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Welcome to Greater Phoenix!

Dear Prospective Homeowner,

Greater Phoenix is leading the charge to the West's new 21st Century economy, based on the concept of "live, work, play, and progress."

Why is the area economy so strong?

For starters, major corporations continue to move here because they like what our people have to offer.

We are hard working, diverse, educated, active, and independent.

Compared to other Western states, our tax structure is among the lowest in the region.

We live in a consistent year-round temperate climate. In the warmer months, we have nearby mountains and lakes at our disposal.

Residential housing is a major plus. The Valley has a wide-range of options that distinguishes our area as one of the most affordable destinations in the country.

Our renowned hotels and resorts, fine dining spots, top-notch shopping and breathtaking golf facilities fuel our explosive convention and tourism industries.



Chip Carmer Regional VP Arizona State President

Coupled with our state-of-the-art football, hockey, and baseball complexes, greater Phoenix has set the standard in catering to the needs of local sports fans. Our beautiful Valley will be on display in February 2008, when the world tunes us in as host city for Super Bowl XLII.

In looking at the Valley as a place to live, we hope you will see first hand just how wonderful this area that we call home is.

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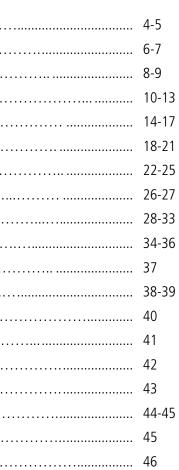








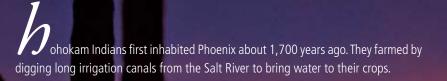






The Valley of the Sun

History of Greater Phoenix



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.



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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.

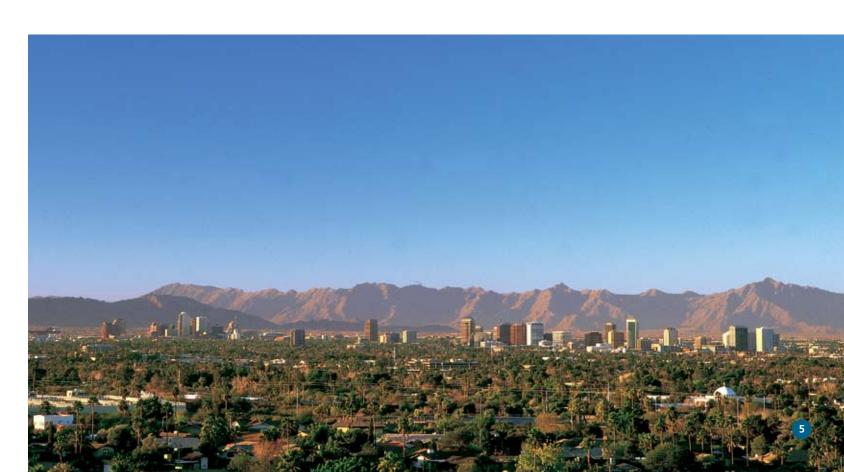
Still, when measured against Pacific coastal cities, Phoenix is far more affordable. And rents over the past five years have actually decreased.

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.

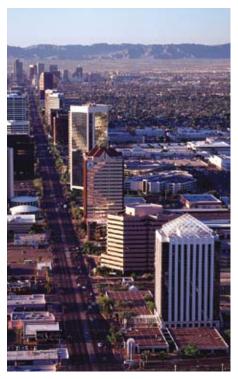
Transportation has gotten better over the past five years, too. More than half of all Phoenix residents rate the area's freeway system as "excellent" or "good." Five years ago, only one-third of persons said that.

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.

the past year.



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



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	Q1-3	%
	2006	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	8 South Phoenix	\$399,900	11.1	455	101.0
85086	6 Anthem	400,000	15.0	1,182	83.5
85249	9 Chandler	426,479	31.2	1,327	134.9
85310	0 Glendale	400,000	23.9	607	109.9
85383	3 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.

