asp).

Last year, Department of Education Superintendent Tom Horne identified three areas of focus: parental involvement; good attendance and homework completion.

Scores in the core subjects listed below have improved dramatically the last three years. Local schools are improving to provide businesses with a workforce ready for the demands of tomorrow.

## 2005-2006 Arizona School Report Card Grade 12 Summary Results

	UP / P+ / HP / E*	Zip	2005 Enrollment	Mathematics Mean Score	Reading Mean Score	Writing Mean Score
Paradise Valley	HP	85032	1,843	709	710	683
South Mountain	P+	85040	2,149	683	680	669

### EAST VALLEY

Apache Junction	HP	85220	1,608	706	718	701
Chandler	E	85225	3,060	713	715	692
Compadre	P+	85283	183	676	681	660
Dobson	E	85202	2,366	<b>730</b>	718	691
Gilbert	E	85296	3,198	<b>730</b>	722	703
Hamilton	E	85248	2,975	725	729	710
Highland	E	85234	2,662	<b>735</b>	729	708
Mesa	HP	85204	2,672	718	712	688
Mesquite	E	85233	3,140	725	722	700
Mountain View	E	85213	2,776	<b>733</b>	729	707
Queen Creek	P+	85242	1,213	690	702	685
Tempe	P+	85281	1,365	685	683	665
Westwood	P+	85201	2,263	700	694	671

### NORTHEAST VALLEY

Chaparral	E	85253	1,849	<b>733</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>715</b>
Fountain Hills	E	85268	881	721	<b>734</b>	<b>714</b>
Saguaro	E	85250	1,748	717	727	708

### WEST PHOENIX

Cactus	HP	85306	1,805	720	714	<b>697</b>
Cesar Chavez	P+	85339	2,680	681	683	673
Glendale	HP	85301	1,617	700	689	678
Ironwood	E	85304	2,140	720	<b>724</b>	<b>707</b>
Moon Valley	E	85029	1,753	722	709	<b>692</b>
Peoria	HP	85345	2,185	708	707	699
Tolleson Union	P+	85353	1,986	686	687	670
Washington	HP	85021	1,612	713	697	<b>682</b>
West Phoenix	P+	85019	672	658	651	641
Westview	HP	85353	2,323	703	709	<b>691</b>
Wickenburg	HP	85390	606	714	705	674

Source: AZ Dept of Education, Spring 2007

## 2005-2006 Arizona School Report Card Summary Results

State	Mathematics		Reading		Writing	
	# Tested	Mean Score	Tested	Mean Score	Tested	Mean Score
State	<b>71,130</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>73,018</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>72,810</b>	<b>685</b>

### Individual High Schools/Performance/Zip Code/Enrollment

	UP / P+ / HP / E*	Zip	2005 Enrollment	Mathematics Mean Score	Reading Mean Score	Writing Mean Score
<b>METROPOLITAN PHOENIX</b>						
Alhambra	P+	85019	2,840	683	679	668
Trevor Browne	P+	85033	2,774	681	682	669
Camelback	P+	85016	2,087	679	677	658
Central	P+	85012	2,322	689	685	673
Desert Vista	E	85044	2,935	<b>744</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>720</b>
Maryvale	P+	85033	2,536	679	675	664
Metro Tech	P+	85015	2,464	685	684	676
Mountain Pointe	E	85044	2,501	717	<b>728</b>	698
North	P+	85014	2,460	694	693	673

**Bold Numbers** represents 5% above State Mean.

\* Under Performing (**UP**) or Performing Plus (**P+**) or Highly Performing (**HP**) or Excelling (**E**). Percentages may not add up to 100% because of rounding.

For a report card of other schools, visit online at [www.ade.az.gov/srscs/find\\_school.asp](http://www.ade.az.gov/srscs/find_school.asp)

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**Maricopa County Public School Districts**

