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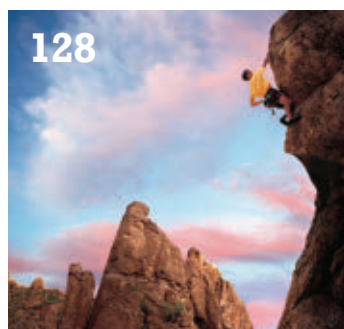
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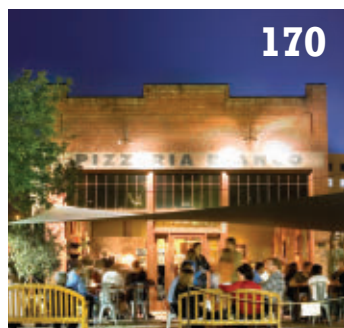


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# welcome to ARIZONA

With its captivating landscape, resort-like temperatures, booming business sector and growing art community, Arizona is a prime location for a fresh start. Boasting wide open spaces, majestic mountain ranges and sunsets that can't be beat. Arizona is truly an oasis in the southwest.

Mountains and plateaus comprise more than half the state and Arizona is home to the largest ponderosa pine forest in the country. There is something for everyone here – world class resorts, backpacking or hiking in remote areas and family friendly communities. The cactus, orange blossoms, and Palo Verde trees provide a unique backdrop for new adventures and experiences.

Bordering on California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Nevada, The Grand Canyon state encompasses a wide range of influences geographically, culturally, and politically. Formerly a mining and cattle territory, Arizona is now a contemporary industrial state with modern farms, large cities and emerging technologies.

## DESERT ORIGINS

The name Arizona comes from the Native American word “arizonac” which translates

to “place of the small spring.” It is the 48th contiguous state of the United States. This was declared on February 14th, 1912 thus earning the nickname of “The Nation's Valentine.”

Arizona history dates back to 1539 when Friar Marcos de Niza explored the state on his quest to find the mythical seven cities of gold. Missions were established in the 1690's and introduced Christianity to the region. Arizona was once part of New Mexico before The Arizona Organic Act was signed in 1863.

In the 1700's, prospectors flocked to Arizona to stake their claims on the state's precious metals. Copper, lead, zinc, silver and gold have all been mined here. Mining continues to be a substantial player in Arizona's economy. When gold was discovered in California in 1849, Arizona's Gila Trail

became a main route to the west coast. As this brought an influx of gold seekers unable to cope with the desert environment, the Tohono O'odham Tribe assisted the prospectors in surviving the unfamiliar climate.

Arizona's bid to make history continued. In 1930, former planet Pluto was discovered by an astronomer at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff. Sandra Day O'Connor, who is the first woman appointed to the US Supreme Court was born in the small town of Duncan. Other major political players such as John McCain, Janet Napolitano, Barry Goldwater and G. Gordon Liddy hail from the nation's Valentine State.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Home to The Sonoran Desert, The Coconino Forest and The Kaibab National Forest, Arizona offers a wide spectrum of landscapes and things to do. Residents can



ski in Flagstaff, boat on Lake Powell, visit caverns in Benson, hike in Scottsdale, kayak on Tempe Town Lake, wine taste in Sonoita, and tour a mine in Bisbee. Arizona is rich in natural wonders such as The Petrified Forest, Monument Valley, Saguaro National Park, The Painted Desert, Sunset Crater and Havasu Canyon.

Arizona's wildlife population is another draw for new residents. A variety of species, such as coyotes, javelina, bob-cats, and road-runners can be found roaming the desert. The Grand Canyon State also boasts more parks and national monuments than any other state.

### SUNNY AND MILD

Temperatures range widely from North to South but Arizona averages 306 sunny days per year. Arizona residents needn't worry about changing their clocks backward or forward. The state observes Mountain Standard Time year round.

Arizona experiences a "monsoon season" once per year. Most of Arizona's rain occurs in the summer months but there is sometimes a short rainy season mid-winter. Summer monsoon storms are often precipitated by dust storms. Although unpleasant sounding, dust storms are generally harmless

and visually stunning. The rainy seasons are vital to recharge the riparian areas like the Upper San Pedro River Basin.

Surprisingly, Arizona has 3,928 summits and mountain peaks which make it a great location for hiking, biking and other outdoor sports. Moderate winters allow for an exceptionally long period of time residents can engage in alfresco activities. Golf is immensely popular in Arizona and ample courses provide for a variety of playing options.

Perhaps the best things about Arizona weather are the things it's missing - no humidity, no blizzards, no frozen windshields, and no tornados. Every morning of the year, wake up and go.

### DAYTIME EXPEDITIONS

Although Arizona covers 113,998 square miles (and is roughly the size of Italy), there are a multitude of day trip options. From Phoenix, you can easily visit the red rocks in Sedona, hike the Superstition Mountains, take in the vastness of The Grand Canyon or enjoy Whiskey Row in Prescott. From Tucson, you can visit Tombstone (Arizona's most famous ghost town), check out the art galleries in Bisbee, or take a guided hike of the Charleston Ruins.

Drive the Apache Trail – visit a ghost town, tour a mine and take a nature cruise on the Dolly Steamboat. Stop in Tortilla Flat for lunch and prickly pear ice cream.

Although Arizona is not considered wine country, it is home to a number of local vineyards. Have a glass of Zinfandel and relax on the patio at Alcantara Vineyards in Camp Verde. Stop in at Pillsbury Wine in Cottonwood for a tasty wine and chocolate pairing. Visit Caduceus Cellars and Merkin Vineyards in Cornville, owned by Tool front man Maynard James Keenan.

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Acclaimed architect Frank Lloyd Wright lived in Arizona and his influence is seen in real estate throughout the state. Taliesin West was built on 600 acres of Sonoran Desert and still houses an architectural studio and school.

Another famous architect, Paolo Soleri, spent time with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West and went on to create Arcosanti which is based on his concept of “arcology” (combining architecture and ecology).

Best-selling author and first lady of household humor, Erma Bombeck made her home in Arizona until her passing in 1996.

Pioneers of the old west era, Cochise, The Apache Kid and Geronimo were all born in Arizona. The infamous Gunfight at The O.K. Corral took place in Tombstone, Arizona.

## JEWELS IN THE DESERT

Arizona’s two largest cities, Phoenix and Tucson, each have their own charm. Phoenix is home to over 20 Native American tribes, communities and nations. Public art reflects the history of the city and it’s clear that its roots haven’t been forgotten. Tucson lies an hour north of the Mexico border and as expected, there is a strong Hispanic influence in this smaller but vibrant desert oasis.

Metropolitan Phoenix is quickly becoming a foodie destination. Up-and-coming chefs are pleasing the palettes of Phoenicians in a wide array of culinary genres. A James Beard finalist two years in a row, Kevin Binkley has restaurants in Cave Creek, Carefree and Central Phoenix. Residents can enjoy inventive menus and cocktails at Lon’s

At The Hermosa located in scenic Paradise Valley. James Beard winner chef-owner Chris Bianco offers three locations for diners to delight in his Italian influenced fare. Metro Phoenix is also home to many family owned restaurants featuring cuisine from El Salvador, Peru, India, Greece, Cuba, Germany and Japan.

Phoenix is also a mecca for public art. Because it’s a relatively new city, urban developers understand the value of art in everyday places. Highways, overpasses, bus stops and parks feature art work, sculpture and design. It adds beauty and also effortlessly blends this fair city into its natural environment.

The feel of “the old west” is more palpable in Tucson than anywhere else. Day or night, summer or winter, Tucson is casual. Jeans and sandals are apropos almost anywhere. It operates at a slower pace than Phoenix and has the feel of a small town. Residents can visit the San Xavier Mission which is thought to be the finest example of Spanish Colonial architecture in the United States. Tucson also offers the very unique but interesting The Mini Time Machine of Miniatures Museum where visitors can take a self-guided tour through an interactive experience.

Experience Old Tucson Studios – a set for countless Western movies as well as a theme park. Built in 1938, it was revamped in 2011 with new sets, streets and buildings. While it’s still a must-see for any western diehard, it also features “living history” presentations that feature educational programs about Hispanic, Chinese and Native American culture.

## PHOENIX

Phoenix and its more than 20 surrounding communities are known as the “Valley of the Sun” – and that’s not surprising, given Arizona’s climate and its blisteringly hot growth over the last several years.

One of the leading regions of the Southwest during the real estate boom years of 2003 until about 2006, Phoenix and its neighboring communities have always benefited from an influx of relocating families, singles and retirees and continue to do so today, with more than 50,000 people choosing to relocate to the area each year.

In fact, between 2000 and 2010 the city of Phoenix alone experienced a 24 percent population increase, from some 1.3 million to more than 1.6 million residents covering 517 square miles, making it the sixth largest city in the country. It also is the second fastest growing metropolitan area in the country, following only Las Vegas. In all, more than 4.3 million people call the communities in the Valley of the Sun home – and for good reason.

Consider that, in 2008, Phoenix was ranked number one as the “nation’s largest metro area for recruitment and attraction” – and that Arizona as a state was ranked the “best market in the nation to attract business expansions and relocations” – both by Expansion Management magazine.

Phoenix residents are not alone in recognizing the city’s appeal. The city has been praised by other organizations, including receiving the National Community Recycling Leadership Award from the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), a nonprofit public service organization dedicated to recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones.

The city is a diverse and exciting combination of factors – from its status as Arizona’s capital city and home to several major professional sports teams to its incredible scenery – the city is surrounded by mountains on all four sides – and a demographic that appeals to young singles to retirees and

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### DEDICATION TO A LIVABLE CITY

And the city is dedicated to making – and keeping – Phoenix a livable, safe city for its residents. For example, the Phoenix City Council adopted 26 recommendations and provided funding for six new positions and several new programs to enhance school safety in 2001.

That's a commitment that continued in 2008, with the Phoenix-area city of Goodyear winning the National Civic League-sponsored All-America City Award competition. Given since 1949, the award "recognizes civic excellence, honoring communities of all sizes in which citizens, government, businesses and voluntary organizations work together to explain how they are successfully resolving critical local issues."

In 2009 the Valley of the Sun received more accolades because of its commitment to livability. For the third year in a row, KaBoom!, a national nonprofit dedicated to encouraging cities to devote time, energy and resources to creating play opportunities for kids, designated Phoenix as its 2009 Playful City USA for, "The quality of and access to hundreds of city parks, recreation facilities and other playspaces." Also, Businessweek.com identified Phoenix as, "...a magnet for Generation Y residents because of its history of having some of the nation's best job opportunities." Readers of TV Y Más magazine, a Spanish-language television guide, that year voted Phoenix as their "Best Place to Raise a Family," and both Apartments.com and CbCampus.com rated Phoenix as number seven in its top 10 cities in the United States for recent college graduates.

Valley Metro, an institution formed under the auspices of the Regional Public Transportation Authority, handles public transit in Phoenix and throughout Maricopa County, which is now more important than ever given the recent growing gas prices. Its services include busing, local-area shuttles, Paratransit (for residents with medical challenges in need of transportation) and METRO, a new,

20-mile, \$1.4 billion light-rail transit system that takes commuters through a metropolitan area that includes such major Valley of the Sun cities as Tempe and Mesa. Launched on December 27, 2008, future METRO plans include building 30 more miles of light rail lines by 2025.

The bottom line is that Phoenix has a lot to offer, and has been recognized for its reasonable cost of living and universal appeal by national relocation companies and surveys.

### PHOENIX'S COLORFUL HISTORY

The name "Phoenix" describes a mythical bird that lived from 600 to 800 years before building a nest of cinnamon twigs that it ignites, burning its nest and itself until both are reduced to ashes. But from the ashes, a new young phoenix arises to live again.

That mythical story mirrors the colorful and cultural history of Phoenix itself, a city that had its beginnings more than 1,000 years ago when the Hohokam people lived on the land that would eventually become the vibrant city it is today. In 1868, the city was a small colony first named Swilling's Mill and then changed to Helling Mill. It eventually became Mill City and then East Phoenix. It was Phillip Darrell Duppa, an early Arizona pioneer, who suggested the name Phoenix, since the new town would include the rebuilding and updating of the city's ancient Hohokam canal systems – rebuilding anew from the proverbial ashes of the old.

The city of Phoenix was officially recognized on May 4, 1868, when the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors formed an election precinct, and eventually incorporated in 1881.