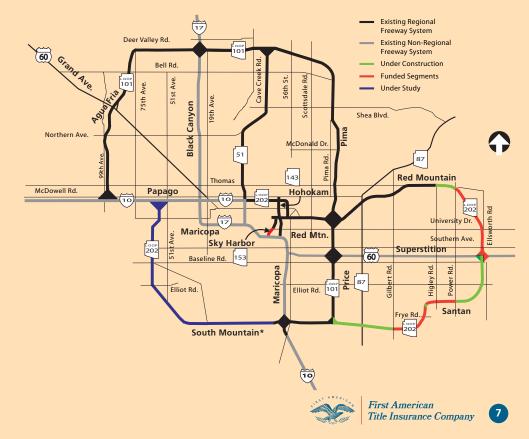
Source: Arizona Republic

Where Housing is Headed

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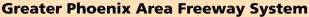
Price Trend	1 Change Housing Inventor		
Ļ	+65%	Strong	1.95%
Ļ	+12	Strong	2.18
Ļ	+26	Average	2.42
-	+6	Weak	2.30
Ļ	+59	Average	1.92
Ļ	+32	Average	1.28
Ļ	+110	Average	2.73
Ļ	+118	Strong	2.52
Ļ	+59	Very Strong	3.33
Ļ	+97	Very Strong	2.55

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



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 A	Area Home	Sale Activity
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Q3, 2006			
Community	Zip	Median	Price/
·····,	Code	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 Foo
East Valley			
Apache Junction	85218	\$314,300	\$ 183
Apache Junction	85219	214,000	169
Apache Junction	85220	200,000	154
Chandler	85224	254,950	170
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Chandler	85226	279,000	19
Chandler	85248	369,608	18
Chandler	85249	435,000	17:
Gilbert	85233	298,000	174
Gilbert	85234	311,500	174
Gilbert	85296	324,790	169
Gilbert	85297	360,000	168
Gilbert	85209	255,100	160
Higley	85236	278,000	15
Mesa	85201	180,000	15
Mesa	85202	208,000	15
Mesa	85203	227,000	15
Mesa	85204	215,000	16
Mesa	85205	229,500	16
Mesa	85206	240,000	16
Mesa	85207	300,000	174
Mesa	85208	221,000	16
Mesa	85209	255,100	166
Mesa	85210	195,000	15
Mesa	85212	333,100	15
Mesa	85213	275,000	17
Mesa	85215	280,000	173
Queen Creek	85242	253,250	13
Tempe	85281	202,500	18
Tempe	85282	240,000	16
Tempe	85283	265,000	17
Tempe	85284	440,000	19
Northeast Valley			
Carefree	85377	740,000	28
Cave Creek	85331	470,000	22
Fountain Hills	85268	445,000	23
Paradise Valley	85253	1,375,000	42
Scottsdale	85250	293,000	20
Scottsdale	85251	233,500	19
Scottsdale	85254	462,500	23
Scottsdale	85255	815,000	28
Scottsdale	85257	270,000	19
Scottsdale	85258	472,500	25
Scottsdale	85259	723,000	26
Scottsdale	85260	410,000	24
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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 Maricop	a County ro	se 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 Solaro, 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.

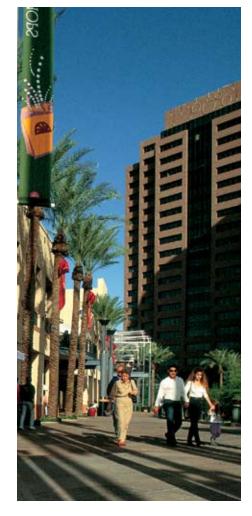
Look out, world, the phoenix is rising.

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.



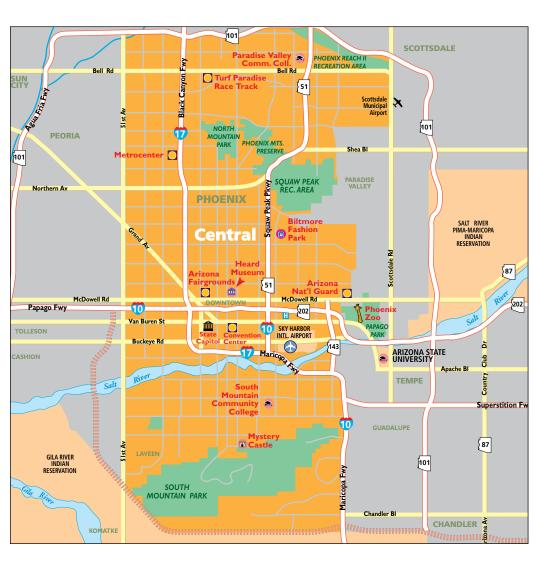
Downtown

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.



Downtown Phoenix



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.



