

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

# RELOCATION GUIDE



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# WELCOME HOME!



Congratulations on your decision to move to Phoenix! There is so much to enjoy about this city, and, Arizona as a whole.

The purpose of this guide is to provide information and inspiration for you to learn more about Phoenix and the lifestyle you will soon be immersed in.

I am Caitlin McKeague, Associate Broker and Team Lead of Desert Dreamers, and an Arizona native. I have called Phoenix my home since 2010. The weather, entertainment, and outdoors make Phoenix a great place to live and I'm sure you'll find the same to be true. No matter what your interests are, you will find opportunity to do what you love here in Phoenix!

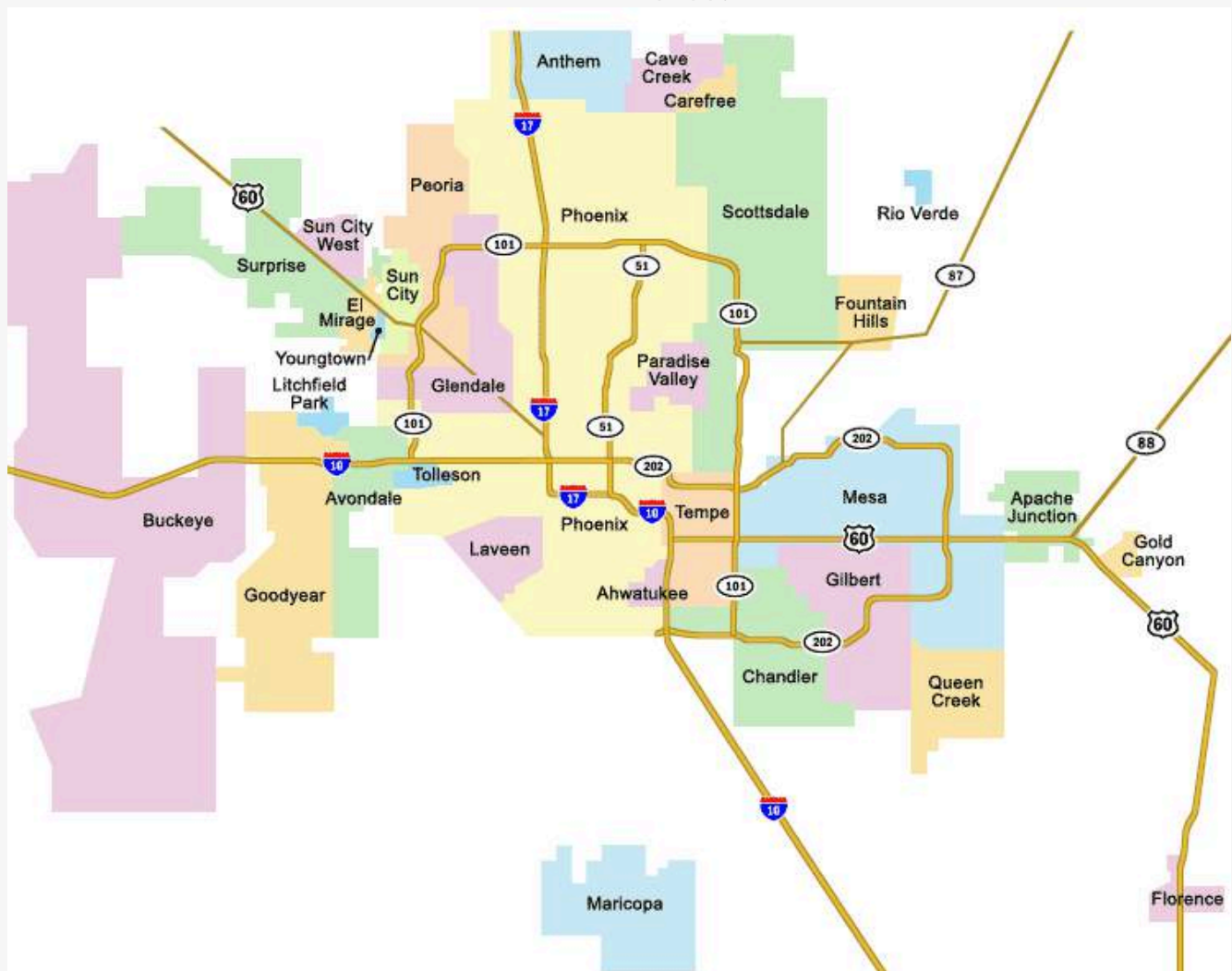
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# MAP OF GREATER PHOENIX AREA

Welcome to Phoenix! There are so many wonderful places to live in the Phoenix area with multiple suburbs that offer similar yet different lifestyles. Phoenix is called The Valley of The Sun because it is surrounded by mountain ranges and sits in a valley. Phoenicians refer to the areas of Phoenix as the East Valley and West Valley.