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Phoenix  
602-506-3866

**Agua Fria Union High School**  
750 East Riley Drive, Avondale  
623-932-7000

**Alhambra Elementary District**  
1575 W. Southern Ave.,  
Apache Junction  
602-336-2920

**Apache Junction Unified District**  
1575 W. Southern Ave.,  
Apache Junction  
480-982-1110

**Arlington Elementary District**  
16351 Arlington School Road, Arlington  
512-386-2031

**Avondale Elementary District**  
235 West Western Avenue, Avondale  
623-772-5000

**Balsz Elementary District**  
4825 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix  
602-629-6400

**Buckeye Elementary District**  
210 So. 6th St., Buckeye  
623-386-4487

**Buckeye Union High District**  
902 Eason Ave., Buckeye  
623-386-9701

**Cartwright Elementary District**  
3401 No 67th Ave., Phoenix  
623-691-4000

**Cave Creek Unified District**  
33606 N. 60th St., Cave Creek  
480-575-2000

**Chandler Unified District**  
1525 West Fry Rd., Chandler  
480-812-7000

**Creighton Elementary District**  
2702 E. Flower St., Phoenix  
602-381-6000

**Deer Valley Unified District**  
20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix  
623-445-5000

**Dysart Unified District**  
11405 N. Dysart Rd., El Mirage  
623-876-7000

**East Valley Institute**  
1601 W. Main St., Mesa  
480-461-4173

**Fountain Hills Unified District**  
16000 Palisades Blvd.,  
Fountain Hills  
480-664-5000

**Fowler Elementary District**  
1617 S. 67th Ave., Phoenix  
623-707-4500

**Gilbert Unified District**  
140 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert  
480-497-3300

**Glendale Elementary District**  
7301 N. 58th Ave., Glendale  
623-842-8100

**Glendale Union High District**  
7650 N. 43rd Ave., Glendale  
623-435-6000

**Higley Unified District**  
15201 S. Higley Rd., Higley  
480-279-7000

**Isaac Elementary District**  
348 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix  
602-484-4700

**Kyrene School District**  
8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe  
480-783-4000

**Laveen Elementary District**  
9401 So. 51 Ave., Laveen  
602-237-9100

**Liberty Elementary School District**  
19818 W. Highway 85, Buckeye  
623-327-2940

**Litchfield Elementary District**  
553 Plaza Circle, Litchfield Park  
623-535-6000

**Madison Elementary District**  
5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix  
602-664-7900

**Maricopa County Regional District**  
358 N. 5th Ave., Phoenix  
602-452-4700

**Mesa Elementary District**  
63 E. Main St., Mesa  
480-472-0000

**Murphy Elementary District**  
615 W. Buckeye Rd., Phoenix  
602-353-5000

**Osborn Elementary District**  
1226 W. Osborn Rd., Phoenix  
602-707-2000

**Palo Verde Elementary District**  
10700 S. Palo Verde Rd.,  
Palo Verde  
623-386-4461

**Paradise Valley Unified School District**  
15002 N. 32nd St., Phoenix  
602-867-5100

**Pendergast Elementary District**  
3802 N. 91st Ave., Phoenix  
623-772-2200

**Peoria Unified District**  
6330 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale  
623-486-6000

**Phoenix Elementary District**  
1817 N. 7th St., Phoenix  
602-257-3755

**Queen Creek Unified School District**  
20435 S. Ellsworth, Queen Creek  
480-987-5900

**Riverside Elementary District**  
1414 S. 51st Ave., Phoenix  
602-272-1339

**Roosevelt Elementary District**  
6000 S. 7th St., Phoenix  
602-243-4800

**Saddle Mountain Unified District**  
38201 W. Indian School Rd., Tonopah  
623-386-5688

**Scottsdale Unified District**  
3811 N. 44th St., Phoenix  
480-484-6100

**Tempe Elementary District**  
3205 S. Rural Rd., Tempe  
480-730-7100

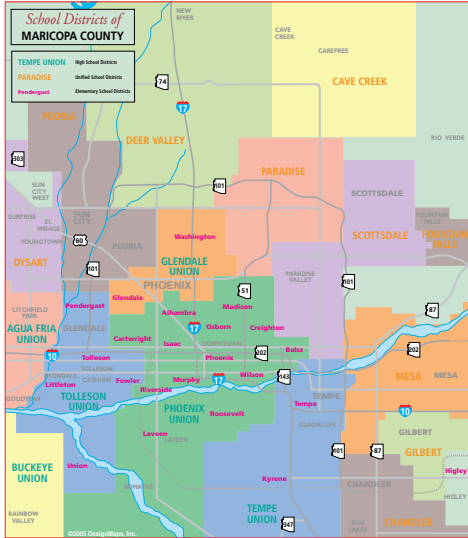
**Tempe Union High District**  
500 W. Guadalupe Rd., Tempe  
80-839-0292

**Tolleson Union High District**  
9419 Van Buren, Tolleson  
623-478-4000

**Union Elementary District**  
3834 S. 91st Ave., Tolleson  
623-936-8711

**Washington Elementary School District**  
8610 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix  
602-347-2600

**Wilson Elementary District**  
3025 E. Fillmore St., Phoenix  
602-681-2200





# Education

## Higher Education

### Universities and Community Colleges

Arizona has three state universities. They are Arizona State University in Tempe and Phoenix, the University of Arizona in Tucson and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

These three institutions serve 110,000 graduate and undergraduate students from six separate campuses. Here's a breakdown on each:

**Arizona State University**  
University and Mill Avenue, Tempe  
480-965-9011  
www.asu.edu

Founded in 1885 as a teacher's college, ASU serves 57,000 students from its Downtown, Tempe, Northwest Phoenix and Mesa campuses. The university is one of the premier metropolitan public universities in America.

Last year, philanthropist Julie Ann Wrigley bestowed a founding gift of \$15 million to create the International Institute for Sustainability to study ecological, economic and societal issues that play a vital role in the viability of the planet.

**The University of Arizona**  
Tucson  
520-621-2211  
www.arizona.edu

With 12 schools, 18 colleges, 300 degrees and 34,000 students, the University of Arizona is one of the top-ranked research facilities in the nation. Its faculty includes several Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, 15 elected members of the National Academy of Sciences, three MacArthur "Genius" Award recipients and a Vetlesen Prize winner.

The university is located in Tucson, a beautiful town located just two hours south of Phoenix.

**Northern Arizona University**  
South San Francisco Street, Flagstaff  
928-523-9011  
www.nau.edu

With 18,000 students, one-third of them pursuing graduate degrees, NAU has 1,100 full- and part-time faculty members to provide a more personalized teaching and learning atmosphere.

Located in Flagstaff, named "The Second Best Place in America to Live," by Men's Journal magazine, mild summers, winter snows and ever-changing topography give the place a distinctive feel. Nearly half the students live on campus in this town of 60,000. The school offers 100 undergraduate and 55 graduate degrees and its low tuition fees make it an excellent value.

### Maricopa County Community Colleges

480-731-8000  
www.copa.edu

Last year, 250,000 students attended ten community college campuses and two skill centers located throughout the Valley to take specialized classes to meet professional and personal needs.

Originally founded in 1920 at the Phoenix Community College location, the institution

strives to provide a smooth transition to four-year institutions. The district also provides certificates and degrees to train, retrain and provide local businesses with a more educated workforce.

**Estrella Mountain**  
Avondale  
623-935-8000

**Southwest Skill Center**  
Avondale  
623-535-2700

**Chandler-Gilbert**  
Chandler  
480-732-7000

**Glendale**  
Glendale  
623-845-3000

**Mesa**  
Mesa  
480-461-7000

**GateWay**  
Phoenix  
602-286-8000

**Maricopa Skill Center**  
Phoenix  
602-238-4300

**Paradise Valley**  
Phoenix  
602-787-6500

**Phoenix**  
Phoenix  
602-285-7500

**South Mountain**  
Phoenix  
602-243-8000

**Scottsdale**  
Scottsdale  
480-423-6000

**Rio Salado**  
Tempe  
480-517-8540

### Private Universities

**Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture**  
Cactus Rd & Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.,  
Scottsdale  
480-860-2700  
www.franklloydwright.org

Two degrees are offered at this renowned and experimental program located at Taliesin West: a Bachelor of Architectural Studies and a Master of Architecture.

**Grand Canyon University**  
3300 Camelback Rd., Phoenix  
602-249-3300  
www.gcu.edu  
Providing a quality Christian education for over 50 years, Grand Canyon University has four separate colleges: Education, Liberal

Arts and Sciences, Nursing and the Ken Blanchard College of Business. Over 3,000 students are enrolled at this private Baptist-heritage school.

**Thunderbird University**  
The Garvin School of International Management  
15249 N. 59th Ave., Glendale  
602-978-7000  
www.t-bird.edu

Rated as America's finest international MBA program by U.S. News and World Report and #1 in Global Business by the Wall Street Journal. 34,000 alumni from 60 countries have graduated from this prestigious private school since its founding in 1946.