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 16th 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, 67th 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, 51st Avenue, 39th Avenue



Sunset in Downtown Phoenix

to Greenway and 16th 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 Diamondback's Chase Field







Arizona State Capitol Building

Downtown Phoenix





Patriots Square Park



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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 prowl the underground bars and grills while visiting parents take their kids to PF Changs. 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.

East Valley

Ahwatukee

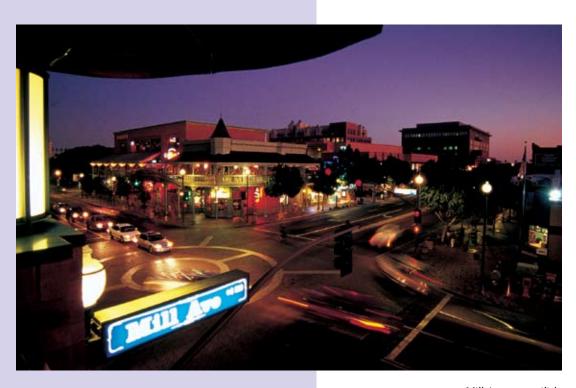
Separated by I-10, South Mountain and the Gila Indian Reservation, this convenient community is attractive and affluent. Here you'll find family homes and estates in a pretty foothill setting.

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, Piestewa Peak and Papago Park are part of this desirable neighborhood

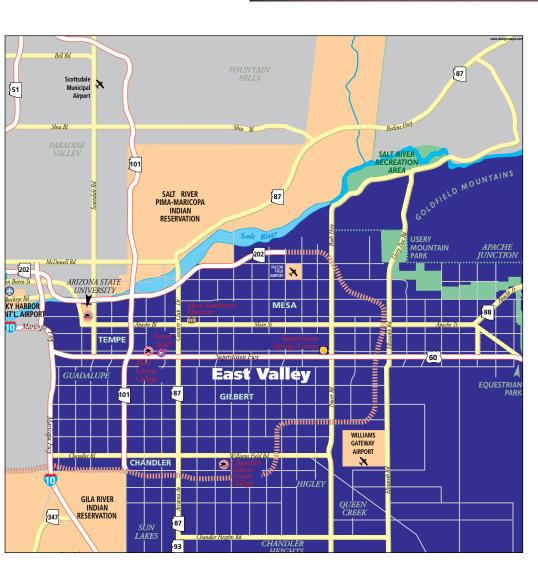


Mill Avenue at twilight



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.



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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.





East Valley



East Valley Casita

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

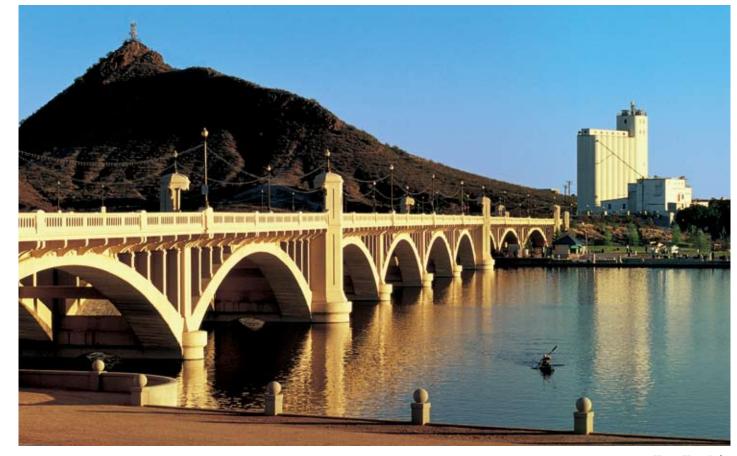
A master planned community adjacent to Chandler, Ocotillo is really a high lifestyle, lake-oriented place. It's got water, it's got golf and it surrounds a 27-hole golf course. On weekends, you'll see why Phoenix has the highest boat per capita ownership of anywhere in America.