The state's rich Native American cultural background informs its history, and Phoenix is no exception. There are 22 federally recognized Native American tribes in Arizona with a total population of about 300,000, many of whom reside in the Valley of the Sun. The area's Pueblo Grande ruins, an ancient city occupied between 700 A.D. and 1400 A.D., embodies the city's history where the wide Salt River ran through the Valley of the Sun. The city



actually sits on the banks of the river, which is mostly dry today.

The city's location in central Arizona gave it preference as the state capital over Tucson or Prescott, and today it's the only state capital with a city proper population of more than 1.4 million. It's also the third-largest city in the western United States – just after Houston, Texas.

The Phoenix metropolitan area includes the city itself, Maricopa County, most of Pinal County and parts of southern Yavapai County. The city's combined metropolitan statistical area (MSA) population is just over 4 million and includes the communities of Anthem, Avondale, Buckeye, Carefree, Cave Creek, Chandler, El Mirage, Fountain Hills, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Guadalupe, Litchfield Park, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Sun City, Sun City West, Sun Lakes, Surprise, Tempe, Tolleson, Tonopah, Wickenburg and Youngtown in Maricopa County. And, in Pinal County, communities include Apache Junction, Arizona City, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Kearny, Mammoth, Maricopa, Oracle, Picacho, Picacho Peak, Red Rock, San Manuel, and Superior.

### PHOENIX'S ARTS SCENE: MUSIC, FILM, TV AND CULTURE

The arts thrive in Phoenix, thanks in part to an active creative and civic community. For example, the City of Phoenix Office of Art and Culture is a great source of information on all things arts and culture, including theater and performing companies, music, art galleries, museums, dance and much more.

The city's Office of Arts and Culture offers many programs that continue to nurture and support the arts on a regular basis, including an Arts Grants program and Career Development grants, a Public Art program, a thriving community of Phoenix arts organization websites and partner agencies, and the monthly First Friday Artwalk that attracts residents and visitors alike to the city's downtown art galleries.

All total, more than 130 nonprofit organizations provide arts and cultural experiences, including a symphony orchestra, opera and ballet companies, producing and presenting theater and dance organizations, art and history museums, a science center, zoo, botanical garden, and countless festivals.

In fact, there's such a rich concentration of arts and culture spanning the city's unique and interesting communities that there are major annual festivals in almost every Phoenix-area city. Take the family and explore the Arizona Renaissance Festival, the Arizona Scottish Highland Games, the Dia de los Muertos Festival, Matsuri – A Festival of Japan, the Native American Fine Art Invitational, the Scottsdale Arts Festival, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival, the Tempe Festival of the Arts, the Harvest Festival, the Family Cornfest and Arts and Crafts Fair, or Way Out West Oktoberfest!

Museums and galleries celebrate Southwest art and culture, as well as classic

art genres. The Phoenix Art Museum, which opened in 1959, is known for its diverse visual arts collection, including exhibitions and permanent collections that include such artists as Rembrandt, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz and Monet. The museum also includes more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design.

The Arizona Science Center in Phoenix features hands-on exhibits and a planetarium, and the Arizona State Museum is the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the Southwest. For a list of cultural and creative arts opportunities, visit [www.visitphoenix.com/events](http://www.visitphoenix.com/events).

### PHOENIX'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Phoenix is also home to a thriving business community, with major private sector employers calling the city home, as well



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Phoenix is also among the nation's fastest-growing regions and has been recognized for strong job growth and entrepreneurial environment, especially for aerospace, high-tech and bioscience companies. Not surprisingly, the local job market continues to grow at a steady rate. As of 2010, the Associated Press noted that Phoenix was number four on its list of major cities in the nation that were, "the largest generators of net jobs." The city also sported an

unemployment rate below the national average of 9.4 percent.

Besides a flourishing corporate business culture, Phoenix is also tops for companies and people moving to the area, ranking first among metro areas for "recruitment and attractions," according to a 2008 report by Expansion Management magazine.

Arizona State University, the University of Phoenix, Grand Canyon University and the internationally recognized Thunderbird School of Global Management graduate school, located in nearby Glendale, also provide a talented and educated workforce and entrepreneur community.

### NATURAL BEAUTY – AND PLENTY OF OUTDOOR FUN

The Phoenix area's natural beauty is just another reason for the city's appeal – and that has nurtured an active outdoor lifestyle, including beautiful places to swim, hike, cycle, boat, golf, and much more.

The city's natural surroundings invite residents to take part in a vast range of outdoor and sports activities – and they certainly do, thanks to more than 325 days of sunshine each year, mean high temperature of 85 degrees, and just 7.66 inches average annual rainfall.

It's no surprise that golf is a big sport everywhere in Arizona, including the Phoenix metro area. With more than 200 golf courses, including many municipal courses and a host of private links and country clubs, including a number of world-class courses designed by Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, and others, there are golf greens for every skill level.

There are also seven lakes within an hour of the greater Phoenix metro area that offer fishing, boating, water skiing, picnic areas and camping, plus three major mountains that surround the Phoenix area that offer perfect terrain for hiking, climbing or just enjoying nature. Peaks in the Phoenix Mountain range complex include Lookout Mountain, Camelback Mountain, Stony Mountain and Piestewa Peak, among others.

Prefer spectator sports? You're in luck here! Greater Phoenix is one of 10 metropolitan areas that have most major professional sports represented, including Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB) and Cactus League (MLB) baseball; Phoenix Suns basketball (NBA); Firebird International and Phoenix International Raceways; Arizona Cardinals football (NFL); Phoenix Coyotes hockey (NHL); and Phoenix Mercury women's basketball (WNBA).

Annual sports events include the Safeway International LPGA Tournament; FBR Open Golf Tournament; The Tradition Senior PGA Tour; The Waste Management Phoenix Open; and the Arizona Men's Tennis Classic.

Other sports events include the Senior Pro Rodeo; Coors Light World Finals Drag Boat Racing; NHRA World Series of Drag Racing; the; and the Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, plus Cactus League Spring Training and the Fiesta Bowl Football Classic. The Thunderbird Classic Hot Air Balloon Race

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## **FINE FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOPPING**

Just like its diverse terrain, Phoenix has an equally diverse offering of restaurants and dining options for every palate. While signature Southwestern and Mexican dishes dominate the city's culinary landscape at such top restaurants as Vincent's Market Bistro and Rancho Pinot Grill, there are flavors to suit every craving, including Asian, Italian, Mediterranean, and of course the classic steakhouse.

Try Alice Cooperstown – the namesake restaurant of the famous rock star and Arizona resident Alice Cooper – with its classic American dishes and great barbeque, or the Papago Brewing Company with its 30 tap bar and full menu. Kai is an elegant – and pricey – classic American restaurant at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort on the Gila River Indian Community reservation that's been rated five diamonds by AAA Arizona, while Christopher's French restaurant has earned wine accolades from both Gourmet and Wine Spectator magazines.

For entertainment, Copper Square, in the heart of downtown Phoenix, is the place to be. This 90-square-block, revitalized district around the Convention Center has plenty to do and see, including nightclubs, shopping and dining. It's also home to Chase Field, where the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team plays their home games.

As for shopping, there's no shortage of places to browse and buy. The huge Scottsdale Fashion Square is a shopping and entertainment paradise that includes such luxury store brands as Burberry, Hugo Boss, Kate Spade new york, Lacoste, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., St. John, Max Mara, Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus, while Biltmore Fashion Park offers even more luxury shopping with Saks Fifth Avenue, Hyde Park Jewelers, Escada, Ralph Lauren, Stuart Weitzman and Cole Haan.

Malls in the Phoenix area include Metrocenter Mall; Phoenix Spectrum Mall; Desert Ridge Marketplace; Kierland Commons; Arrowhead Towne Center; Tempe Marketplace; and Paradise Valley Mall. And don't miss the charming boutiques and shops on Mill Avenue in Tempe, or the vintage and antique shops in Glendale, or the galleries and boutiques in nearby Scottsdale.

For outlet shopping, this area can't be beat, whether you head to the huge Arizona Mills Mall and Outlet Center off Interstate 10 in Tempe; the Outlets of Anthem just north of the metro Phoenix area; or the Phoenix Premium Outlets just east of Phoenix in Chandler, Arizona.

## **HEALTHCARE IS TOPS IN PHOENIX**

Arizona has long been known as a place to heal because of its warm, dry climate, so it's no surprise that the Phoenix metropolitan area has its share of top-notch healthcare facilities for residents.

Statewide, Arizona residents and visitors are served by 129 hospitals in 14 counties and, since 1990, Arizona hospital employment growth has significantly outpaced the annual employment growth of hospitals nationally. During that time, Arizona hospital employment soared 46 percent while hospital employment nationwide increased 24 percent.

Phoenix is also a progressive city when it comes to healthcare policies and procedures – and recently became the second city in Arizona (after Tucson in 2003) to allow hospital-visitation rights to unmarried gay or straight couples that live together.

## **NO PLACE LIKE HOME**

There's no doubt that Phoenix is a great city, and its variety of neighborhoods only add to the area's desirability. Choose from charming inner city history to downtown loft living to lush developments around the city to quiet suburban neighborhoods – there's no shortage of diverse housing in Phoenix.

Thanks to the nation's ongoing economic recovery, the overall median home price in Phoenix has experienced a recent upsurge in value while still remaining very affordable. In 2012 home values increased by 34 percent since 2011, from \$122,500 to \$164,000 – yet that's still lower than the national median home price.

Nationwide, the median price of existing homes increased 11.1 percent to \$175,900 in the First Quarter 2013 according to a report from the National Association of Realtors.

Offerings range from classy downtown condos to elegant old homes to modern showplaces to friendly suburban neighborhoods to countryside ranches and farmhouses on the outskirts of town. Wherever you choose to live in the Valley of the Sun, you'll find a friendly neighborhood atmosphere.

Welcome to a city that residents and visitors adore – and that you will, too. As you explore the Phoenix Relocation Guide and the city that it represents, Phoenix will surely become a treasured home in which to live, enjoy life, and prosper!

## **TUCSON**

Nestled just 60 miles north of the U.S. / Mexico border, Tucson is a rich mix of Native American, Spanish and Mexican cultures. Its name comes from the Pima Indian word "schook-sun," which means a "spring at the foot of a black mountain," a nod to the area's mountainous terrain and desert surroundings.

Located about 118 miles southeast of Phoenix, Tucson is the second largest city in Arizona and the 32nd largest city in the United States. Its metropolitan area is home to just over 980,000 residents, with the city itself numbering over 520,000 according to the 2010 United States Census.

So what makes the Tucson area so special? Beyond its natural beauty, it's a diverse combination of factors that offers something for everyone.

With more than 630 miles of bike paths in the metropolitan area, it's clear that its residents have embraced the state's reputation as a place to truly experience and appreciate the great outdoors. In fact, Tucson hosts El Tour de Tucson, the largest perimeter bicycling event in the Union, with some 10,000 participants every Autumn.

Besides its miles of striped bike paths, Tucson also has 72 miles of shared use paths, and more than 100 miles of residential bike routes. It's no surprise that Tucson was named one of the "top five best cycling towns" in the U.S. – and the "friendliest city" and one of the "top 10 U.S. cities to visit" by Conde Nast Traveler magazine.

And, the U.S. Department of Transportation has designated General Hitchcock Highway – commonly known to residents as the Catalina Highway – as one of "America's Byways" and "one of the most scenic drives in the nation." Winding from the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains to Summerhaven, a charming mountain village on Mount Lemmon that sits at an 8,200-foot elevation, the road is a veritable nature drive of ecology, with distinctive saguaro and cholla cacti along the way.

The city's rich cultural heritage has garnered honors as one of the Top 10 cities for Hispanics in 2009, according to Hispanic magazine, and its thriving business community – especially technology – has resulted in more than 1,200 companies employing in excess of 50,000 Southern Arizona residents, 150 of which are involved with optics and optoelectronics systems and garnering the city with the unofficial nickname of Optics Valley.

In addition, Tucson serves as the home of the University of Arizona, the first university in the state as well as an international hub of astronomical and technological research, and affiliated astronomy efforts such as Kitt Peak National Observatory and Steward Observatory, a joint venture between the University and the Vatican Observatory Research Group and manages multiple telescopes across Southern Arizona.