### Vocational, Technical and Career Institutes

Dozens of for-profit technical, vocational and specialized institutes also call the Valley home. These schools teach specialized courses in computers, culinary arts, healing arts, herbal medicine, court reporting, homeopathy, automotive and CADD.



Arizona State University Library, Tempe

# Attractions

When it comes to attractions and entertainment, Phoenix is a major league town in aces. For starters, there's the Four Aces of professional sports—the 2001 World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball Club; the NFL Phoenix Cardinals; the Phoenix Suns of the NBA and the Phoenix Coyotes of the NHL.

Next, college football's Fiesta Bowl, held in Sun Devil Stadium at Arizona State University, is a week-long December party and parade of top pigskin talent culminating in a key New Year's Day matchup.

In January, the PGA sanctioned FBR Open, held at the Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale, visits the Valley. And the LPGA tourney, the Safeway International at Superstition Mountain, draws the world's best female golfers each March.

There's NASCAR, horse and greyhound racing, the Arizona State Fair, the Phoenix Zoo, Tempe Festival of the Arts, casino games and, of course, Spring Training major league baseball.

Each February, the Valley hosts nine separate clubs, including the 1908 World Champion Chicago Cubs; the San Francisco Giants; Oakland A's; San Diego Padres; Seattle Mariners; Texas Rangers; KC Royals; Milwaukee Brewers; and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. For six glorious weeks, day baseball under the sun rules. Players sign autographs. Volunteers grill brats. Tickets are cheap and all 7,000 seats have great sight lines. Will 2007 finally be the Cubs year?

Symphony Hall, the historic Orpheum Theatre and the Herberger Theater Center feature world-class opera, musicals, theatre and dance presentations. Nearly one half million persons visited these wonderful facilities last year.

Phoenix also has a world-class music scene. Each year, hundreds of rock, pop, country and hip hop acts play in dozens of large venues and small clubs throughout the Valley.

Then, there's art. The ASU Galleries and Collections; the Phoenix Art Museum; the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art and Taliesin West (part of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation) highlight the Valley's cultural strength.

Finally, there's landmarks. The Arizona Biltmore Resort remains the "Jewel of the Desert" with its Frank Lloyd Wright design, gardens, swimming pools, gourmet dining and an inspired golf course. The Wrigley Mansion, in its seventh decade, is the former 16,000 square foot, 24-bedroom, 12-bath winter home of the chewing gum magnate. And St. Mary's Basilica on North Third Street was founded in 1881 and is the oldest Catholic Church in Phoenix.



Heard Museum

## Metropolitan Phoenix

**Arizona Biltmore**  
2400 E. Missouri Ave.  
602-955-6600

**Arizona Mineral Museum**  
1502 W. Washington, Phoenix  
602-255-3791

**Arizona State Capitol Museum**  
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix  
602-542-4675

**George Washington Carver Museum**  
415 E. Grant St., Phoenix  
602-254-7516

**Central Library**  
1221 N. Central Ave.  
602-262-4636  
Arizona-inspired architecture creates a spectacular main reading and lending facility in the heart of downtown Phoenix.

**Heard Museum**  
2301 N. Central Ave.  
602-252-8840  
Traditional and contemporary Native American art is exhibited at this world-class museum.

## Downtown Historic District

North Fifth through Seventh Streets  
Six key historic buildings define the city's original settlement. Included are the Arizona Doll & Toy Museum; Arizona Science Center; Heritage Square; Lathe House Pavilion; Phoenix Museum of History and the Rosson House Museum.

**Orpheum Theatre**  
203 W. Adams St.  
602-534-4874  
This 75 year-old Spanish-style theatre has been restored in recent years and placed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Pueblo Grande Museum**  
4619 E. Washington St.  
602-495-0901  
Hohokam ruins are included in the Valley's only National Historic Landmark.

**Tovrea Castle**  
5041 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix  
602-262-6412  
Oddly beautiful tiered home surrounded by a hill of cacti!