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

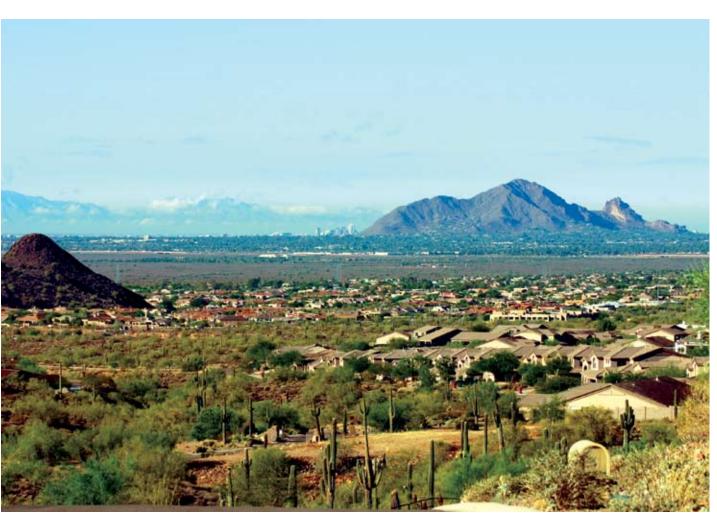


Sun Lakes

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 Town Lake





Tempe

Scenic Camelback Mountain and a nearby subdivision



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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.

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...



El Pedregal, Cave Creek

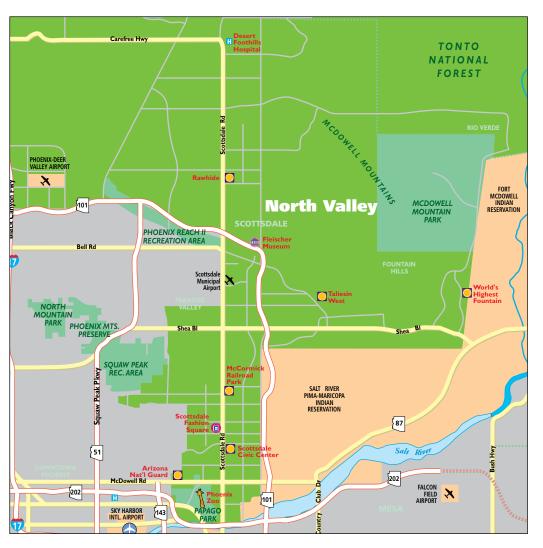
Cave Creek

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.





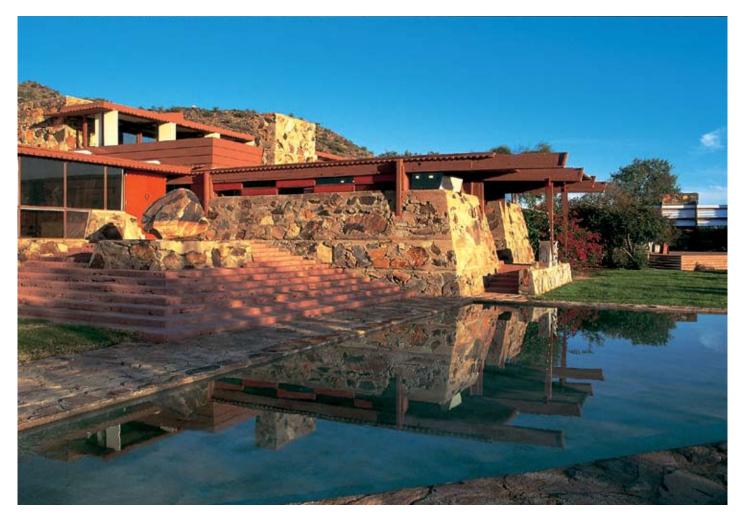
Northeast Valley

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

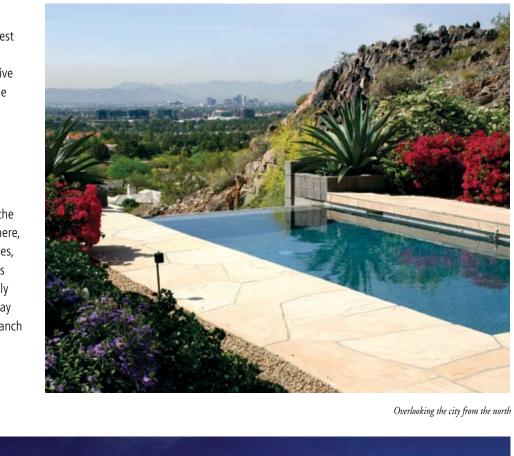


Scottsdale

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.





Taliesin West



Scottsdale







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 'livework-play' destination.





Arizona Cardinals in their new Glendale Stadium



The new Westgate mixed-use center in Glendale



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, wellmaintained 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

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.