## TUCSON'S RICH AND COLORFUL HISTORY

Known as the "Old Pueblo," Tucson has a rich multicultural history that includes Spanish, Mexican and Native American influences and centuries-old traditions.

According to University of Arizona research, Tucson's first residents hunted for bison and woolly mammoth between 12,500 and 6,000 B.C.E. Later, in 300 A.D., the Cochise and Hohokam Indian cultures came to farm the area's rich valley terrain. In 1692, Spanish missionaries discovered the Indian village S-tukson (which means "black base"), and by 1804, about 1,000 people lived in traditional adobe villages.

The 1848 Gold Rush in California attracted even more residents to the area, and Arizona was named the 48th state in 1912. During World War II, Davis-Monthan Field served as an important training base, bringing an influx of military families to the city, many of who chose to stay, raise families and retire here.

As for geography, Mexico is a close neighbor at 60 miles south, and the city was actually part of Mexico when Mexico gained independence from Spain in 1821. But, thanks to the Gadsden Purchase in 1853 (also known as the Treaty of La Mesilla), when the U.S. bought parts of southern Arizona and New Mexico to make way for the construction of a transcontinental railroad, the city became part of the U.S. and was named the capital of what was then known as the Arizona Territory.

The epitome of the "Wild, Wild West" in the 1860s, Tucson was a rough-and-tumble frontier town coming into its own like many other western cities of the day. In fact, the town of Tombstone – where the famous "Shootout at the OK Corral" happened – is just 50 miles southeast of Tucson. The city is still known for its Western roots and culture.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Tucson sits atop a plain in the Sonoran desert, surrounded by five minor ranges of mountains: the Santa Catalina Mountains and the Tortolita Mountains to the north,

the Santa Rita Mountains to the south, the Rincon Mountains to the east, and the Tucson Mountains to the west. The high point of the Santa Catalina Mountains is 9,157-foot Mount Lemmon, the southernmost ski destination in the continental U.S., while the Tucson Mountains feature the 4,687-foot Wasson Peak.

The city's mild weather and warm, dry climate coaxes both residents and visitors outside to enjoy the sunshine. The surrounding mountains offer cooler temperatures and an outdoor dichotomy that allows residents to swim, hike and ski – all in the same day! The average minimum temperature is 54F (12C), and the average maximum is 82F (28C), while the rainfall is minimal – only about 12 inches annually.

Summer is the warmest time of the year, with hot, dry temperatures in the 100s during the day but comfortable nights normally in the 70s and 80s. The humidity is only about 10 percent in the spring and early summer, resulting in a much drier heat – and a top reason why the state has long been known as a healing destination.

Summer also ushers in a monsoon period in Southern Arizona, which begins on June 15th, and ends on September 30th. During this time, the humidity climbs with a buildup of daily cloud cover, which is then followed by afternoon and evening thunderstorms and rainfall. Many Tucsonans welcome the monsoons—which is considered by many residents as its own annual season—as it blocks the bright, warm afternoon sun experienced in early summer and can actually drop temperatures as far as 20 degrees or more.

And don't forget cooler nights in fall and winter, when it's not unusual to experience temperature drops in the low 30s. It even snows every once in a while, with skiing and other snow sports the activity of choice for residents at nearby Mt. Lemmon.

Love parks? Tucson is home to several national parks, including Catalina State Park and Saguaro National Park, as well as more than 125 citywide parks for fun and





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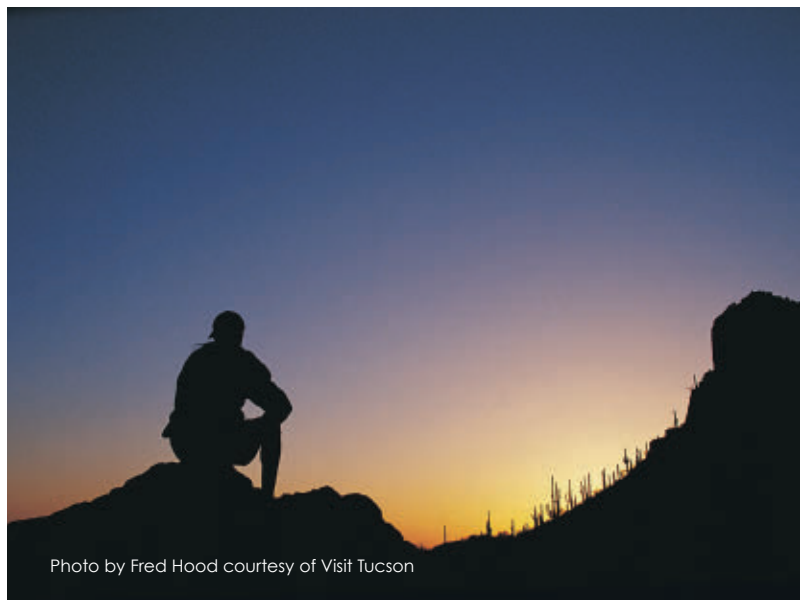


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recreation. And, the city's climate means that it's also a golfer's paradise, with its mix of municipal, private and unique desert courses designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., Tom Fazio, Tom Weiskopf, Jack Nicklaus and other pros.

As for spectator sports, Tucson is home to several professional sports clubs, including two minor league baseball teams, the Tucson Padres, a triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres that plays at Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium, and the Tucson Toros, a member-team of the independent Golden Baseball League that has made Tucson and its historic Hi Corbett Field its home for much of the past 42 years.

### **A PLACE TO GROW: TUCSON'S THRIVING BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

Economically, Tucson thrives on its vibrant tourist culture and attractions, as well as a healthy and diverse business climate.

Research indicates that more than 40,000 Tucson-area jobs are directly related to tourist activities, such as resorts, hotels and attractions that account for more than 3.5 million annual visitors. In all, 10.4 percent of all Tucson MSA jobs are tourism oriented resulting in about \$2 billion in economic impact. And, though it's a relatively small city, Tucson celebrates the arts in style with

ballet, symphony, live theater and opera that also provide significant jobs and economic impact for the city.

Manufacturing and technology are also big business in Tucson, with companies like IBM, Raytheon Missile Systems, Honeywell, Texas Instruments and others bolstering the city's reputation as a thriving place to do business by establishing a major presence here. Recent city economic research estimates that the city's technology industry employs about 50,000 and generates a whopping \$4 billion in revenues.

In fact, the Milken Institute ranked Tucson 77 out of 200 on its 2010 Best Performing Cities Index, which takes into consideration each state's research and development, ability to attract workers, and the "dollar volume entrepreneurs are willing to risk spending."

Even more significant, many businesses have either relocated to or expanded within Tucson, leading Expansion Management magazine to name the region as the "top mid-sized county in the country for business recruitment and attraction."

And, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy ranks Tucson third among mid-sized metropolitan areas for "high-impact firms – those companies

that have at least doubled their sales and employment in the past four years."

There's no doubt that Tucson continues to thrive in a challenging economy, and that it's a great place to start and grow a business.

### **TUCSON ARTS & CULTURE**

The arts thrive in Tucson, thanks to resident demand and a passion for a stimulating creative community. In fact, The Wall Street Journal has even called Tucson a "mini-Mecca for the arts!" From chamber music to film, opera, ballet and theater, there's something for every artistic taste and persuasion in Tucson.

A vibrant performing arts sector includes the Arizona Opera; the Arizona Theatre Company; Ballet Arizona; Ballet Tucson; the contemporary Beowulf Alley Theatre Company; the Borderlands Theater that tells the unique stories of the southwest border and Mexican heritage; Broadway in Tucson/A Nederlander Presentations, which brings top musical productions to the city; the historical Fox Tucson Theatre; the Tucson Jazz Society; the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, which is celebrating its 82nd season; and much more.

Tucson is also home to a number of public museums throughout the city and on both the University of Arizona and community

college campuses, as well as a host of private galleries that cover a range of interests, from the arts and aerospace to children's museums, cultural centers and history. The Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson Children's Museum, University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson Botanical Gardens, Arizona History Museum, and the Castaneda Museum of Ethnic Costume, Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium; Pima Air & Space Museum; and the "La Fiesta de Los Vaqueros Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum" are just a few of the city's diverse cultural offerings. (Visit [www.TucsonMuseums.org](http://www.TucsonMuseums.org) to explore an interactive map to Tucson-area museums.)

Tucson also hosts its share of fun festivals, including the long-running Arizona Film Festival, the largest film festival in the state; the Tucson Folk Festival; La Fiesta de los Vaqueros – Tucson Rodeo; the Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase – the largest event of its kind in the world that attracts high-end jewelers and rock fans alike; and the Great Tucson Beer Festival, which benefits Sun Sounds – an organization that provides audio access to information for those who can't read print because of a disability.

## FINE FOOD & ECLECTIC SHOPPING

While Tucson is famous for its Mexican and Southwestern cuisine – including Janos, The Grill at Hacienda Del Sol and El Charro Mexican Café – named one of the "21 Most Legendary Restaurants in America" by *Gourmet* magazine – it also has a lot to offer foodies of all palates and persuasions. Think five-star dining at the Anthony's or classic pit barbeque at Bubba's Grubb – and everything in between.

Once you've satisfied your appetite, it's time to work it off with some shopping! The city has a range of options, from artisan and craft malls to antique shopping or the latest styles at area malls and shopping centers.

Major malls include the Tucson Mall (Dillard's, JC Penney, Macy's and more than 200 specialty shops); Park Place (Macy's, Dillard's, Sears and 160 specialty shops); El Con Mall, Tucson's first enclosed shopping center; and the Foothills Mall, with outlet



stores, specialty boutiques and a 15-screen movie theater. There's also the luxury outdoor La Encantada, with such brands as St. John, Louis Vuitton, Cole Haan, Tiffany & Co. and Apple.

Don't miss the charming boutiques and shops in downtown Tucson on Fourth Avenue, where a historic trolley runs each weekend; the Casas Adobes Plaza with its Old World plaza and upscale specialty shops; or Main Gate Square, an urban shopper's paradise near the University of Arizona, positioned in the center of charming historic neighborhoods.

## THRIVING TUCSON COMMUNITIES

There's no doubt that Tucson is a big draw for families. The August 2008 issue of *Family Circle* magazine named Tucson's Oro Valley as "one of the top 10 places in the country to raise a family" – a ranking based on home affordability, public safety, environmental protection and quality of schools.

It's also a very livable city. Recent city statistics found that the average commute time is just over 25 minutes each way – shorter than most cities of similar size and population.

Housing is also an affordable option in the

Tucson area, with the median sales price hovering around \$150,000 (as of June 2013).

Area communities in Pima County include the city of Tucson, Catalina, Green Valley, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, South Tucson, Tucson and Vail. In Cochise County, just southeast of the city, communities include Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Sierra Vista, Tombstone and Wilcox.

And in Santa Cruz County, west of the city, communities include Elgin, Nogales, Patagonia, Rio Rico, Sonoita and Tubac. Area attractions include Pena Blanca Lake and Patagonia Lake in Patagonia State Park, which includes a beach, picnic area, campground, tables, hiking trail, marina and market; and several area wineries, including Callaghan and Sonoita Vineyards.

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# SALT RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

## Tells a Story of Economic Development via Talking Stick

For the Pima and Maricopa people, a calendar stick is an important piece of their culture as it tells the story of their community and its history. Symbols are carved onto a calendar stick, also referred to as a talking stick, to commemorate significant community and area events. To honor this tradition, and now to share the story of their tourism and economic development, the Salt River Indian Community chose to name their cultural and entertainment district, Talking Stick.

Located at the 101/Pima freeway and Talking Stick Way, just minutes from downtown Scottsdale, Talking Stick is home to ten venues, many of which share the Talking Stick name: Talking Stick Golf Club, Talking Stick Resort, the Pavilions at Talking Stick shopping center, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, Octane Raceway, Topgolf, Butterfly Wonderland, OdySea Aquarium and two hotels- the Courtyard Marriott Scottsdale Salt River and Hampton Inn & Suites Riverwalk.

### COME SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

Golf, baseball, shopping, dining, spa time, casino gaming, electric kart racing, butterfly atrium, and luxury hotel and resort accommodations; whether you're visiting for a few hours or a few days, there's a little something for everyone at Talking Stick.

Located in the Pavilions at Talking Stick shopping center, the Talking Stick Visitor Center is the hub of information for guests visiting for the first time or wanting to learn more about the culture of the Pima and Maricopa people. Open Thurs thru

Sat from 10a to 4p, the center features a cultural display on loan from the Huhugam Ki Museum, Native American art, area discount offers, and Talking Stick Destination retail items.