**Wrigley Mansion**  
2501 E. Telawa Trail, Phoenix  
602-955-4079

## East Valley

**Arizona Historical Foundation**  
Hayden Library, ASU, Tempe  
480-966-8331  
Barry Goldwater's papers housed here.

**Arizona Historical Society Museum**  
1300 N. College Ave., Tempe  
480-929-0292

**ASU Anthropology Museum**  
ASU, Tempe  
480-965-6213

**ASU Museum of Geology**  
ASU, Tempe  
480-965-7065

# Cultural Facilities

## Music and Theatre

### Downtown

**US Airways Center**  
201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix  
602-379-7800  
Seats 16,000

**Dodge Theatre**  
400 W. Washington St., Phoenix  
602-379-2800

**Herberger Theater**  
222 E. Monroe, Phoenix  
602-254-7399

**H. K. Mason Center for the Performing Arts**  
333 E. Portland St., Phoenix  
602-258-8128

**Phoenix Symphony Hall**  
225 E. Adams St., Phoenix  
602-495-1999

**Phoenix Theatre**  
100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix  
602-254-2151

**Playhouse on the Park**  
1850 N. Central Ave., Phoenix  
602-264-0402

**Symphony Hall Terrace**  
225 E. Adams St., Phoenix  
602-534-4874

### East Valley

**Chandler**  
**Arrowhead Meadows Park**  
1475 E. Erie St., Chandler  
480-782-2727

**Chandler Center for the Arts**  
250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler  
480-782-2680

## Chandler Museum

178 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler  
480-782-2717

**Mesa Historical Museum**  
2345 N. Horne St., Mesa  
480-835-7358

**Mesa Southwest Museum**  
53 N. MacDonald St., Mesa  
480-644-2169

**Peterson House Museum**  
1414 W. Southern Ave., Tempe  
480-350-5151

**Tempe Historical Museum**  
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe  
480-350-5100

## Northeast Valley

**Cave Creek Museum**  
6140 E. Skyline Dr., Cave Creek  
480-488-2764

**Heard Museum-North**  
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale  
480-488-9817

**Scottsdale Historical Museum**  
7333 E. Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale  
480-945-4499

**Sylvia Plotkin Judaica Museum**  
Temple Beth Israel  
10460 N. 56th St., Scottsdale  
480-951-0323

## West Valley

**The Bead Museum**  
5754 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale  
623-931-2737

**Historic Sahuaro Ranch**  
9802 N. 59th Ave., Glendale  
623-930-4200

# Parks & Preserves

## Mesa

**Mesa Amphitheater**  
201 N. Center St., Mesa  
480-644-2560

**Mesa Centennial Center**  
263 N. Center St., Mesa  
480-644-2178

**Tempe**  
**Gammage Center**  
**For the Performing Arts**  
ASU, Tempe  
480-965-3434

**Lyceum Theatre**  
ASU, Galvin Playhouse, Tempe  
480-965-5337

**Lyric Opera Theatre**  
ASU, Tempe  
480-965-6447

**Marquee Theatre**  
730 N. Mill Ave., Tempe  
480-829-0607

**Performing Arts Center**  
132 E. 6th St., Tempe  
480-350-5287

**Wells Fargo Arena**  
ASU, Tempe  
480-965-5062

## Northeast Valley

**Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center**  
33606 N. 60th St., Cave Creek  
480-488-1981



## Scottsdale

**El Pedregal Festival Marketplace**  
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale  
480-488-1072

**Kerr Cultural Center**  
6110 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale  
480-596-2660

**Scottsdale Center for the Arts**  
7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale  
480-994-ARTS

**Stagebrush Theatre**  
7020 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale  
480-990-7405

## West Valley

**Cricket Pavilion**  
2121 N. 83rd Ave., Phoenix  
602-254-7200  
This large amphitheater features major rock, pop and country music acts.

**Jobing.com Glendale Arena**  
9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale  
623-772-3200  
Home of the NHL Phoenix Coyotes

**Sun City West**  
**Sundome Center for Performing Arts**  
19403 R. H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West  
623-975-1900

## ART MUSEUMS

### Phoenix

**Phoenix Art Museum**  
1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix  
602-257-1222

**Shemer Art Center & Museum**  
5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix  
602-262-4727

## East Valley

**Arizona Museum for Youth**  
35 N. Robson, Mesa  
480-644-2467

**Mesa Contemporary Arts**  
155 N. Center, Mesa  
480-644-2056

## Northeast Valley

**Scottsdale**  
**Gallerie Judaica**  
Temple Beth Israel  
10460 N. 56th St., Scottsdale  
480-951-0323

**Museum of Contemporary Art**  
7374 East 2nd St., Scottsdale  
480-994-ARTS

**Taliesin West**  
Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation  
Cactus Rd & FLW Blvd., Scottsdale  
480-860-8810

## West Valley

**Surprise**  
**West Valley Art Museum**  
17420 N. Avenue of the Arts  
Surprise  
623-972-0635

And while we're on the subject...

**Arizona Commission on the Arts**  
602-255-5882  
www.azarts.gov

Finally, to get tickets to many of these venues, contact:

**TicketMaster**  
480-784-4444  
www.ticketmaster.com

## METROPOLITAN PHOENIX

**Dreamy Draw Recreation Area**  
421 E. Northern Ave.  
602-262-7901

**Echo Canyon Recreation Area**  
McDonald Drive & Tatum  
602-256-3220  
Camelback Mountain and miles of hiking trails are located here.

**Papago Park**  
Van Buren & Galvin Parkway  
602-256-3220  
Geological rock towers are located above 1,200 acres of hills, mountains, hiking, museums and golf.

**Phoenix Zoo**  
455 N. Galvin Parkway  
602-273-1341  
Named "One of the Top Five Best Zoos for Families and Kids," by *Child* magazine, the Phoenix Zoo is home to more than 1,200 animals. Check out the Monkey Village, a 10,000 square foot exhibit. The zoo also houses 200 endangered or threatened species.

**South Mountain Park & Preserve**  
10919 S. Central Ave., Phoenix  
602-495-0222  
Encompassing over 16,000 acres of plant and wild life, this is America's largest municipal park.

**Arizona Desert Botanical Gardens**  
1201 N. Galvin Parkway  
480-941-8134  
Adjacent to the zoo, "The Garden" features one of the largest desert plant collections in the world.



**Northeast Valley**  
**Cave Creek Recreation Area**  
7019 N. Lava Lane, Cave Creek  
623-465-0431

**McDowell Mountain Park**  
15612 E. Palisades Dr., Fountain Hills  
480-471-0173

**East Valley**  
**Mesa Community College Rose Garden**  
1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa  
480-461-7000  
The best rose garden in Arizona.



**Usery Mountain Regional Park**  
3939 N. Usery Pass Rd., Mesa  
480-084-0032

**West Valley**  
**Boyce Thompson Arboretum**  
37615 U.S. Hwy 60, Superior  
520-689-2811  
Arizona's largest and oldest botanical garden.

**Estrella Mountain Regional Park**  
14805 W. Vineyard Ave., Goodyear  
623-932-3811

**White Tank Regional Park**  
13025 N. White Tank Mtn Rd., Waddell  
623-935-2505  
Maricopa County's largest park stretches 30,000 acres.

For more information on local parks and recreation, contact: [www.phoenix.gov/parks](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks)

## NATIONAL PARKS

For more information on national parks and monuments located in Arizona such as the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Petrified Forest, and Saguaro National Park, visit the National Park Service web site at: [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

# Golf

With more than 200 local courses and both men’s and ladies’ PGA tour stops, Phoenix has been named the “Golf Capital of the World.” Here’s a breakdown of the best public 18-hole golf courses. For a complete listing, including private courses, ask your Realtor.