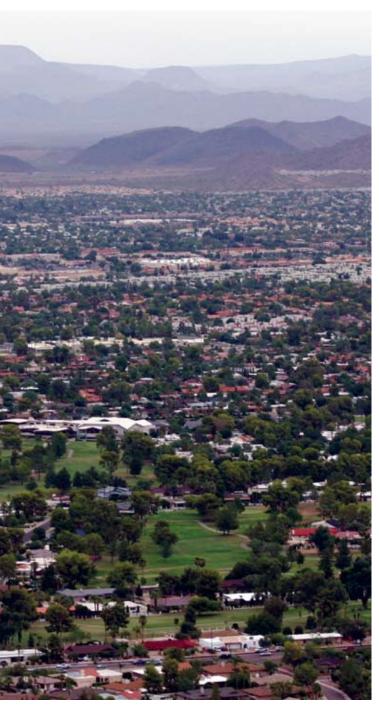






Sun City

West Valley



White Tank Mountains in the distance





Senior Living

Medical Services

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 threelane 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 every 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.

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 vou 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 602-043-2381

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 9003 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale 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/visn18

VA Southwest Health Care Network 950 E. Williams Field Rd., Mesa 602-222-2681/www.va.gov/visn18





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.

2005-2006 Arizona School Report Card **Summary Results**

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

Individual High Schools/Performance/Zip Code/Enrollment

METROPOLITAN PHOENIX	UP / P+ / HP / E*	Zip	2005 Enrollment	Mathematics Mean Score	Reading Mean Score	Writing Mean Score
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	744	744	720
Maryvale	P +	85033	2,536	679	675	664
Metro Tech	P+	85015	2,464	685	684	676
Mountain Pointe	E	85044	2,501	717	728	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/srcs/find_school.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

businesses with a workforce ready for the

demands of tomorrow.

years. Local schools are improving to provide

			2005	Mathematics Mean	Reading Mean	Writing Mean
	UP / P +/ HP / E*	Zip	Enrollment	Score	Score	Score
Paradise Valley	HP	85032	1,843	709	710	683
outh Mountain	Р+	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
obson	E	85202	2,366	730	718	691
Gilbert	E	85296	3,198	730	722	703
lamilton	E	85248	2,975	725	729	710
lighland	E	85234	2,662	735	729	708
/lesa	HP	85204	2,672	718	712	688
/lesquite	E	85233	3,140	725	722	700
/lountain View	E	85213	2,776	733	729	707
ueen Creek	P+	85242	1,213	690	702	685
empe	P+	85281	1,365	685	683	665
Vestwood	P+	85201	2,263	700	694	671
NORTHEAST VALLEY						
Chaparral	E	85253	1,849	733	742	715
ountain Hills	E	85268	881	721	734	714
aguaro	E	85250	1,748	717	727	708
VEST PHOENIX						
Cactus	HP	85306	1,805	720	714	697
esar Chavez	P+	85339	2,680	681	683	673
ilendale	HP	85301	1,617	700	689	678
ronwood	E	85304	2,140	720	724	707
loon Valley	E	85029	1,753	722	709	692
eoria	HP	85345	2,185	708	707	699
olleson Union	P+	85353	1,986	686	687	670
/ashington	HP	85021	1,612	713	697	682
Vest Phoenix	P+	85019	672	658	651	641
Vestview	HP	85353	2,323	703	709	691
Nickenburg	HP	85390	606	714	705	674

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Source: AZ Dept of Education, Spring 2007





Education

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 4510 No 37th Ave, Phoenix 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 Unified 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

Oueen 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 W. 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

Chander-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

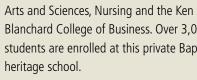
Rio Salado Tempe 480-517-8540

Private Universities

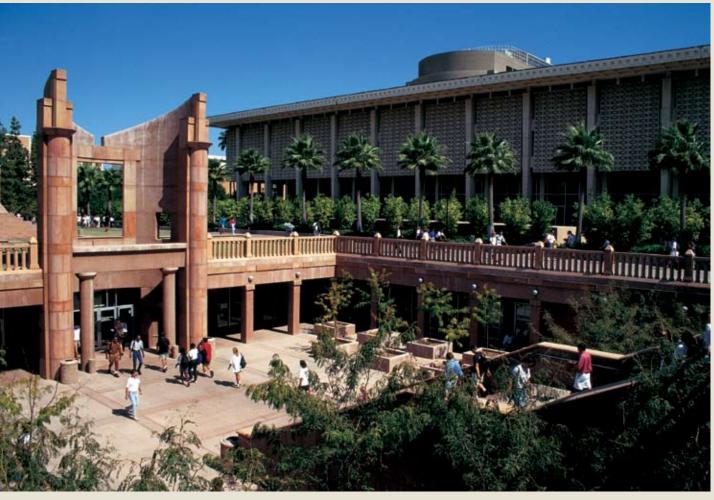
Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture Cactus Rd & Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale 480-860-2700 www.franklloydwright.org Two degrees are offered at this renowned and experimental program located at Taliesin West: a Bachelor of Architectural Studies and a Master of Architecture.