No matter where you choose to live, Phoenix Metro is fairly easy to navigate. The freeway systems span the entire valley with the 101 loop encompassing most of the North and South routes, and the 202 loop covering most of the East and West routes.

The majority of roads are constructed in a "grid", so it's easy to navigate, even if you're unfamiliar with the area.





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# WEATHER



Phoenix averages 299 sunny days per year. Although mostly sunny, Phoenix does experience rain in the "monsoon season" during the summer months. Often times, Phoenix will also get a short rainy season mid-winter as well.

In addition to these summer monsoon storms, Phoenix also experiences dust storms called haboobs which can be dangerous while driving.

A perk of living in Arizona is that you will never have to adjust your clocks! Arizona does not observe daylight savings, rather, the state observes Mountain Standard Time year round.

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Month	High °F	Low °F
January	69	46
February	72	49
March	80	56
April	87	62
May	93	68
June	106	80
July	107	85
August	106	84
September	101	78
October	90	66
November	77	54
December	67	46

Moderate winters allow for an exceptionally long period of time residents can engage in outdoor activities. Golf is very popular in Arizona, and ample courses provide for a variety of playing options.

Average temperatures range from 67° in the coldest months to 107° in the hottest months.

Although the summers can be HOT, keep in mind, Phoenix does not experience much humidity, no blizzards, snow, tornados or other extreme weather. It's an easy place to live!

# COST OF LIVING



Assuming you are a homeowner making a \$60,000 yearly salary, this is salary you would need to make in Phoenix in order to to maintain the same standard of living you are accustomed to:

If you're moving here from...	You'll need to make...
Atlanta	\$ 57,486
Baton Rouge	\$ 64,179
Boston	\$ 41,773
Chicago	\$ 53,874
Cleveland	\$ 66,818
Dallas	\$ 59,942
Denver	\$ 55,772
Detroit	\$ 60,000
Houston	\$ 65,541
Las Vegas	\$ 63,064
Los Angeles	\$ 41,353
Miami	\$ 51,970
Minneapolis	\$ 65,333
New York City	\$ 27,222
Pittsburgh	\$ 62,553
Portland	\$ 51,067
Raleigh	\$ 62,872
San Francisco	\$ 35,874
Seattle	\$ 42,143
St. Louis	\$ 69,605

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# EMPLOYMENT

## TOP 25 EMPLOYERS

THE PHOENIX AREA HAS A DIVERSE LIST OF LARGE EMPLOYERS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR FROM EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT AND HEALTHCARE TO TECHNOLOGY, MANUFACTURING AND THE MILITARY

1. Banner Health
2. State of Arizona
3. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
4. Arizona State University
5. Amazon
6. University of Arizona
7. Fry's Food Stores
8. Maricopa County
9. City of Phoenix
10. Wells Fargo & Co.
11. Raytheon Technologies Corp.
12. HonorHealth
13. Intel Corporation
14. Maricopa County Community College District
15. Mayo Clinic
16. Freeport McMoran Inc.
17. U.S. Postal Service
18. Bank of America
19. Honeywell Aerospace
20. JPMorgan Chase & Co.
21. Bashas Supermarkets
22. American Airlines Group
23. Circle K
24. Tenet Healthcare
25. American Express

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# EDUCATION

Phoenix has 30 school districts and a wealth of higher education choices. There are more than 325 public schools in Phoenix in both large and small districts, as well as more than 200 charter and private schools that serve students from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Valley of the Sun is home to Mesa Public Schools, the largest school district in the state. Serving the cities of Mesa, Tempe and Chandler, the district serves some 64,000 students in traditional grades K-12, as well as alternative schools based on nontraditional curriculums.