Course	Par	Yardage	Non-resident WkDay WkEnd Fees with Cart
METROPOLITAN PHOENIX			
Arizona Biltmore Country Club 24th St & E. Missouri Ave., 602-955-9655 Adobe Course	72	6,449	175/175
Adobe, the Valley's first 18-hole course, has been played by Presidents and duffers alike for seventy years. Links Course	71	6,300	175/175
Encanto Park Golf Course 2705 No. 15th Ave., 602-253-3963	70	6,386	50/50
Foothills Golf Club 2201 E. Clubhouse Dr., Ahwatukee, 480-460-4653 Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morris designed course.	72	6,968	105/109
Legacy Golf Resort 6808 S. 32nd St., 602-305-5500	71	6,765	139/149
Lookout Mountain Golf Club Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort 11111 N. 7th St., 602-866-6356	72	6,607	145/159
Maryville Municipal Golf Course 5902 W. Indian School Rd., 623-846-4022 Designed by William F. Bell, creator of La Jolla's Torrey Pines, site of the 2008 U. S. Open.	72	6,539	50/50
Papago Golf Course 5595 E. Moreland St., 602-275-8428 Also designed by Mr. Bell.	72	7,068	50/50
Raven Golf Club at South Mountain 3636 E. Baseline Rd., 602-243-3636 Ranked #1 course in Phoenix, by <i>Golf Digest</i> .	72	7,078	170/180
EAST VALLEY			
ASU Karsten Golf Course 1125 E. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, 480-921-8070	72	7,026	92/105
Dobson Ranch Golf Course 2155 So. Dobson Rd., Mesa, 480-644-2291	72	6,593	43/43
Johnson Ranch Golf Club 433 Golf Club Dr., Queen Creek, 480-987-9800	72	7,142	54/60
Las Sendas Golf Club 7555 E. Eagle Crest Dr., Mesa, 480-396-4000 Strategic Robert Trent Jones, Jr., designed course.	71	6,874	130/160
Links at Queen Creek 445 E. Ocotillo Rd., Queen Creek, 480-987-1910	70	6,100	40/48
Longbow Golf Club 5601 E. Longbow Pkwy., Mesa, 480-807-5400	71	7,003	109/109
Ocotillo Golf Club 3751 S. Clubhouse Dr., Chandler, 480-917-6660	72	7,016	175/175
Painted Mountain Golf Club 6210 E. McKellips Rd., Mesa, 480-832-0156	70	6,021	50/55



Course	Par	Yardage	Non-resident WkDay WkEnd Fees with Cart
NORTHEAST VALLEY			
Camelback Golf Club 5402 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, 480-596-7050 Club Course Resort Course	72 72	7,014 6,903	139/139 179/179
Cave Creek Golf Course 15202 No. 19th Ave., 602-866-8076 The most popular muni course in town. Excellent location with a great men's club.	72	6,876	50/50
Desert Ridge Golf Courses 5350 E. Marriott Dr., 480-473-0205 Nick Faldo Championship Course Arnold Palmer Signature Course These two distinctly different courses are located in the AAA Five Diamond J.W. Marriott Spa and Resort.	71 72	6,846 7,170	205/205 205/205
Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club 33244 No. Black Mtn. Pkwy., 480-473-1444 This gorgeous course was designed by Robert Trent Jones II.	72	7,011	120/135
Golf Club at Eagle Mountain 14915 E. Eagle Mtn. Pkwy., Fountain Hills, 480-816-1234 Voted "Best New Public Course" by <i>Arizona Republic</i> newspaper.	71	6,800	175/195
Kierland Golf Club 15636 No. Clubgate Dr., Scottsdale, 480-922-9283	72	6,974	199/199
Phoenician Golf Club 6000 E. Camelback, Scottsdale, 480-941-8200 Three separate nine-hole courses can be combined as you like.	70	6,068	199/199
Talking Stick Golf Club 9998 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, 480-860-2221 Designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore.	70	7,133	175/175
TPC of Scottsdale 17020 No. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, 480-585-4334 Stadium Course Desert Course Home of the PGA FBR Open, these Tom Weiskopf designed courses have hosted exhilarating championship rounds. The Desert Course is considered the best value in the Valley.	71	7,216 Closed till 11/07	249/249
WEST VALLEY			
Bougainvillea Golf Club 5740 W. Baseline Rd., Laveen, 602-237-4567	72	6,817	41/48
Corte Bella Golf Club 22131 No. Mission Dr., Sun City West, 623-556-8951	72	7,000	85/85
Desert Springs Golf at Sun City Grand 19900 Remington Dr., Surprise, 623-546-7400 Cimarron Course Three others are less challenging.	72	6,809	79/79
Hillcrest Golf Club 20002 No. Star Ridge Dr., Sun City West, 623-584-1500	72	7,002	80/80
Palm Valley Golf Club 22111 No. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, 623-935-2500 Palms Course Lakes Course	72 62	6,900 4,745	67/73 48/55

The FBR Open at TPC of Scottsdale boasts the highest attendance of any stop on the PGA tour.





# Sports and Recreation

Athletics is an obsession in the Valley. From October to March, you'll find thousands of seniors and kids in every type of activity. Here's where the biggest venues are located:

## U S Airways Center

201 E. Jefferson St.  
602-379-2000  
The Phoenix Suns of the NBA play at this recently renovated and renamed Downtown palace.

## ASU Activity Center

480-965-2381  
ASU Sun Devil Stadium  
Located in Tempe, this football stadium is part of a cluster of national-class athletic facilities located at the University. The university also has a beautiful aquatic center, soccer, baseball and softball parks plus a track and field center and an activity center housing the basketball field house.

## Chase Field

401 East Jefferson St.  
602-462-6000

## Firebird International Raceway

20000 So. Maricopa Rd., Chandler  
602-268-0200

## Jobing.com Arena

9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale  
623-772-3200  
The NHL's best arena plays host to the Phoenix Coyotes plus dozens of events and concerts.

## University of Phoenix Football Stadium

One Cardinals Drive, Glendale  
623-443-7000  
Bar none, the world's most innovative football stadium. Metropolitan Phoenix hosts the 2008 Super Bowl at this beautiful new facility.

## Phoenix Greyhound Park

3801 E. Washington St.  
602-273-7181

## Phoenix International Raceway

7602 So. Avondale Blvd., Avondale  
866-408-7223

## Turf Paradise

1501 W. Bell Rd.  
602-942-1101

## Professional Teams

### Arizona Cardinals (NFL)

623-443-7000

### Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB)

602-514-8400

### Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)

480-563-PUCK

### Phoenix Suns (NBA)

602-379-7867

### ASU Basketball (NCAA)

480-965-2381

### ASU Football (NCAA)

480-965-2381

## Major League Baseball Spring Training

Visit [www.mlb.com](http://www.mlb.com) for complete schedules and venues for the nine professional teams that conduct Spring Training in the Valley.



The Phoenix weather draws nine of baseball's Spring Training camps. In 2009, the Dodgers, White Sox and Indians will join the Cactus League festivities.

# Activities

## In the Air!

### Extreme Air Show Adventure

Williams Gateway Airport  
5865 S. Sossaman Rd., Mesa  
866-FLY-HARD

### Kingman Air & Auto Show

7000 Flightline Dr., Kingman  
Oct. 7 & 8  
928-692-9599

### Luke Air Force Base

623-856-1110  
[www.luke.af.mil](http://www.luke.af.mil)

### MCAS Yuma Air Show

Yuma  
928-269-3327

## On a Bike!

### Desert Classic (22 miles)

Beginner  
Pima Cyn lot at 48th & Guadalupe, Phoenix

### Mormon/National Trails

(28.6 miles) Advanced  
Pima Cyn lot at 48th & Guadalupe, Phoenix

### Trail 100 (21 miles)

Easy to Moderate Difficulty  
Take Piastewa Peak Freeway; exit at Northern Ave  
Follow signs to Dreamy Draw Recreation Center

## Up a Tree!

### Chiricahua Mountains

520-824-3560  
See owls, pronghorns, humming-birds, red-faced warblers, Mexican chickadees and red crossbills.