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



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.





Blanchard College of Business. Over 3,000 students are enrolled at this private Baptist-

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.

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.



Heard 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

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

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





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

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

1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa 480-461-7000 The best rose garden in Arizona.





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

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**

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**

Mesa Community College Rose Garden



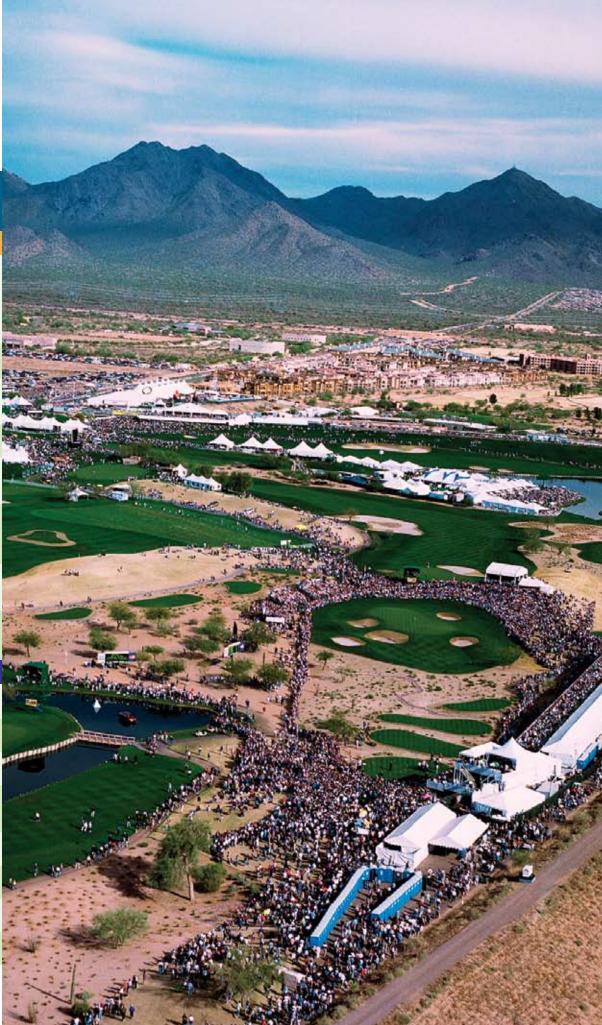
First American Title Insurance Company



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 Adobe, the Valley's first 18-hole course, has been played by Presidents and duffers alike for seventy years. Links Course	72 71	6,449 6,300	175/175 175/175
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



NORTHEAS

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stop on the PGA tour.



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ST VALLEY			
Golf Club oln Dr., Scottsdale, 480-596-7050 Course Course	72 72	7,014 6,903	139/139 179/179
Golf Course 9th Ave., 602-866-8076 pular muni course in town. Excellent location	72 with a great r	6,876 nen's club.	50/50
Golf Courses riott Dr., 480-473-0205 aldo Championship Course I Palmer Signature Course stinctly different courses are located in EDiamond J.W. Marriott Spa and Resort.	71 72	6,846 7,170	205/205 205/205
Ranch Golf Club lack Mtn. Pkwy., 480-473-1444 is course was designed by Robert Trent Jones	72 II.	7,011	120/135
Eagle Mountain gle Mtn. Pkwy., Fountain Hills, 480-816-1234 New Public Course" by <i>Arizona Republic</i> new		6,800	175/195
f Club lubgate Dr., Scottsdale, 480-922-9283	72	6,974	199/199
iolf Club Ielback, Scottsdale, 480-941-8200 te nine-hole courses can be combined as you	70 like.	6,068	199/199
Golf Club an Bend Rd., Scottsdale, 480-860-2221 Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore.	70	7,133	175/175
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LEY			
a Golf Club eline Rd., Laveen, 602-237-4567	72	6,817	41/48
Golf Club iission Dr., Sun City West, 623-556-8951	72	7,000	85/85
gs Golf at Sun City Grand ngton Dr., Surprise, 623-546-7400 urse are less challenging.	72	6,809	79/79
⁻ Club tar Ridge Dr., Sun City West, 623-584-1500	72	7,002	80/80
Golf Club chfield Rd., Goodyear, 623-935-2500 Course Course	72 62	6,900 4,745	67/73 48/55



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



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** for complete schedules and venues for the nine professional teams that conduct Spring Training in the Valley.