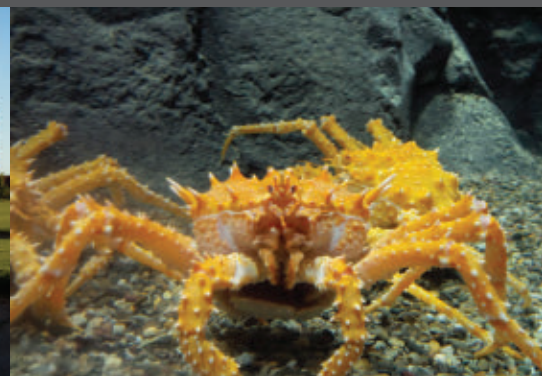
Salt River Fields is the spring training home to the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies and over 13 festivals throughout the year. Foodies love the AZ Food & Wine Experience, AZ Taco Festival and Street Eats Food Truck Festival and families love Slide Across America and the Spooktacular Balloon Festival.

Let your adrenaline soar at Octane Raceway. Octane's electric karts are quiet, offer a smooth ride and can go up to 45 MPH! If sitting track side is more your speed, you can enjoy a game of corn hole on the patio, mini bowling or one of their many arcade games.

Topgolf allows golfers of all skill levels to enjoy the game in a fun, friendly and non-competitive atmosphere. The facility features live music every weekend, games to pass the time while you wait for your bay and great food! If you love to play or have always been tempted to try the game, but didn't know where to start, Topgolf is the best place to tee up and have fun.

And don't forget to swim on over to visit the Destination's newest partner- OdySea Aquarium. OdySea is home to over 25,000 creatures representing over 500 species. The Aquarium is phase one of a multi-phase project that will also include in Polar Play- an indoor ice play area, several retailers and multiple dining options including Modern Grove and Humble Pie. ●

To learn more about the Salt River Indian Community and the Talking Stick Destination area visit [www.TalkingStickArizona.com](http://www.TalkingStickArizona.com).





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# BUSINESS and economy

The business climate of Arizona is rich, expansive and ever growing. Opportunities for education in every field imaginable are available throughout the state.

The business sector of Phoenix is rapidly accelerating in areas such as renewable energy, biomedicine, manufacturing and distribution, aerospace, and aviation. Not to be overshadowed, the city of Tucson is also experiencing rapid growth in key industries such as bioscience, solar energy, transportation and logistics, aerospace, and defense.

With a small state government and modest taxes, Arizona offers emerging businesses inexpensive operational costs. Additional benefits include refundable tax credits, reimbursable grants as well as property tax reductions creating an ideal environment for start-ups or existing businesses.

Arizona is known for its educated work force. Large universities as well as smaller, specialized schools foster a learned community of executives, employees and new hires. This high concentration of educational institutions drives Arizona's research and

development activities. Statewide, Arizona is a fantastic place to start a new career or business. Every year, industry leaders find a new home in the desert of the Wild West.

## PHOENIX

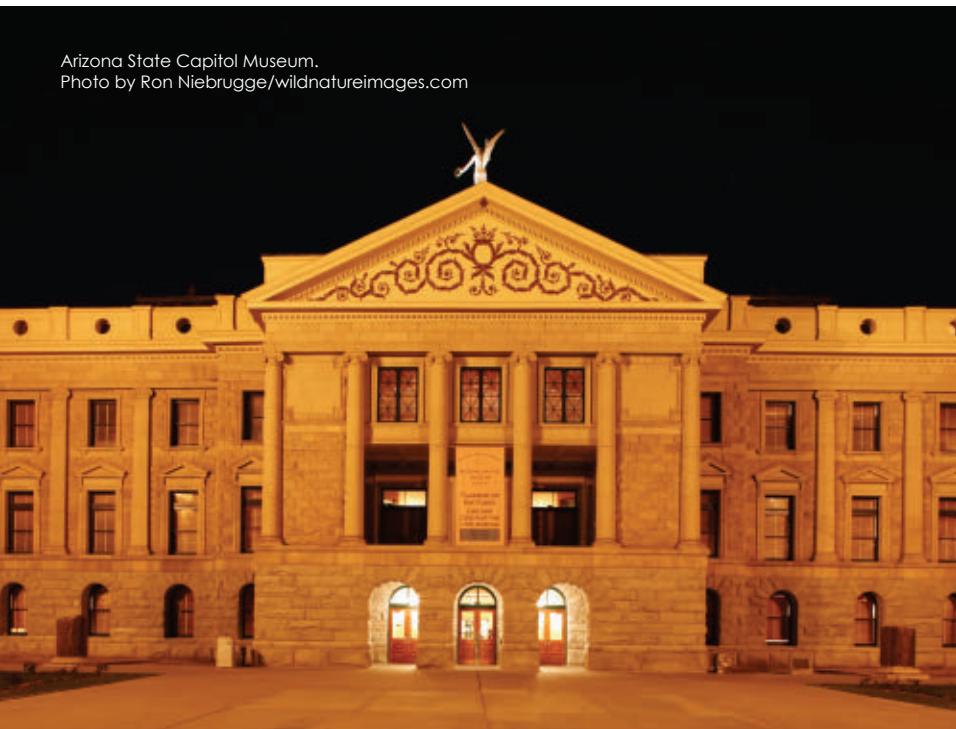
Phoenix is tops for companies and people moving to the area – and it's no wonder. With its healing climate, low cost of living and quality of life, Phoenix ranked first among metro areas for "recruitment and attractions," according to a 2008 report by Expansion Management magazine; and, has been named by Forbes as one of the "Best U.S. Cities for Jobs", with an average age of 34.

That's not surprising, given the wealth of highly educated graduates from the Valley of the Sun's many post-secondary education institutions. Arizona State University, one of the largest public universities in the United

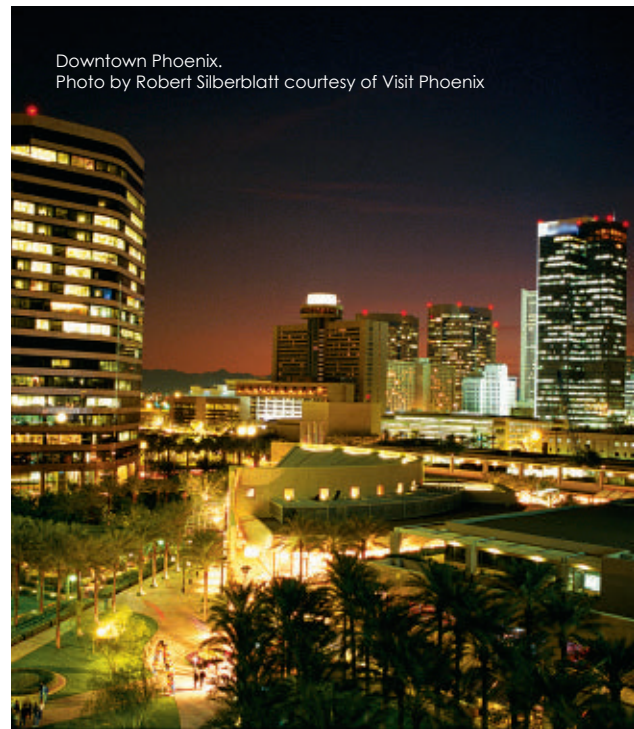
States with just over 72,000 enrolled students, boasts four separate campuses across the Valley. Arizona's other two post-secondary public institutions, the University of Arizona (headquartered in Tucson) and Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff), also maintain a presence in Phoenix with small campuses supporting medical and non-medical academic disciplines.

Other post-secondary education institutions in the Phoenix area, University of Phoenix, Grand Canyon University, American Indian College, Art Institute of Phoenix, University of Advanced Technology, Collins College, DeVry University, Argosy University, the Phoenix School of Law, Fortis College, Maricopa County Community Colleges, Western Governors University and the internationally recognized Thunderbird School of Global Management graduate school provide a talented workforce and an entrepreneurial community.

Arizona State Capitol Museum.  
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Downtown Phoenix.  
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The Maricopa Community College District – one of the largest higher education systems in the country with 10 colleges and two skill centers – is Arizona’s largest provider of job training, serving more than 250,000 students each year.

Entrepreneur magazine ranked Arizona 8th in “10 Best States for Starting a Business” in an April 2013 article. Arizona hosts the yearly Arizona Innovation Challenge, giving out \$3 million in awards to entrepreneurs.

Phoenix is also known as a great place to live. CNN Money named four Phoenix communities – Chandler, Scottsdale, Peoria and Gilbert – as best small cities to live.

With all those accolades, it’s easy to see why greater Phoenix is among the nation’s fastest-growing regions, consistently recognized for its strong job growth and entrepreneurial environment.

The city’s location in the southwest United States, boasting a dry and temperate climate, has turned it into a top choice for business, especially for aerospace, high-tech, bioscience, advanced business and sustainable technology companies.

## LABOR & UNEMPLOYMENT

Phoenix’s long business history started in the 1800s, when citrus and agriculture became a burgeoning industry – resulting in the construction of the Roosevelt Dam to ensure ample irrigation during the state’s hot months of the year.

That wherewithal still exists today. One of the nation’s fastest-growing regions, Phoenix has long been recognized for its strong job growth, especially for aerospace, high-tech and bioscience companies. Intel is one of the area’s largest employers, as are Fortune 500 companies like Boeing and Honeywell Aerospace.

Manufacturing and tourism are also important to the city’s economy, with more than 10 million visitors from the U.S. and Canada flocking to the area each year, visiting the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon, enjoying the charm of towns like nearby Sedona, and relaxing at such luxury resorts as the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, Legacy Golf Resort, Arizona Grand Resort and the recently remodeled Camelback Inn Resort & Spa.

Amidst slow economic recovery, the local job market continues to grow at a steady rate. According to Aznow.biz and economist Elliott D. Pollack, employment growth in Arizona ranks 5th in the nation and Greater Phoenix employment ranks third of all major metropolitan employment centers in the country in 2012. In the past year, according to BizJournals, Phoenix has seen employment growth in eight of ten major sectors, with a gain of 11,000 jobs in education and healthcare, 10,900 jobs in leisure and hospitality, and 10,000 jobs in trade, transportation and utilities.

## PHOENIX: NURTURING BUSINESS GROWTH

People and businesses from around the country and the world continue to flock to Phoenix. Besides the city’s beautiful and scenic surroundings, Phoenix has a long history of spearheading business development efforts.

In fact, business owners organized the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce in November 1888. Now known as the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce ([www.gpcoc.org](http://www.gpcoc.org)).