## Ramsey Canyon Preserve

520-378-2785

Famous for over 100 years, this 300-acre property is a popular bird-watching site throughout the spring and summer.

## On a Boat!

There's 150,000 registered boats and 364 square miles of inland water throughout the state. Here are some of our best sporting lakes:

### Lake Havasu

Open year-round, this state park has two areas for day use, camping and water-sports.

### Lake Mead

This national recreation area on the Colorado River is popular among boaters, fishermen, swimmers and RV'ers.

### Lake Powell

Nearly 190 miles long with almost 2,000 miles of coastline, Lake Powell's water is usually 80 degrees during the summer. Three full-service marinas service boaters and travelers.

### Roosevelt Lake

One of the largest man-made lakes in the world, Roosevelt Lake is the largest of the six Salt River Project lakes that cover more than 16,000 acres.

## In a Tent!

### Grand Canyon Camping

928-638-7875, [www.nps.gov/grca](http://www.nps.gov/grca)  
Angel Campground and all campgrounds in the inner canyon can be accessed here. Then, there's a forest service campground located in Tusayan, south of Grand Canyon Village. The Desert View Campground, located 25 miles east of Grand Canyon Village, is open mid-May through mid-October. The North Rim Campground is National Park Service operated and backcountry permits are available for cross-country skiers during the winter months.

### Kartchner Caverns State Park

Az Hwy 90, Benson  
520-586-2283  
[www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com)  
Considered one of the most colorful and varied limestone caverns in the world, this 2-1/2 mile long, 500,000 year-old living cave is located 160 miles south of Phoenix.

### Lost Dutchman State Park

6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, 480-982-4485

## On Foot!

Hundreds of trails exist throughout the state. Premier sites include the Coconino National Forest, Coronado National Forest, Tonto National Forest, South Mountain Park, Superstition Mountains, Camelback Mountain, and the Cave Creek Recreation Area.

Check out these web sites for more detailed information:  
[www.azhikers.com](http://www.azhikers.com);  
[www.hikearizona.com](http://www.hikearizona.com);  
[www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org);  
[www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org)

## In My Beautiful Balloon!

Dozens of private companies provide the hot air balloon experience. In fact, balloon pilots must have a commercial pilot's license, at least 35 hours of flight instruction, attend ground school for basic aviation training, pass a written test and pass a flight check from the FAA.

Check your Yellow Pages to go up, up and away.

## In Warm Bubbles!

Hot springs are created by warm groundwater that is heated from the interior of the earth. Here's the best:

### El Dorado Hot Springs

41225 E. Indian School Rd., Tonopah, 623-386-5412

### Kachina Mineral Springs Spa

1155 W. Cactus Rd., Safford  
928-428-7212

### Lake Mead National Park Service

601 Nevada Way, Boulder City  
702-293-8907, [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

### Roper Lake State Park

101 E. Roper Lake Rd., Safford  
928-428-6760  
[www.roperslake.com](http://www.roperslake.com)

### Agua Caliente Regional Park

12325 E. Roger Rd., Tucson  
[www.pima.gov](http://www.pima.gov)  
For over 5,500 years, humans have visited this warm spring site.

# Spectacular Day Trips

Step outside the Valley and explore the grandeur of Arizona's national parks and monuments.

## Casa Grande Ruins

Coolidge  
520-723-3172  
Learn the ways of the Valley's original Hohokam settlers, their villages, architecture and use of farming irrigation canals.

## Grand Canyon

928-638-7888  
www.nps.gov/grca  
Visiting this majestic, overwhelming creation is one of the great privileges of a lifetime. Walk the South Rim and hear a dozen languages being spoken. Drive your car an hour and realize you've hardly scratched the surface. Hike or ride a burro down the canyon and see mankind etched in rock. Tour the El Tovar Hotel and eat in the elegant dining room. Timeless in its beauty and ever changing in light and shadow, the Grand Canyon is ethereal.

## Jerome State Historic Park

Jerome  
928-634-5381  
This 100 year-old copper mining town is rich in character—and characters.

## Kit Peak National Observatory

520-318-8726  
Located about 50 miles southwest of Tucson, astronomers the world over seek to find a window of the universe. An 18-story observatory and the world's largest solar telescope are featured.

## Lake Powell

Page  
928-608-6404  
The sky at sunset seems almost painted in neon here. Here is paradise for boating, fishing, camping, geology and archaeology.

## Organ Pipe National Monument

Ajo  
520-387-6849  
The Sonoran Desert's plants and wild life create a fascinating ecosystem.

## Petrified Forest National Park

Petrified Forest  
928-524-6228  
Puerco Indian ruins amid a forest of petrified wood.

## Red Rock State Park

4050 Lower Red Rock Loop Rd., Sedona  
928-282-6907  
The beautiful red rocks of this 100 year-old town are showcased here. Twenty minutes away is Slide Rock State Park, where thousands of persons every year go slipping and sliding in the water down smooth sandstone.

## Saguaro National Park

Tucson  
520-733-5153  
See the world's most iconic cacti in this protected 143 square mile park.

## Sunset Crater National Monument

Flagstaff  
928-526-0502  
Nearly one thousand years old, these cinder cones among the highest mountain in Arizona are wondrous.

## Tuzigoot National Monument

Clarkdale  
928-634-5564  
Educational exhibits illustrate Indian life from atop a hill. Created in the early 1400s, more than 200 Sinagua Indians lived here in about 100 rooms with limestone walls.

## COOL TOWNS

### Bisbee

Located 5,000 feet above sea level in southeastern Arizona, this old mining town has a special charm.

### Flagstaff

Nearly 7,000 feet above sea level and a road trip up the switchbacks from Sedona, Flagstaff is home to Northern Arizona University, the San Francisco Peaks and a rich Native American tradition.

## Payson

Lake and hiking country abound in this rim country area of the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest.

## Pinetop/White Mountains

Real outdoor mountain country amid pine trees.

## Prescott

The original territorial capital of Arizona is surrounded by a national forest. Truly, this is an Old West Town that's long on history and architecture.