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

MCAS Yuma Air Show Yuma 928-269-3327

On a Bike!

Desert Classic (22 miles) Beginner Pima Cvn 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 Piestewa Peak Freeway; exit at Northern Ave Follow signs to Dreamy Draw **Recreation Center**

Up a Tree!

Chiricahua Mountains

520-824-3560 See owls, pronghorns, hummingbirds, 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 watersports.

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.





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.



In a Tent!

Grand Canyon Camping

928-638-7875, 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 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; www.hikearizona.com: www.aztrail.org; 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

Roper Lake State Park 101 E. Roper Lake Rd., Safford 928-428-6760 www.roperlake.com

Agua Caliente Regional Park 12325 E. Roger Rd., Tucson

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 Observatorv

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.

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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

Aio 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

Tuzigoot National Monument

wondrous.

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

Prescott

amid pine trees.

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 Canvon

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.



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

Sedona

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

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

September

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

Grand Canvon Music Festival Grand Canyon Ntl 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

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

Taxes & Licenses

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 Gallager, Dept. of Revenue, Taxpavers 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 Tay

Taxes are paid ir October 1st. the second is due on

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 $20,000 \times 8.0580\% = 1,611.60$

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

Registering a new Business

Visit www.aztaxes.gov for a step-by-step guide for expanding, relocating, and other details to starting or growing your business in Arizona.

d to maintain your records related to the taxes, documentation of deductions. her 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-PETS 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 vour 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

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 Ve 2510 South Rural Road Tempe, AZ 85282

480-966-9031

Voter Registration

Arizona resident for 29 days preceding the election.

To request absentee ballots or early voting ballots, contact:

Maricopa Count Department of 602-506-1511 www.recorder.maricopa.gov

State of Arizona Secretary of State, Phoenix 1-877-THE-VOTE www.azsos.gov



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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

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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	KAET-PBS
Channel 10	KSAZ-Fox
Channel 12	KPNX-NBC
Channel 15	KNXV-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

KFNX KFYI KGME KKNT KMVP KOY KTAR	1100 550 910 960 860 1230 620	News/Talk News/Talk Sports News/Talk Sports Adult Standards Sports
FM Stations		
KDKB	93.3	Rock
KEDJ	106.3	Alternative
KESZ	99.9	Soft Rock
KKFR	98.3	Нір-Нор
KPKX	98.7	Adult Hits
KMLE	107.9	Country
KMXP	96.9	Hot Adult
		Contemporary
KNIX	102.5	Country
KNRJ	101.1	Hit Radio
KOOL	94.5	Oldies
KSLX	100.7	Classic Rock
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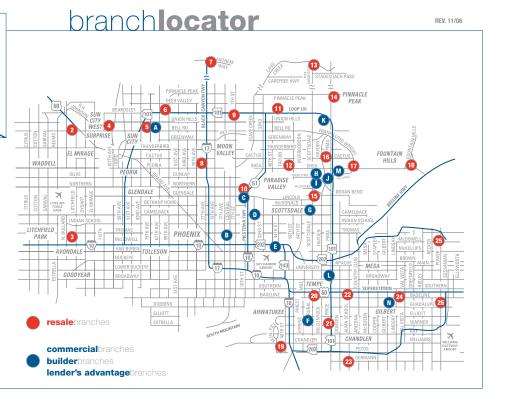
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PORTALES BUILDER DIVISION 480.612.9000 • Fax 866.874.1068 4800 N. Scottsdale Rd, #1000 Scottsdale, AZ 85251

- GAINEY CORPORATE 480.948.3429 • Fax 877.278.5196 8800 N. Gainey Center, #276 Scottsdale, AZ 85258
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- Scottsdale Spectrum 480.991.5432 • Fax 866.874.1067
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- Hayden Park 480.998.7870 • Fax 866.874.1008 16 8114 E. Cactus Rd. #240 Scottsdale, AZ 85260 NE corner 81st St/Cactus
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