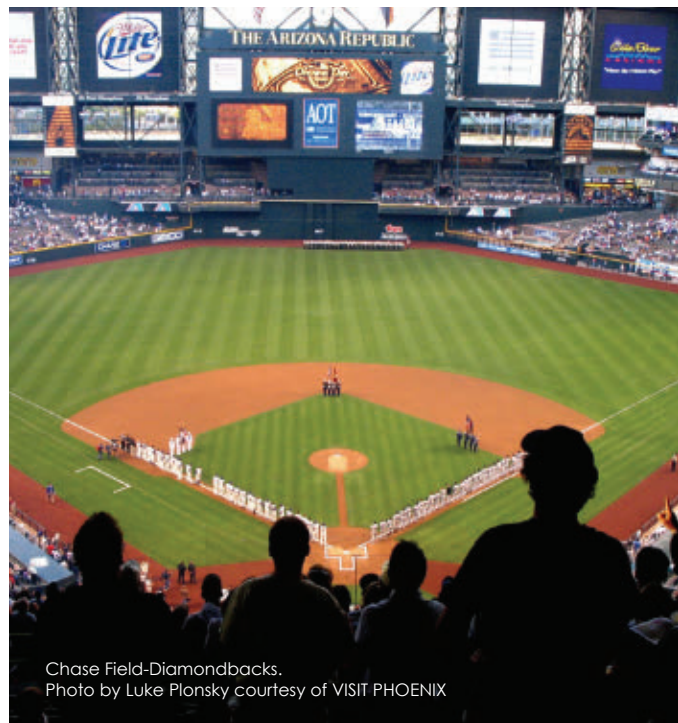
**PHOENIX AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce	480-753-7676	<a href="http://www.ahwatukeechamber.com">www.ahwatukeechamber.com</a>
Carefree-Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce	480-488-3381	<a href="http://www.carefreecavecreek.org">www.carefreecavecreek.org</a>
Chandler Chamber of Commerce	480-963-4571	<a href="http://www.chandlerchamber.com">www.chandlerchamber.com</a>
Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce	480-837-1654	<a href="http://www.fountainhillschamber.com">www.fountainhillschamber.com</a>
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce	480-892-0056	<a href="http://www.gilbertaz.com">www.gilbertaz.com</a>
Glendale Chamber of Commerce	623-937-4754	<a href="http://www.glendaleazchamber.org">www.glendaleazchamber.org</a>
Mesa Chamber of Commerce	480-969-1307	<a href="http://www.mesachamber.org">www.mesachamber.org</a>
North Phoenix Chamber of Commerce	602-482-3344	<a href="http://www.northphoenixchamber.com">www.northphoenixchamber.com</a>
Peoria Chamber of Commerce	623-979-3601	<a href="http://www.peoriachamber.com">www.peoriachamber.com</a>
Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (Greater)	602-495-2195	<a href="http://www.phoenixchamber.com">www.phoenixchamber.com</a>
Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce	800-958-8593	<a href="http://www.phoenixmetrochamber.com">www.phoenixmetrochamber.com</a>
Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce	480-888-1709	<a href="http://www.queen creekchamber.com">www.queen creekchamber.com</a>
Scottsdale Chamber	480-355-2700	<a href="http://www.scottsdalechamber.com">www.scottsdalechamber.com</a>
Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce	623-932-2260	<a href="http://www.southwestvalleychamber.org">www.southwestvalleychamber.org</a>
Tempe Chamber of Commerce	480-967-7891	<a href="http://www.tempechamber.org">www.tempechamber.org</a>
San Tan Chamber of Commerce	480-788-7516	<a href="http://www.santanchamber.com">www.santanchamber.com</a>
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce	623-583-0692	<a href="http://www.surpriseregionalchamber.com">www.surpriseregionalchamber.com</a>

**TUCSON AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

Arizona City Chamber of Commerce	520-466-5141	<a href="http://www.arizonacitychamber.com">www.arizonacitychamber.com</a>
Benson Chamber of Commerce	520-586-2842	<a href="http://www.bensonchamberaz.org">www.bensonchamberaz.org</a>
Bisbee Chamber of Commerce	520-432-5421	<a href="http://www.bisbeearizona.com">www.bisbeearizona.com</a>
Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce (Greater)	520-836-2125	<a href="http://www.casagrandechamber.org">www.casagrandechamber.org</a>
Douglas Chamber of Commerce (Greater)	520-364-2477	<a href="http://www.greaterdouglaschamber.com">www.greaterdouglaschamber.com</a>
Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce	520-625-7575	<a href="http://www.greaterdouglaschamber.com">www.greaterdouglaschamber.com</a>
Eloy Chamber of Commerce	520-466-3411	<a href="http://www.eloychamber.com">www.eloychamber.com</a>
Marana Chamber of Commerce	520-682-4314	<a href="http://www.maranachamber.com">www.maranachamber.com</a>
Maricopa Chamber of Commerce	520-568-9573	<a href="http://www.maricopachamber.org">www.maricopachamber.org</a>
Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce	520-287-3685	<a href="http://www.thenogaleschamber.org">www.thenogaleschamber.org</a>
Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce (Greater)	520-297-2191	<a href="http://www.orovalleychamber.com">www.orovalleychamber.com</a>
Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce	520-777-7138	<a href="http://www.sagcc.net">www.sagcc.net</a>
Tombstone Chamber of Commerce	520-457-9317	<a href="http://www.tombstonechamber.com">www.tombstonechamber.com</a>
Tubac Chamber of Commerce	520-398-2704	<a href="http://www.tubacaz.com">www.tubacaz.com</a>
Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce	520-615-6436	<a href="http://www.tucsonglbtchamber.org">www.tucsonglbtchamber.org</a>
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	520-620-0005	<a href="http://www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org">www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org</a>
Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce	520-792-1212	<a href="http://www.tucsonchamber.org">www.tucsonchamber.org</a>
Tucson Southern Arizona Black Chamber of Commerce	520-623-0099	<a href="http://www.tsabcc.org">www.tsabcc.org</a>
Wilcox Chamber of Commerce	520-384-2272	<a href="http://www.willcoxchamber.com">www.willcoxchamber.com</a>

Symphony Hall Lobby.  
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Chase Field-Diamondbacks.  
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phoenixchamber.com), the Chamber is committed to making the “Valley of the Sun” a great place to live, work and do business.

That commitment also includes funding and assistance for business development in the form of incentive programs and other resources.

Assistance for business development in Phoenix is available through such organizations as the Small Business Enterprise Program through the City of Phoenix (SBE – phoenix.gov), Business Development Finance Corporation (www.bdfc.com), Southwestern Business Financing Corp. (www.swbfc.com), the Phoenix Industrial Development Authority (PIDA – www.phoenixida.com), the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR – www.sbir.gov), and the Arizona Commerce and Economic Development Commission (www.azcommerce.com).

### PHOENIX & INDUSTRY: DIVERSITY ALL AROUND

With origins in agriculture, evolving to manufacturing and then high-tech, Phoenix businesses include a wide array of industries, including financial, healthcare, and technology and tourism.

American Express and JPMorgan Chase have a big presence here, and there are branch offices for numerous brokerage firms, plus a host of financial planners, wealth managers and other financial companies. In all, the Phoenix area is home to nearly 600 bank and credit union branches—from small, local financial institutions to such international powerhouses as Chase, Wells Fargo, Wachovia and Bank of America—all of which are eager to do their part in helping launch and nurture incoming Phoenix-area businesses.

Phoenix is also home to several top healthcare systems, including Scottsdale Health, Catholic Healthcare West and Banner Health – all of which are big area employers. According to the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, which represents 104 member hospitals across the state, more than 73,000 of the state’s citizens work in Arizona hospitals or health networks. In fact, since 1990, Arizona hospital employment growth has significantly outpaced the annual employment growth of hospitals nationally. During that time, Arizona hospital employment soared 46 percent, while hospital employment

increased just 24 percent nationwide. And, every job at an Arizona hospital generates an additional 1.5 jobs in the state.

The Valley of the Sun also houses major data centers and technology companies. Top technology employers in Phoenix include Intel, Honeywell, Boeing and some defense contractors.

Where do people go when it’s 20-below? Phoenix has become the go to place to relax, unwind and enjoy weather like you won’t find elsewhere. Looking to spend a day at the spa? There are nearly 300 spa resorts in the Phoenix area, employing and running at full steam. Need to hit the green? Phoenix has over 240 courses to keep golfers putting away and the industry humming alongside it.

### THE ARTS

Arts and cultural organizations are also big contributors to the local economy, with an estimated economic impact of \$361 million. Arts activity generates state and city tax revenue and contributes to job growth in critical support industries like restaurants, hotels and retail businesses.



The city of Phoenix is one of 156 communities that participated in Arts & Economic Prosperity III, the most comprehensive study of its kind, which documents the economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry in 116 cities and counties, 35 multi-county regions, and five states—representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

A study conducted by the City of Phoenix reports total expenditures in the Arts and Culture sector of about \$300,000 with the generation of about 9,623 full-time equivalent jobs and about \$14 million in local government revenue.

### **SPORTS: CARDINALS, SUNS, DIAMONDBACKS AND MORE**

With just about every major sport represented, sports tourism is big business in Phoenix. Consider that:

- Greater Phoenix has more than 240 golf courses;
- University of Phoenix Stadium hosted Super Bowl XLII and plans to host Super Bowl XLIX;
- Cactus League spring training baseball attracts 1 million fans each year; and
- The WM Phoenix Open annually attracts the largest galleries of any golf tournament in the world.

In fact, the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority, which owns and operates the University of Phoenix Stadium, funds the promotion of tourism in Maricopa County, the construction and renovation of Cactus League Spring Training facilities, and the youth and amateur sports projects.

They estimates that sports tourism activities contribute close to \$2 billion annually to the area economy, according to a 2013 report by AZ Business Magazine.

It's clear that Phoenix is an exciting and vibrant place to do business with a thriving entrepreneurial spirit and industries of all kinds. We're glad you're here!

**VA**

**USDA**

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## TUCSON

With such industry leaders as Raytheon Missile Systems, IBM, Honeywell, Texas Instruments, Intuit and Bombardier Aerospace, it's clear that Tucson has made a name for itself as a great place to grow a business.

In just 2010, Tucson has welcomed a new Target fulfillment center, a Ritz-Carlton, the UA Tech Park and the "Solar Zone", all employing more than 7,000 people and boosting the economy.

### LABOR & UNEMPLOYMENT

Recent studies on economic indicators in Tucson show a small, but positive growth in personal income of about .5%, which is still better than the overall growth seen nationwide – good news for those who are relocating.

While the Old Pueblo unemployment rate has been hit hard by challenging economic times, it has fared better than the rest of the country, and, is steadfastly recovering with strong opportunities in various job sectors.

And, in industry job growth news, experts report that health care is gaining about 1,000 jobs each month statewide – and that's great news for those in that field!

### GROWING – AND ATTRACTING ATTENTION

People and businesses from around the country and even internationally continue to drift towards and settle in Tucson. Besides the city's beautiful and scenic surroundings, Tucson's cost of living is still less than many major cities.

According to the ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Tucson has a composite index of 95.7 (as of 1Q 2012), making it about 4% less than the national average – a very affordable place to live compared to the rest of the state and with metro areas of similar size.

Because Tucson has remained an affordable place to live and work, growth in the greater Tucson region has remained fairly steady, offering a variety of employment opportunities, lower cost of living and easy access to larger metropolitan areas.

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Pima County's population grew an average of some 3,400 annually between 2001 to 2010, with the Tucson metro area in particular spawning suburbs and growing communities. Today, Tucson has a metropolitan area population of just over 1,000,000, and the city itself is home to more than 580,000.

### TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel and tourism are big in Tucson, and it's the metro travel industry that has contributed significantly to the city's economy with the new spending it attracts and the jobs it supports. The Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau estimates that out-of-town travelers help support close to 28,000 local jobs!

The travel and tourism industry also generates close to \$2.4 billion in economic impact to the region, attracting more than four million overnight visitors each year and making it one of the area's top economic drivers.

Tucson's scenic desert terrain and outdoor-friendly weather also attracts competitors from all over the world for major sporting events, including the La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo – an eight-day competitive rodeo festival – and the El Tour de Tucson Bicycle Race.

And, because of its proximity to Mexico, Tucson has become more involved in international trade, developing close partnerships with the country, along with enjoying almost \$980 million in travel spending from their neighbors down south.

The city and its officials have encouraged the growth of twin-plant or "maquiladora" industries that locate part of their operations in Tucson.

Tucson is also working toward increased expansion in manufacturing, including

electronics, aerospace, and computer component products.

### INDUSTRY: HIGH TECH, MANUFACTURING THRIVING

Tucson also has a growing high-tech industry environment, with roughly 1,200 companies that have some type of IT component in the region. The industry employs about 50,000 and produces about \$4 billion in annual revenues.

While more than 300 local companies are directly involved in information technology, other growing tech areas include bio-industry/biotech, aerospace, environmental technology, plastics and advanced composite materials, and teleservices.

Top technology employers in Tucson include such nationally known companies as Raytheon Missile Systems, IBM, Honeywell, Texas Instruments and Intuit, plus many smaller companies.

Tucson is also a manufacturing hub for technology, with activity in this area nearly doubling in the last 10 years because of the city's active promotion of expansion and growth in the industry. Tucson companies in this space include such nationally known companies AlliedSignal, Weiser Lock, 3M, Burr-Brown, IBM, Environmental Air Products, Inc., Krueger Industries, Inc., and Raytheon Missile Systems.

With the creation and expansion of the Tucson Tech Corridor, opportunities abound for new high-tech entrepreneurs. Paired with low cost of doing business, affordable home prices, a fair tax structure and a lower overall cost of living, it's clear that Tucson is a great place for business – whether you're coming here for work, or to start a new venture. ●



# PHOENIX'S TOP 25 EMPLOYERS

Phoenix has a diverse list of large employers in both the public and private sector – from education, government and healthcare to technology, manufacturing and the military, three of which (Wal-Mart, Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase) made *Fortune* magazine's 2010 World's 50 Most Admired Companies list.