## Sedona & The Oak Creek Canyon

Here you'll find seekers, settlers, retirees, the well to do and a respite from the world. Red rock majesty surrounds this town of 20,000 on two sides. At night, it's dark, it's quiet and the stars shine brightly.

## Tombstone

Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, the Clayton Gang and a culture of liquor, gambling and ill repute gave this town a reputation that lives 120 years later.

Visit the Zane Grey Cabin at Green Valley Park.



Sedona

## January

**Fiesta Bowl Football Classic**  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe  
480-350-0911

**Rock 'n Roll Arizona Marathon And Half-Marathon**  
Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe  
800-311-1255

## Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction

WestWorld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, 480-421-6694

## FBR Open PGA Tournament

**TPC of Scottsdale**  
17020 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale  
602-870-4431

## February

**Native American Hoop Dance Championship**  
Heard Museum, Phoenix  
602-252-8840

## Arabian Horse Show

16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, 480-515-1500

## Chinese Week Culture & Cuisine Festival

Chinese Cultural Center, Phoenix  
602-273-7268

**59th Annual Gold Rush Days**  
Wickenburg, 928-684-5479

## March

**MLB Cactus League Spring Training**  
Greater Phoenix  
480-784-4444 or mlb.com

## Heard Museum Guild

**Annual Indian Fair and Market**  
Heard Museum, Phoenix  
602-252-8840

## LPGA Safeway International

1441 N. 12th St., Phoenix  
602-495-GOLF

## St. Patrick's Parade and Irish Faire

Central Avenue, Phoenix  
623-936-5461

## Thunderbird Balloon and Air Classic

6801 N. Glen Harbor Blvd., Glendale, 888-4-FLY-SHO

## April

**Arizona Asian Festival**  
Patriots Square Park, Copper Square, Downtown Phoenix, 602-788-8899

**Arizona Diamondbacks MLB Chase Field,**  
Copper Square, Downtown Phoenix, 602-514-8400

**NASCAR Nextel Cup Race®**  
Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, 602-252-2227

## Phoenix Pride Festival

Steele Indian School Park  
602-27PRIDE  
www.phoenixpride.org

## May

**Route 66 Fun Run Weekend**  
120 W. Route 66, Kingman  
928-753-5001

**Peach Festival**  
Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek  
480-987-3100

**Wyatt Earp Days**  
Tombstone, 888-457-3929  
www.tombstone.org

## June

**Folk Arts Fair**  
Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott  
928-445-3122

## Prescott Territorial Days

Courthouse Plaza, Prescott  
928-445-2000

# Annual Events

## Show Low Days

Show Low City Park, Show Low  
928-537-2326

## July

**20th Annual White Mountain Native American Art Festival**  
Pinetop  
800-573-4031

## Fabulous Phoenix Fourth of July Celebration

Steele Indian School Park  
Phoenix, 602-534-FEST

**Mighty Mud Mania**  
Chaparral Park, Scottsdale  
480-312-2704

## August

**17th Annual White Mountain Bluegrass Musical Festival,**  
Pinetop, 928-367-4290

**Cowboy Poets Gathering**  
Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott  
928-445-3122

**123rd Annual World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo (Aug 17- 19)**  
Payson, 800-672-9766

## September

**32nd Annual Greek Festival**  
1145 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. Tucson  
520-888-0505

**Grand Canyon Music Festival**  
Grand Canyon Natl Park and Flagstaff  
800-997-8285

## October

**Arizona State Fair**  
1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix  
602-252-6771

## Way Out West Oktoberfest

Tempe Beach Park  
480-491-3378

## Phoenix Coyotes NHL Hockey

Jobing.com Arena, Glendale  
480-563-7825

**Turf Paradise Thoroughbred Racing**  
Phoenix, 888-942-1101

## November

**28th Annual Bluegrass Festival**  
Wickenburg  
800-942-5242

**Annual Fountain Hills Festival of Arts & Crafts**  
Fountain Hills, 480-837-1654

**NASCAR Nextel Cup Race®**  
Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, 866-408-7223

**Phoenix Suns NBA Basketball**  
US Airways Center  
Copper Square, Downtown Phoenix, 602-379-7867

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## December

**Annual Christmas Mariachi Festival**  
US Airways Center, Phoenix  
480-558-1122

**Fiesta Bowl Parade & Events**  
Greater Phoenix, 480-350-0911

**Red Rock Fantasy**  
Sedona, 928-282-1777  
www.redrockfantasy.com

**ZooLights**  
455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix Zoo  
602-273-1341  
www.phoenixzoo.org

**Sources: 2005 Official Visitors Guide to Greater Phoenix and 2007 Experience AZ**

# Taxes & Licenses

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Here's a breakdown of general tax information. Consult your tax attorney or advisor for updated, individual information.

### State Income Tax

Arizona imposes a graduated income tax similar to the Federal Income Tax in structure. Returns are due April 15. 2006 tax rates range from 2.73% to 4.79% of Arizona Adjusted Gross Income.

### Deductions and Exemptions

You may take a standard deduction or you may itemize deductions.

### Graduated Tax Scale

Income tax is calculated on a variable scale based on income level. Contact:

#### Arizona Dept. of Revenue

1600 W. Monroe, Phoenix, 85038-9032  
602-542-1991  
www.aztaxes.gov

### Retail Sales/ Transaction Privilege Tax

2007 sales are subject to both the state and county range from 5.85% to 6.725% rate plus the city's rate where the business is located. City rates can range from approximately 1.5% to 2.0%. Wholesale sales are exempt; however, all sales must be reported.

### School Tax Credit

A credit equal to a \$200 contribution by a single taxpayer or head of household or \$400 contribution for joint filers is offered by the state.

### Estate, Inheritance & Gift Taxes

Residents pay no estate, gift, inheritance or poll tax. Contact:

#### Estate Tax Division

1600 W. Monroe, Phoenix  
602-542-4643

### Vehicle/Gasoline Taxes

The state imposes an annual motor vehicle license tax in lieu of personal property tax.

Source: Michael Gallagher, Dept. of Revenue,  
Taxpayers Assistance Division

Phoenix has one of the lowest average property tax bills in America when compared to other large cities. The chart below shows that Phoenix has the lowest property tax bill of all these cities. In fact, the average Phoenix property tax bill in 2004 was nearly \$100 less than in 2002!