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# EDUCATION

## PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School District	City	#of Schools	Grade Levels
Agua Fria Union High School District	Avondale	5	9th - 12th
Aguila Elementary District	Aguila	2	PreK - 8th
Alhambra Elementary District	Phoenix	14	PreK - 8th
Arlington Elementary District	Arlington	1	PreK - 8th
Avondale Elementary District	Avondale	9	PreK - 8th
Balsz Elementary District	Phoenix	6	PreK - 8th
Buckeye Elementary District	Buckeye	6	PreK - 8th
Buckeye Union High School District	Buckeye	5	9th - 12th
Cartwright Elementary District	Phoenix	21	PreK - 8th
Cave Creek Unified District	Scottsdale	7	PreK - 12th
Chandler Unified District	Chandler	44	PreK - 12th
Creighton Elementary District	Phoenix	10	PreK - 8th
Deer Valley Unified School District	Phoenix	39	PreK - 12th
Dysart Unified School District	Surprise	24	PreK - 12th
East Valley Institute of Technology District	Mesa	2	7th - 12th
Fountain Hills Unified School District	Fountain Hills	4	PreK - 12th
Fowler Elementary District	Phoenix	7	PreK - 8th
Gila Bend Unified School District	Gila Bend	2	K - 12th
Gilbert Unified District	Gilbert	39	PreK - 12th
Glendale Elementary District	Glendale	17	PreK - 8th
Glendale Union High School District	Glendale	11	9th - 12th
Higley Unified School District	Gilbert	15	PreK - 12th
Isaac Elementary District	Phoenix	13	PreK - 8th
Kyrene Elementary District	Tempe	25	PreK - 8th
Laveen Elementary District	Laveen	8	PreK - 8th
Liberty Elementary District	Buckeye	6	PreK - 8th
Litchfield Elementary District	Litchfield Park	18	PreK - 8th
Littleton Elementary District	Avondale	7	PreK - 8th
Madison Elementary District	Phoenix	8	PreK - 8th

Click [HERE](#) for more about each district



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## PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School District	City	#of Schools	Grades Served
Maricopa County Regional School District	Phoenix	6	K - 12th
Mesa Unified District	Mesa	79	PreK- 12th
Mobile Elementary District	Maricopa	1	K - 8th
Morristown Elementary District	Morristown	1	PreK - 8th
Murphy Elementary District	Phoenix	4	PreK - 8th
Nadaburg Unified School District	Wittman	3	PreK - 8th
Osborn Elementary District	Phoenix	6	PreK - 8th
Palo Verde Elementary District	Palo Verde	1	PreK - 8th
Paloma School District	Gila Bend	1	PreK - 8th
Paradise Valley Unifield District	Phoenix	46	PreK - 12th
Pendergrast Elementary District	Phoenix	13	PreK - 8th
Peoria Unified School District	Glendale	43	PreK - 12th
Phoenix Elementary District	Phoenix	14	PreK - 8th
Phoenix Union High School District	Phoenix	18	9th - 12th
Queen Creek Unified District	Queen Creek	9	PreK - 12th
Riverside Elementary District	Phoenix	3	PreK - 8th
Roosevelt Elementary District	phoenix	19	PreK - 8th
Saddle Mountain Unified District	Tnopak	3	PreK - 12th
Scottsdale Unified School District	Phoenix	31	PreK - 12th
Sentinel Elementary District	Dateland	1	K - 8th
Tempe School District	Tempe	22	PreK - 8th
Tempe Union High School District	Tempe	8	9th - 12th
Tolleson Elementary District	Tolleson	4	PreK - 8th
Tolleson Union High School District	Tolleson	7	9th - 12th
Union Elementary District	Tolleson	3	PreK - 8th
Washington Elementary School District	Glendale	32	PreK - 8th
West MEC	Glendale	8	7th - 12th
Wickenburg Unified District	Wickenburg	8	K - 12th
Wilson Elementary District	Phoenix	2	PreK - 8th

Click [HERE](#) for more about each district

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## 25 LARGEST PRIVATE SCHOOLS

School	Grades Served
All Saints Episcopal Day School	PreK - 8
Atonement Lutheran School	PreK - 8
Bayer Private School	PreK - 8
Brophy College Prep	Grades 9 - 12
Bourgade Catholic High School	Grades 9 - 12
Christ Lutheran School	PreK - 8
International School of Arizona	PreK - 8
Joy Christian School	PreK - 8
New Vistas Center for Education	PreK - 8
Northwest Christian School	PreK - 12
Notre Dame Preparatory High School	Grades 9 -12
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School	PreK - 8
Paradise Valley Christian Preparatory	PreK - 8
Phoenix Christian Unified Schools	PreK - 12
Phoenix Country Day School	PreK - 12
Pope John XXIII Catholic School Community	K - 8
Scottsdale Christian Academy	PreK - 12
Scottsdale Country Day School	K - 8
Seton Catholic High School	9 - 12
Ss. Simon & Jude School	K - 8
Tesseract School	PreK - 8
Valley Christian High School	Grades 9 - 12
Xavier College Prep	Grades 9 -12