Here's a list of Phoenix's Top 25 Largest Employers, including a brief description of the organization with contact information.

#### 1. State of Arizona

100 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix 85007  
602-542-1500 (*Phoenix main*)  
www.azstatejobs.gov

The State of Arizona employs nearly 50,000 people in various state government offices.

#### 2. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AK 72716  
800-925-6278 ; www.walmartstores.com

Retail giant Wal-Mart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, employs over 30,000 in the state of Arizona, many of whom work at its Phoenix-area supercenters, discount stores, neighborhood markets, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers.

#### 3. Banner Health

1441 N. 12th Street, Phoenix 85006  
602-747-4000; www.bannerhealth.com

With more than eight locations valley-wide, Banner Health is a non-profit healthcare organization that encompasses many hospitals, imaging centers and several outpatient clinics, as well as a bariatric center.

#### 4. City of Phoenix

135 N. Second Avenue, Phoenix 85003  
602-262-6608; www.phoenix.gov/hr

Phoenix is not only rich in culture and history, but is also the fifth-most populous city in the U.S with more than 1.6 million residents who call the city home, offering various employment opportunities with benefits.

#### 5. Wells Fargo

100 W. Washington Street, Phoenix 85003  
602-378-4644; www.wellsfargo.com

Wells Fargo operates bank branches, business banking offices, and an operations and support center, in addition to offering private client services in the region.

#### 6. Bank of America

100 N. Tryon Street #3120  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
www.bankofamerica.com

Bank of America is one of the world's largest financial institutions, serving individual customers, small- and middle-market businesses and large corporations with a full range of banking, investing, asset management and other financial and risk management products and services.

#### 7. Maricopa County

301 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix 85701  
602-506-3011; www.maricopa.gov

Maricopa County covers 9,224 square miles and ranks fourth in population among all counties in the U.S. In fact, more than half of Arizona residents live in Maricopa County.

#### 8. Arizona State University

1151 S. Forest Ave., Tempe 85281  
480-965-2100; www.asu.edu

As one of the largest universities in the country, Arizona State University serves over 73,000 students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. ASU's main campus is in Tempe, with several other campuses in the Phoenix metro area, including a large downtown campus. Academic offerings include more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a range of certificate programs.

#### 9. Apollo Group, Inc.

4025 S. Riverpoint Parkway  
Phoenix 85040  
800-990-APOL; www.apollo.edu

Apollo College offers degree and diploma programs in healthcare, dental and veterinary career fields, and operates nine campuses across the western United States – including two in the Phoenix area: Phoenix and Phoenix Westside.

#### 10. JPMorgan Chase & Co.

201 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix 85004  
866-777-4690; www.careersatjpm.com

Headquartered in New York, JPMorgan Chase offers the following in the Phoenix metro area: Private Client Services; Chase Card Services, Chase Home Finance Loan Center and Chase Telephone Banking in Tempe, and more than 50 Chase Bank branches.

#### 11. Intel Corp.

5000 W. Chandler Blvd., CH7-301  
Chandler 85226; 480-554-8080  
www.intel.com

The world's largest semiconductor company has two large manufacturing and research complexes in Chandler, a nearby suburb of Phoenix, with a new manufacturing facility currently under construction.

#### 12. US Airways

100 W. Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe 85281  
480-693-5815; www.usairways.com

US Airways, along with US Airways Shuttle and US Airways Express, operates more than 3,200 flights per day and serves over 200 destinations in the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Caribbean and Latin America. The airline employs nearly 33,000 aviation professionals worldwide.

#### 13. Mesa Public Schools/ Mesa Unified School District

63 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Mesa 85201  
480-472-7200; www.mpsaz.org

With 56 elementary schools; 11 junior high schools; 6 senior high schools; 7 "success" schools; and 14 "choice" programs/schools (including early learning and Head Start programs), the Mesa Unified School District, one of the state's largest, serving close to 63,000 students in grades Pre-K-12 for the 2012-13 school year. In 2013, the district was home to 15 National Merit



semifinalists, and five of its high schools were honored by U.S. News and World Report's 2010 Best High Schools Search.

#### **14. U.S. Postal Service**

4949 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix 85026  
602-225-3158; 800-275-8777; [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that visits every address in the nation — 146 million homes and businesses. It has 37,000 retail locations nationwide and over 100 locations in metro Phoenix, relying on the sale of postage, products and services — not tax dollars — to pay for operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenues of \$65 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

#### **15. Dignity Health**

350 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix 85013  
602-406-3000; [www.ichosetjoes.com](http://www.ichosetjoes.com)

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Founded in 1986 and headquartered in San Francisco, CA, Dignity Health is the fifth largest hospital provider in the nation, with more than 60,000 nurses, hospitals, clinics and physicians caring for the sick, poor and disadvantaged in California, Arizona and Nevada. The Phoenix metro area is home to four of the 39 hospitals in his network.

#### **16. American Express**

20022 N. 31st Ave., Phoenix 85027  
602-537-8500; [www.americanexpress.com](http://www.americanexpress.com)

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Globally known for products ranging from personal finances to business success, American Express in Phoenix is home to technical, operational and customer service careers and the main data center, all located in various parts of the city. The Amex card accounts for almost 24% of total dollar volume of credit card transactions in the country.

#### **17. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold**

333 North Central Ave., Phoenix 85004  
602-366-8100; [www.fcx.com](http://www.fcx.com)

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Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) is an international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona and several mining operations in the Tucson

area. The company has a dynamic portfolio of operating, expansion and growth projects in the copper industry and is the world's largest producer of molybdenum.

#### **18. Scottsdale Healthcare**

7400 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale 85004  
877-898-6569; 480-882-4000; [www.shc.org](http://www.shc.org)

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A not-for-profit organization founded in 1962, Scottsdale Healthcare is a leader in medical innovation, talent and technology, spread across three hospitals in the Northeast Valley. In addition, they offer outpatient surgery centers, home health services and community education and outreach services, serving the community now and into the future.

#### **19. Arizona Public Service**

400 N. 5th St. (Talent Acquisition)  
M.S. 8012, Phoenix 85004  
602-371-7171; 800-253-9405; [www.aps.com](http://www.aps.com)

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Generating electricity for 11 of Arizona's 15 counties, APS lights up over 1.1 million homes, businesses and neighborhoods across the state. With plans to add 750,000 more customers by 2030 through traditional means and innovative sustainable energy sources, APS offers a range of career opportunities in Phoenix and beyond.

#### **20. Kroger**

500 S. 99th Avenue, Tolleson 85353  
623-936-2100; [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com)

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A subsidiary of the Kroger Co., Fry's Food Stores operates more than 100 grocery stores that serve the Phoenix area and surrounding counties. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Kroger (NYSE:KR) is one of the nation's largest grocery retailers, with fiscal 2012 sales of \$96.8 billion.

#### **21. Mayo Clinic Hospital**

5777 E. Mayo Blvd, Phoenix 85054  
480-515-6296; 480-342-2000  
[www.mayoclinic.org/mchospital-sct/](http://www.mayoclinic.org/mchospital-sct/)

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Mayo Clinic, known worldwide for excellence in healthcare services and research, offers a clinic and hospital in Phoenix. The hospital provides care with 268 licensed beds and 21 operation rooms,

while the clinic houses a variety of specialists for preventive and ongoing care.

#### **22. Boeing Co.**

5000 E. McDowell Rd., Mesa 85215  
480-891-3000; [www.boeing.com](http://www.boeing.com)

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Boeing is the well-known aerospace giant, headquartered in Chicago, making its Arizona home in Mesa. They offer a range of employment opportunities ranging from administrative, management to technical, providing commercial and defense related products worldwide.

#### **23. Maricopa County Community College District**

2411 W. 14th St., Tempe 85281  
480-731-8000; [www.maricopa.edu](http://www.maricopa.edu)

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With ten community colleges, two skill centers and numerous education centers spread across the valley, Maricopa County Community College District offers a variety of locations in which to seek employment. The system offers about 1,000 occupational programs, 37 academic associate degrees, with a total of over 10,000 courses.

#### **24. Salt River Project**

1521 N. Project Dr., Tempe 85281-1298  
602-236-5900; [www.srpnet.com](http://www.srpnet.com)

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SRP provides reasonably priced and reliable electricity and water to over 2 million people in Central Arizona, making it one of the nation's largest public power utilities.

#### **25. Abrazo Health**

8620 N. 22nd Ave., #200, Phoenix 85021  
602-674-1400 (Regional Office)  
[www.abrazohealth.com](http://www.abrazohealth.com)

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Part of the Tenet Healthcare system Abrazo is one of the largest health care organizations in Arizona; committed to helping people achieve health for life, Abrazo is a rising leader in the delivery of quality, personalized health care, operating six hospitals, a physician medical group, and several service-specific institutes and centers.

*SOURCE: The Arizona Republic, AZCentral.com, About.com, The Greater Phoenix Economic Council  
[www.gpec.org/doing-business-in-phoenix/top-employers](http://www.gpec.org/doing-business-in-phoenix/top-employers)*

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# TUCSON'S TOP 25 EMPLOYERS

Tucson has a diverse list of large employers in both the public and private sector – from education, government and healthcare to technology, manufacturing and the military. Here's a list of Tucson's Top 25 Largest Employers, including a brief description of the organization with contact information, web site and number of employees.



### 1. University of Arizona

1200 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85721  
520-621-2211; [www.arizona.edu](http://www.arizona.edu)

The University of Arizona is the leading public research university in the southwest and ranks among the top 20 public research universities in the nation. It's also the state's only member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, and offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

### 2. Raytheon Missile Systems

1151 E. Hermans Road, Tucson 85756  
520-794-3000; [www.raytheon.com](http://www.raytheon.com)

Raytheon Missile Systems, headquartered in Tucson, designs, develops, and produces missile systems for U.S. and allied forces, including "air-to-air, strike, naval weapon systems, land combat missiles, guided projectiles, exoatmospheric kill vehicles, and directed energy weapons." Other capabilities include electronic warfare, space solutions, naval solutions and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

### 3. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

2600 S. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85708  
520-228-3900; [www.dm.af.mil](http://www.dm.af.mil)

Davis-Monthan (D-M) Air Force Base in Tucson is the home of the 355th Fighter Wing host unit, providing medical, logistical, and operational support to all D-M units. The wing's missions are to train A-10 and OA-10 pilots and to provide A-10 and OA-10 support to ground forces worldwide, as well as provide command, control, and communications countermeasures in support of tactical forces with its EC-130H aircraft.

### 4. State of Arizona

5441 E. 22nd St. #115, Tucson 85711  
602-542-1500 (Phoenix main)  
520-745-5802 (Tucson employment)  
[www.az.gov](http://www.az.gov); [www.azstatejobs.gov](http://www.azstatejobs.gov)

The State of Arizona employs close to 9,000 in various state government offices in the Tucson area, including the Department of Corrections, Department of

## TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

As Southern Arizona's largest district, Tucson Unified offers more teaching opportunities and support programs than any other district in the region.

We're committed to providing what's best for our students. Our innovative and creative staff are transforming American education. Together we are becoming a richly diverse, model 21st Century urban school district.

**Apply today and join us  
in re-imagining American education.**

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**Apply now at  
[TucsonUnified.org/JOBS](http://TucsonUnified.org/JOBS)**

1010 East 10th Street • Tucson, AZ 85719 • 520.225.6035



Tucson Unified School District is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination based on disability, race, color, religion/religious beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, or national origin.

Public Safety, Department of Medical Benefits and Eligibility, and many others.

### 5. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AK 72716  
800-925-6278; [www.walmartstores.com](http://www.walmartstores.com)

Retail giant WalMart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, employs more than 33,000 in the state of Arizona, including more than 7,000 in Tucson at its supercenters, discount stores, neighborhood markets, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers.

### 6. Tucson Unified School District

1010 E. 10th Street, Tucson 85719  
520-225-6000; [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

The Tucson Unified School District is the second largest school district in the state of Arizona, serving close to 50,000 students and employing over 7,600.

### 7. U.S. Border Patrol

2430 S. Swan Road, Tucson 85711  
520-748-3000; [cbp.gov/xp/cgov/home.xml](http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/home.xml)

The Tucson Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, part of the Department of Homeland Security, is among the busiest on the southwest border, covering 262 miles from the Yuma county line to the Arizona/New Mexico state line. Coverage includes eight stations: Ajo, Casa Grande, Tucson, Nogales, Wilcox, Sonoita, Naco, and Douglas.