City	\$ Avg Tax Bill
PHOENIX	1,632
New York City	2,770
Los Angeles	3,625
Chicago	3,874
Houston	3,346
Philadelphia	4,098
Detroit	4,938
Indianapolis	1,654
Columbus, OH	1,885
Memphis, TN	2,358

Source: Minnesota Taxpayers Association.  
Published: Wall Street Journal, Jan. 25, 2005.

### Property Tax

Taxes are paid in two equal installments. On October 1st, the first installment is due. The second is due on March 1st of the following year.

Maricopa County divides the tax into two values. The first is based on Limited Values (Primary) and the second is based on Full Cash Values (Secondary). Full Cash is the approximate property value based on the recent assessment by Maricopa County.

#### Example:

##### Primary (Limited Value)

\$200,000 Purchase Price x 10% = 20,000  
\$20,000 x 8.0580% = \$1,611.60

##### Secondary (Full Cash)

\$200,000 Purchase Price x 10% = 20,000  
\$20,000 x 3.4077% = \$681.54

The two amounts added together is the total due: \$1,611.60 + \$681.54 = \$2,293.14. Tax rates vary according to city.

### Maricopa County Assessor

301 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix  
602-506-3406  
www.maricopa.gov/assessor

### Homeowner's Exemption 602-506-3406

Every person over the age of 18 residing in Arizona is entitled to the Homestead Exemption. Homeowners do not need to take any action to assert the exemption because the exemption attaches by operation of Arizona law. The Homestead exempts a single family home, condo, cooperative or mobile home in which the person resides, from attachment, execution and forced sale due to a non-consensual judgment or lien, up to \$150,000 in value or equity.

### New to Arizona

For voter registration, vehicle registration, or to change your address, go to [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com)

### Registering a new Business

Visit [www.aztaxes.gov](http://www.aztaxes.gov) for a step-by-step guide for expanding, relocating, and other details to starting or growing your business in Arizona.

### Records

It is advised to maintain your records related to the payment of taxes, documentation of deductions, and any other pertinent information for a minimum of four years after each business year.

### Important Numbers

#### Arizona Tax Assistance

602-255-3381

#### Property Tax

602-716-6843

#### IRS (www.irs.gov)

1-800-829-1040 (individual)

1-800-829-4933 (business)

#### Mailing Income Tax Returns

Expecting a refund or paying no tax:

P.O. Box 52138 - Phoenix, AZ 85072-2138

If your return has a barcode with no payment or refund: P.O. Box 29205 - Phoenix, AZ 85038-9205

Tax returns with payment:

P.O. Box 52016 - Phoenix, AZ 85072-2016

If your return has a barcode with a payment:

P.O. Box 29204 - Phoenix, AZ 85038-9204

### Pet Licenses

All dogs must be licensed. All new dogs must be registered and vaccinated for rabies within 30 days of arriving in-state. Contact:

#### Maricopa County Animal Care

602-506-PET5  
www.pets.maricopa.gov

### Boating, Fishing & Hunting Licenses

Arizona requires licenses for fishing, hunting and boating. For detailed information, contact:

#### AZ Game & Fish Department, Mesa

480-981-9400

### Motor Vehicle Information

#### Driver's License

As soon as you've established residency, you must get a state driver's license. Go to any MVD office with all necessary documents. You will take a vision test and may also be asked to take the written test and driving test. Fees vary.

#### Vehicle Registration

You must register and title all vehicles. You will pay motor vehicle taxes (replacing personal property taxes) plus a registration fee. You must complete emissions testing before registering your vehicle and obtain proof of state vehicle insurance. Bring your out-of-state driver's license; SSN card; vehicle title and lien papers; current vehicle registration and proof of age.

For more information, including MVD locations, contact:

#### Arizona Department of Transportation

602-255-0072  
www.servicearizona.com

For emissions information, contact:

#### Car Care Hotline

800-284-7748  
www.myazcar.com

#### Proof of Insurance

Your vehicle must be insured for bodily injury and property damage before you can register it. For specifics, call or visit online:

#### Arizona Department of Insurance

602-364-2499  
www.id.state.az.us

### Safety First!

All drivers and passengers must use safety belts when riding in a passenger vehicle on state roads. All children under five years old weighing less than 40 pounds must sit in a secured child safety seat.



## Political Organizations

### Democratic Party State Headquarters

2910 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
602-298-4200  
www.azdem.org

### Republican Party State Headquarters

3501 N. 24th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
602-957-7770  
www.azgop.org

### League of Women Voters of Arizona

2510 South Rural Road  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
480-966-9031

### Voter Registration

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen who will be 18 years of age or older prior to the regular general election following registration and an Arizona resident for 29 days preceding the election.

To request absentee ballots or early voting ballots, contact:

#### Maricopa County

##### Department of Elections, Phoenix

602-506-1511  
www.recorder.maricopa.gov

#### State of Arizona

##### Secretary of State, Phoenix

1-877-THE-VOTE  
www.azsos.gov

## Media & Stations

### TV Stations

Greater Phoenix has four key cable companies—Cox, Qwest, Cable America (Mesa & Queen Creek) and Sun Lakes. There are 67 different networks you can choose from, including:

Channel 3	KTVK-Family
Channel 5	KPHO-CBS
Channel 8	KAEI-PBS
Channel 10	KSAZ-Fox
Channel 12	KPNX-NBC
Channel 15	KPNV-ABC
Channel 21	KPAZ-TBN
Channel 33	KTVW-Univision
Channel 39	KTAZ-Telemundo
Channel 45	KUTP-My
Channel 61	KASW-CW

### Radio Stations

There's nearly 40 radio stations in the Valley. Here's some top stations:

#### AM Stations

KFVX	1100	News/Talk
KFJI	550	News/Talk
KGME	910	Sports
KKNT	960	News/Talk
KMVP	860	Sports
KOY	1230	Adult Standards
KTAR	620	Sports

#### FM Stations

KDKB	93.3	Rock
KEDJ	106.3	Alternative
KESZ	99.9	Soft Rock
KKFR	98.3	Hip-Hop
KPKX	98.7	Adult Hits
KMLE	107.9	Country
KMDP	96.9	Hot Adult
		Contemporary
KNIX	102.5	Country
KNRJ	101.1	Hit Radio
KOOL	94.5	Oldies
KSLX	100.7	Classic Rock
KSLP	97.9	Rock
KVVA	107.1	Spanish Contemporary
KVOT	95.5	Smooth Jazz
KZON	101.5	Talk
KZZP	104.7	Hit Radio