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

More than 445,000 students are enrolled in institutions of higher education in Phoenix, which offers a variety of public and private universities, and a nationally recognized network of community colleges. Arizona State University has several primary locations across the Phoenix metropolitan area (with its main campus in Tempe), and there are numerous private colleges that offer associates, bachelors and graduate degrees in many different specialty areas.

Arizona State University  
University of Arizona  
Grand Canyon University  
Northern Arizona University  
Ottawa University  
American Indian College  
Arizona Christian University  
Carrington College  
DeVry University  
Maricopa Community Colleges  
University of Advancing Technology  
University of Phoenix  
East Valley Institute of Technology

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# PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOODS

#LOVEWHEREYOULIVE



There are many different neighborhoods in the The Valley of the Sun including everything from older homes to new construction, large irrigated lots, desert landscapes, mountain views and resort style backyards. You can find almost any style within each city in Metro Phoenix.

The Phoenix area tends to have older construction in the center of the city, and newer construction as you move outwards towards more suburban areas.

Much of Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale has older homes in the south end of the city, and the development gets newer as you move northbound. No matter what style of home you are looking for, you will be able to find the perfect place that suits your style somewhere within The Valley.

Click [HERE](#) to search my MLS for Phoenix Homes



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# MEDIAN HOME PRICE BY CITY

\*BASED ON SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED HOMES

PHOENIX  
\$460,000

SCOTTSDALE  
\$1,030,000

PARADISE  
VALLEY  
\$3,450,000

FOUNTAIN  
HILLS  
\$810,000

CAVE  
CREEK  
\$850,000

PEORIA  
\$530,000

GLENDALE  
\$450,000

SURPRISE  
\$460,000

TOLLESON  
\$428,336

AVONDALE  
\$430,000

LAVEEN  
\$460,000

LITCHFIELD  
PARK  
\$546,000

GOODYEAR  
\$510,000

BUCKEYE  
\$430,000

TEMPE  
\$541,500

MESA  
\$485,000

CHANDLER  
\$565,000

GILBERT  
\$595,000

QUEEN  
CREEK  
\$495,000

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# LEISURE & RECREATION



Enjoying the outdoors is a must when living in Phoenix. Whether hiking, biking, cycling or golfing, you'll find a plethora of outdoor entertainment in The Valley of the Sun. The city is packed with mountains, trails and parks as well as golf resorts for the avid golfer. In addition, Phoenix is known for having some of the best resorts and spas that you can take advantage of any day of the year. Sporting events, live entertainment, and the arts are all popular events that you'll find in the various cities throughout Phoenix Metro. A unique feature of Phoenix is that it's home to Major League Baseball Spring Training giving you the chance to see teams you might not otherwise be able to watch. There are also professional sports such as basketball, football and hockey and baseball teams. Recreation is a large part of Phoenician culture, and you'll find many options to choose from while living in Phoenix.

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# SHOPPING

THERE ARE MANY PLACES TO SHOP IN THE VALLEY, BUT SCOTTSDALE IS KNOWN FOR ITS PREMIER SHOPPING - ESPECIALLY AT THE SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE MALL



Biltmore Fashion Park  
Camelback Colonnade  
Outlets at Anthem  
Phoenix Premium Outlets  
Collier Center  
Arizona Mills Mall  
Chandler Fashion Center  
Arizona Center  
Tempe Marketplace

CityScape Phoenix  
SanTan Village  
Kierland Commons  
Fifth Avenue Shops  
Scottsdale Fashion Square  
Scottsdale Quarter  
Arrowhead Towne Center  
Desert Ridge Marketplace



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# MAKE THE MOVE

NEW ADVENTURES AWAIT



I know moving can be overwhelming, so I am here to help with anything you need. If you'd like to search for homes in Phoenix through my MLS, you can do so [here](#).

Find more information about a few of my favorite neighborhoods in The Valley [here](#).

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