### 8. University of Arizona Health Network

1501 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson 85724  
520-694-0111; [www.umcarizona.org](http://www.umcarizona.org)

UMC is a private, nonprofit hospital located at the Arizona Health Sciences Center, adjacent to The University of Arizona in Tucson. AHSC includes the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health as well as the physicians from University Physicians Healthcare. It has been nationally recognized for exceptional patient care, the education of new healthcare professionals and groundbreaking research conducted at the College of Medicine.



Downtown Tucson  
Photo by Ron Niebrugge/wildnatureimages.com



Tucson Cityscape  
Photo by Ron Niebrugge/wildnatureimages.com

#### 9. Pima County

150 West Congress Street, Tucson 85701  
520-740-8028; [www.pima.gov](http://www.pima.gov)

Pima County is the second largest of the four original Arizona counties, covering 9,184 square miles. It was founded in 1864 and primarily includes South Tucson, some areas of southwest Tucson, and other cities in the Santa Cruz River Valley, making its population just over 980,000 residents, by the 2010 Census count.

#### 10. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold

333 North Central Avenue, Phoenix 85004  
602-366-8100; [www.fcx.com](http://www.fcx.com)

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) is an international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona and several mining operations in the Tucson area. The company has a dynamic portfolio of operating, expansion and growth projects in the copper industry and is the world's largest producer of molybdenum.

#### 11. U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca

1903 Hatfield Street, Fort Huachuca 85613  
520-533-1850; [www.army.mil/huachuca](http://www.army.mil/huachuca)

Fort Huachuca's long history started in the 1870s, when the base served as a

camp during the Indian Wars with the Apaches. In 1971, it became the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and is now a major military installation in Arizona.

#### 12. City of Tucson

*City Hall.*

255 W. Alameda St., Tucson 85701  
520-791-3112 ; [www.tucsonaz.gov](http://www.tucsonaz.gov)

Tucson started out as a rich mix of Hohokam Indian culture and continues today with the culture's modern-day descendants, the Pima and Tohono O'odham Indians. Today, the city is the 33rd-largest in the U.S. and home to a top public university and several public and private sector employers.

#### 13. Tohono O'odham Nation

P.O. Box 2425, Sells 85634  
520-383-2028; [www.tonation-nsn.gov](http://www.tonation-nsn.gov)

The Tohono O'odham Nation, which means "desert people," is a federally recognized Tribe in southwestern Arizona's Pima, Pinal and Maricopa counties. The main reservation is located between Tucson and Ajo and, at more than 4,400 square miles, is the second largest Indian reservation in Arizona, both in population and size.

#### 14. Carondelet Health Network

1601 West St. Mary's Road, Tucson 85745  
520-872-4357; [www.carondelet.org](http://www.carondelet.org)

Carondelet Health Network in Tucson is a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest, religious-sponsored not-for-profit health care system. Its Tucson health network encompasses three hospitals – including St. Mary's, which opened in 1880 – with several centers and institutes meeting the healthcare needs of the Tucson area.

#### 15. TMC HealthCare

5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson 85712  
520-327-5461; [www.tmc.org](http://www.tmc.org)

TMC HealthCare is Southern Arizona's locally governed nonprofit hospital system and includes the Tucson Medical Center, Tucson Orthopaedic Institute, the Cancer Care Center of Southern Arizona and the Children's Clinics for Rehabilitative Services. Tucson Medical Center is also known as one of the nation's top neuroscience programs, and has been designated as a Neuroscience Center of Excellence.

#### 16. Fry's Food Stores of Arizona, Inc.

500 S. 99th Avenue, Bldg A, Tolleson 85353  
623-936-2100; [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com)

A subsidiary of the Kroger Co., Fry's Food Stores operates more than 100 grocery



stores that serve the Tucson area and surrounding counties.

**17. Pima Community College**  
4905 E. Broadway, Tucson 85709  
520-206-4500; [www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu)

Since 1966, Pima Community College has been developing the Pima County community through learning. Through campuses strategically placed throughout the Tucson metro area, PCC offers convenient, affordable educational opportunities that can help you make its students' dreams a reality.

**18. Corrections Corp. of America (CCA)**  
10 Burton Hills Blvd, Nashville, TN 37215  
615-263-3000; [www.cca.com](http://www.cca.com)

CCA operates six corrections facilities in Florence and Eloy. It founded the private corrections management industry more than 25 years ago, establishing industry standards for future-focused, forward-thinking correctional solutions. A commitment to innovation, efficiency, cost effectiveness and achievement has made the company the private corrections management provider of choice for federal, state and local agencies since 1983.

**19. Asarco, LLC**  
5825 E. Williams Circle  
Suite 2000; Tucson 85711  
520-798-7500; [www.asarco.com](http://www.asarco.com)

Founded as the American Smelting and Refining Company in 1899, Asarco is a fully integrated miner, smelter and refiner of copper in the United States, producing about 350-400 million pounds of copper. Significant copper mines include the Mission, Silver Bell and Ray open-pit mines, all in Arizona.

**20. Afni Inc.**  
5451 E. Williams Blvd., Tucson 85711  
877-913-2364; [www.afni.com](http://www.afni.com)

Afni, Inc. is a leading provider of contact center solutions and receivables management services to many of the nation's largest companies. With three locations in Tucson, various opportunities for employment are available.

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**21. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System**  
3601 S 6th Ave., Tucson 85723  
800-470-8262; 520-629-4900  
[www.tucson.va.gov](http://www.tucson.va.gov)

Part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Southern Arizona VA Health Care (SAVAHCS) serves more than 170,000 veterans located in eight counties in southern Arizona and one county in western New Mexico. SAVAHC is a 285-bed hospital that provides primary care and sub-specialty health care in numerous medical areas for eligible veterans.

**22. Sunnyside Unified School District**  
2238 E. Ginter Road, Tucson 85706  
520-545-2000; [www.susd12.org](http://www.susd12.org)

The Sunnyside Unified School District serves more than 17,000 students in 22 schools and is the second largest school district in Pima County, Arizona. It operates early childhood care centers, 13 elementary, five middle, and three high schools, all staffing full-time counselors, registered nurses, music teacher, art teachers, physical education teachers and librarians.

**23. Citi**  
9060 S. Rita Road, Tucson 85747  
520-662-5570; [www.citifinancial.com](http://www.citifinancial.com)

The Citi financial services company (banking, insurance and investments) operates a corporate center and several other Tucson locations that employ nearly 2,000. The company's major brands

include Citibank, CitiFinancial, Primerica, Salomon Smith Barney, Banamex, and Travelers Life and Annuity.

**24. Pinal County**  
31 N. Pinal St., Florence 85232  
520-866-6000; 888-431-1311  
[www.pinalcountyz.gov](http://www.pinalcountyz.gov)

Founded in 1875 and located in the central part of Arizona, Pinal County is the third most populous county in the state, with an estimated population of 387,365, as of July 1, 2012. It contains parts of four different Indian Reservations and is situated conveniently between the Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona's two largest metropolitan areas.

**25. Amphitheater Unified School District**  
701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson 85705  
520-696-5000; [www.amphi.com](http://www.amphi.com)

Amphitheater schools and facilities offer a place where students thrive academically; where parents want their children to go; where highly skilled people work; and places community members respect because of the high student achievement, caring environment, and focus on individual needs! Amphi strives to empower all students to become contributing members of society equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

*SOURCES: Tucson Chamber of Commerce,  
Arizona Daily Star*

# finding the **RIGHT** JOB

So, you like what Arizona has to offer and you've decided to make the big move to the Valley of the Sun. Good for you! Now it's time to jump those hurdles and make it happen. Assuming you're not moving to start your own business, one of the most important hurdles is the question, "Where am I going to work?"

**The answer is just a few clicks away.**

Most, if not all, of the Web sites owned by Arizona businesses and associations, from the local drug store to government to Fortune 500 international conglomerates and beyond, have on them pages dedicated to profiling available employment positions, along with instructions or applications enabling people to throw their names into the employment hat, so to speak. If you are interested in employment with a specific company, seeing what jobs are available is little more than a quick search through its Web site: follow the links entitled "jobs" or "employment" and you're there!

In doing so, keep in mind that there are as many ways to organize a Web site as there are businesses, so employment pages are easier to find on some business sites than others. If an employment link is not readily obvious, most sites have "search" boxes that online visitors can use to look for specific items or information using keywords, such as, in the case of work, the aforementioned "jobs" or "employment."

Should one's employment desires in the Valley of the Sun be less particular in terms of what company one works for, there are many Web sites whose main purpose is employment, where businesses can post ads about open positions that perspective employees can search and apply. While each of them is set up differently, most work in much the same way. Jobs are organized into several searchable categories, such as location, professional category ("healthcare,

## **www.careerbuilder.com**

A comprehensive national employment site, it is also affiliated with two of Arizona's three main newspapers, *The Arizona Republic* (Phoenix) and *The Arizona Daily Star* (Tucson).

## **www.monster.com**

Another well equipped and organized national employment site, it is affiliated with Arizona's other main newspaper, *The Arizona Daily Sun* (Flagstaff).

## **www.jobing.com**

An easy-to-use site, one need only type in a city and state or zip code to gain access to region-specific jobs. The company behind Jobing.com also organizes and hosts periodic job fairs.



“marketing” or “arts,” to name a few), keyword, income, frequency of work (part- or full-time, per diem, temporary, etc.), and the like. One can opt for a simple search (location, professional category, and/or keyword) or an advanced search, which can be tailored any number of ways to fit the searcher’s needs.

There is a wide degree of variation in the employment submission process, from a simple e-mail with one’s resume attached to extensive online applications that can include competency tests. However, most online employment presences, be it corporate-specific or an employment clearing house, have on them methods by which potential employees can save and edit their initial applications, thereby saving time and effort with future job applications should initial employment requests not pan out.

To the right is a short listing of major employment sites one can explore to find open employment positions in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. It is by no means all-inclusive, but rather is meant as a springboard to launch one’s foray into the Arizona job market. A good strategy would be to visit several employment sites during one’s job search to more effectively blanket an area. While some overlap does occur, it’s worth it to wade through jobs that appear on multiple sites to find those unique gems. ●

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*(Note: Presence of the employment sites on the list to the right does not illustrate an association with or endorsement by ARG Publications, LLC or its subsidiaries.)*



#### **[www.regionalhelpwanted.com](http://www.regionalhelpwanted.com)**

This is a family of area-specific jobs sites encompassing the entire nation. This site servicing the Phoenix area is [www.helpwantedphoenix.com](http://www.helpwantedphoenix.com).

#### **[www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)**

Usually associated with buying and selling goods, Craig’s List is often an overlooked source of employment opportunities. It may not be flashy, but it can offer local opportunities not found on other sites.

#### **[www.arizonaatwork.com](http://www.arizonaatwork.com)**

Formerly the Arizona Workforce Connection, Arizona @ Work provides comprehensive, locally based services. Register for work, apply online, match jobs and build resumes.

# ARIZONA'S COST *of* LIVING

Anyone planning to relocate needs to know just how far their paychecks will stretch in their new, adopted city. After all, if you're used to inexpensive mortgages or rental prices, reasonable grocery bills and affordable health care, you don't want to be surprised if the bills skyrocket when you choose to move to another city.

The good news is that, in Phoenix and Tucson, when compared to cities that are about the same size, your hard-earned dollar will likely stretch a bit further – and that attracts people to the area. In fact, since 2000, Phoenix has experienced a thriving population growth of 24 percent, and Tucson (Pima County) has experienced thriving population growth, with Marana (519 percent!) and Oro Valley (345 percent!) leading the way with the highest and second-highest growth rate of any Arizona city or town!

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index ranks a range of living expenses in major cities. Compiled by ACCRA – a national organization dedicated to economic development and policy research – the index

measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, minus taxes and non-consumer expenditures.

The index also measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas, like groceries, housing, utilities and more. The average for a participating place – both metropolitan and non-metro – is 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

In Phoenix and Tucson, you'll find yourself paying about the same for transportation, utilities, health care, and other goods and services as with other, similar-sized cities. And when it comes to necessities like housing and groceries, Phoenix and Tucson prices remain affordable.

Whether you're thinking about moving here, or are already here, it's easy to see that Arizona measures up not only in terms of quality of life, but also with its affordability.

When it comes to overall cost of living, Phoenix and Tucson are still quite affordable places to live and work. Here's how they ranked in comparison to other major U.S. cities (in the last four quarter ending in Q4 2015)

City	Composite 100%	Grocery 13.56%	Housing 27.02%	Utilities 10.30%	Transportation 12.35%	Healthcare 4.60%	Misc. 32.17%
Atlanta	99.9	103.7	97.4	93.5	105.0	101.4	100.5
Boston	144.3	105.0	193.7	151.7	110.0	130.4	129.2
Chicago	116.2	116.7	135.7	104.2	114.5	99.1	106.0
Dallas	96.1	100.9	76.1	99.4	99.2	101.9	108.4
Denver	109.6	99.2	130.2	94.5	98.4	107.7	105.0
New York City	227.4	128.2	457.7	130.5	131.3	116.2	148.7
Philadelphia	119.5	115.8	135.0	122.5	110.0	99.8	112.8
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>94.0</b>
Pittsburgh	98.6	99.6	95.8	101.1	113.4	96.3	95.1
Raleigh	90.5	102.3	72.4	98.0	89.6	99.6	97.9
San Francisco	176.4	127.9	319.4	108.2	132.0	118.1	118.3
Seattle	140.3	124.6	183.9	107.7	121.1	120.5	128.9
<b>Tucson</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>97.1</b>

Source: ACCRA



# ARIZONA *by the* NUMBERS

## FROM ONE PAYCHECK TO THE NEXT

Want to know how living in Phoenix or Tucson compares to other cities in terms of how far your paycheck will get you? Assuming a \$60,000 salary in the city you're moving from and that you'd own a house in one of the cities, we used a salary/cost of living calculator to help us figure out the rest. For example, if you made \$60,000 after taxes in Los Angeles, CA, you'd need to make just \$41,012 in Phoenix and \$39,686 in Tucson to maintain the same standard of living. Here are the results:

Source: Bankrate.com

### Assuming a \$60,000/year salary -----

<i>If you're moving from here....</i>	<i>In PHX you'd need to make...</i>	<i>In TUC you'd need to make...</i>		<i>If you're moving from here....</i>	<i>In PHX you'd need to make...</i>	<i>In TUC you'd need to make...</i>
Austin	\$59,937	\$58,000		Miami	\$51,237	\$49,581
Baton Rouge	\$62,272	\$60,259		Minneapolis	\$53,179	\$51,460
Boston	\$39,875	\$38,586		New York City	\$25,303	\$24,485
Chicago	\$49,518	\$47,917		Philadelphia	\$48,150	\$56,594
Dallas	\$59,875	\$57,939		Pittsburgh	\$58,357	\$56,470
Denver	\$52,500	\$50,802		Portland	\$44,432	\$42,996
Detroit	\$60,377	\$58,426		Raleigh/Durham	\$63,580	\$61,524
Houston	\$58,594	\$56,700		San Francisco	\$32,619	\$31,564
Las Vegas	\$53,179	\$51,460		Seattle	\$41,012	\$50,026
Los Angeles	\$41,012	\$39,686		St. Louis	\$62,205	\$60,194

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# EDUCATION in ARIZONA

Settled in the corner of the Southwest, Arizona is home to 662 school districts. The state places a high importance on learning from early education through post-secondary education. Local college and university graduates keep the economy flourishing. Arizona recognizes the value of a globally competitive education and strives to keep its best and brightest students in the state.

To that end, Arizona has recently introduced programs to keep students engaged and active during summer breaks. The Arizona Education Association offers discounted continuing education for teachers further enhancing the educations of their students. In 1983, The Arizona Educational Foundation began working with schools in order to reinforce educational standards and design challenging and stimulating curriculums. The Education Coalition of Arizona strives to improve parental and community involvement within schools and generate tax revenue for educational purposes. Educational development has a number of allies in The Grand Canyon State and Arizona legislators are consistently introducing new legislation to improve learning facilities and

create new programs for students. Arizona continues to be a rich environment for its students to grow, learn and thrive.

## PHOENIX

Like many growing cities, education is a central component when it comes to attracting residents, and Phoenix is no exception. With 33 school districts, a wealth of higher education choices that include the University of Phoenix, and a variety of trade, technical, private and parochial schools, there are plenty of educational opportunities for residents.

There are more than 300 public schools in Phoenix in both large and small districts, as

well as more than 650 charter and private schools that serve students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The Phoenix metropolitan area includes the city itself, Maricopa County, most of Pinal County and parts of southern Yavapai County. The Valley of the Sun is home to Mesa Public Schools, the largest school district in the state. Serving the cities of Mesa, Tempe and Chandler, the district serves some 69,000 students in traditional grades K-12, as well as alternative schools based on nontraditional curriculums.

In all, education is a priority in Phoenix and throughout the state – and it shows. The Arizona Department of Education announced that Arizona students exceeded

national averages on Arizona's Measurement of Education Readiness. This year's performance of Arizona's students marks a six-year upward trend. Arizona students scored well above average in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. Additionally, Arizona continue to rank above the national average on SAT scores.

### COMMITTED TO EDUCATION

No matter where you're moving – and whether or not you have children – education is an important consideration for anyone considering relocation. The quality of education in a community affects everything from resale value to the schools in your neighborhood.

With the area's tremendous growth over the last several years, school districts have increased accordingly to accommodate more students, and the city has adopted several initiatives to foster educational excellence. One is the city's Youth and Education Commission, which, in partnership with the

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Human Relations Commission, offers grants to Phoenix schools through its Focus on Results grants initiative.

Each year, the mayor and Phoenix city council support the Phoenix Youth and Teen Services to fund the programs and activities that provide constructive activities for teens. The city has also created The Dropout Prevention Program working with national, state and local organizations to encourage kids to stay in school, pursue post-secondary education or careers, and provide after-school activities.

### HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Phoenix is also known for its higher education opportunities. Area colleges and universities include the Arizona State University (in nearby Tempe), University of Phoenix, Argosy University, Maricopa Community Colleges/Phoenix College (plus several other major campuses), Grand Canyon University, Western International University, and the internationally renowned Thunderbird – The Garvin School of International Management.

In particular, the Arizona State University has over 300 undergraduate and more than 350 masters and graduate degree programs in 18 colleges and schools. One of the largest research-heavy institutions in the U.S., Arizona State University annually devotes over \$385 million in research and development expenditures.

And, the huge Maricopa Community Colleges network features 10 colleges that specialize in university transfer, continuing education, career and job training programs. Phoenix College, the system's main campus, is nationally known for its programs in gerontology, dental hygiene, fire science, emergency medical technology, mathematics, art, graphic design, creative writing, and administration of justice.

Recent research comparing Arizona to states of similar size found that Arizona ranked second for average Arizona student test scores on the ACT college entrance exam, and that Arizona is also ranked second among states of similar size for the number of bachelor's degrees in natural sciences and engineering.

## Testing Our Students

Tests are part of school life anywhere you live, and it's no different in Arizona, where standardized testing to gauge student progress is taken seriously to encourage student success.

According to the Arizona Department of Education, the statewide educational assessment program includes the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test, which is broken out into several tests, depending on grade level, and is designed to measure each student's progress in learning the Arizona Academic Standards.

These particular standards define what students should know and be able to do in reading, writing and mathematics through the course of a student's K-12 education, and are grouped into Readiness (Kindergarten), Foundations (grades 1-3), Essentials (grades 4-8), Proficiency (grades 9-12), and Distinction (9-12).

Beginning with the class of 2006, 10th grade students must pass the AIMS High School (AIMS HS) test to graduate. Students in grade 10 take the AIMS HS assessment and continue to test twice a year in grades 11 and 12 until they have met or exceeded the standard in each area tested, including reading, writing and mathematics.

For more information about the AIMS test, include a description of content, guidelines and sample tests, visit [www.ade.state.az.us/standards/aims](http://www.ade.state.az.us/standards/aims).





## TUCSON

There are 18 public school districts in Tucson and surrounding counties that include both large and small districts, as well as more than 4350 private and parochial schools that serve students from kindergarten through 12th grade. There are also a wide variety of trade, technical, private and parochial schools. Tucson also has a vibrant, active and growing charter school community, with more than 90 schools and counting.

In Pima, Tucson's main county, there are 17 major school districts – the largest of which is the Tucson Unified School District, with an enrollment of more than 49,000 students. Other counties near Tucson include Cochise, with 13 districts, and Santa Cruz, with 3 school districts. The Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind is also based in Tucson.

Beyond the basics, Tucson-area school districts offer gifted, honors, advance placement courses as well as English-as-a-second-language, computer literacy, special education, extended school year, sports, music, theater, arts, and homebound programs. There are also vocational and business programs to prepare students for jobs or further occupational education.

### COMMITTED TO EDUCATION

No matter where you're moving – and whether or not you have children – education is an important consideration for

anyone who is relocating. The quality of education in a community affects everything from resale value to the quality of life in your neighborhood.

With the area's tremendous growth over the last several years, school districts have increased accordingly to accommodate more students, and the city has adopted several initiatives to foster educational excellence. One of these is the Livable Tucson Vision Program whose job it is to define and track community goals – one of which is improving access to education from youth to adult, as well as vocational, life skills, cultural, and civic training.

Special programs include the Tucson-Pima Public Library's Homework Help program, which offers free drop-in homework assistance at forty-two locations (libraries, schools, and other youth-oriented agencies) throughout Pima County; and Project LIFT (Literacy Involves Families Together) – a family literacy program targeting teen parents who are enrolled in parenting or child development programs.

### HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tucson is also known for its higher education opportunities; area colleges and universities include the University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Tucson College of Business, and the University of Phoenix (Tucson).

In particular, the University of Arizona has 334 fields of study, including undergraduate, masters, doctoral and professional programs, in 21 colleges and 20 schools. One of the largest research-heavy institutions in the U.S., the University of Arizona is ranked 19th in research and development expenditures among 11 cities of similar size and 30th in the nation.

Pima Community College has eight campuses in southern Arizona that offer on-campus, alternative and online courses.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

No matter what your education needs – public, private, charter, higher education or trade schools – there are a wealth of options for those who choose to make Arizona their home. We've included a list of Phoenix and Tucson's largest school districts, both areas' 20 largest private schools, and a listing of area colleges and universities. Public school district statistics are based on the District Report Card (2011-2012 school year) from the Arizona Department of Education.

Browse through the Phoenix and Tucson Relocation Guide's Education section for a listing of schools, rankings and much more – and welcome to Arizona! ●

*SOURCES:* [www.greatschools.org/arizona/](http://www.greatschools.org/arizona/); [www.asu.edu/](http://www.asu.edu/); [www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/](http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/); [www.schools.pima.gov/schools/public-schools/](http://www.schools.pima.gov/schools/public-schools/); [www.cochise.az.gov/schools/home](http://www.cochise.az.gov/schools/home)




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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Arizona's steady growth has an impact on education – and the result is public school districts of all sizes that have earned strong reputations for both academic and extracurricular programs. With 58 school districts in three metropolitan Phoenix counties – Maricopa, Pinal and Yavapai – and 42 school districts in Tucson (Pima County) as well as the two nearest major counties – Cochise and Santa Cruz – there are plenty of educational options for those relocating to Arizona.



The following is an overview of school districts in Phoenix and Tucson. We've included a brief description of each district, including number of students; number of schools by category (where applicable); and coverage area where available. Also, many districts have their own website; if available, those are also listed with each district's information. Statistics reflect data from the latest year available (2011-2012). For comprehensive information on each district, contact the Arizona Department of Education, at 800-352-4558, 602-542-5393 or visit [www.azed.gov](http://www.azed.gov).

## PHOENIX

### **Agua Fria Union High School District #216**

Dr. Dennis Runyan, superintendent  
750 E. Riley Dr, Avondale 85323  
623-932-7000; [www.aguafria.org](http://www.aguafria.org)  
*4 high schools*

Established in 1955, the Agua Fria school district serves 6,937 students in grades 9-12 in the communities of Litchfield, Goodyear, Avondale, Buckeye and part of Glendale. A fifth high school is scheduled pending final decision of the Arizona School Facilities Board.

### **Aguila Elementary District #63**

Donald German, superintendent  
P.O. Box 218, Aguila 85320  
928-685-2222; [www.mcazschools.org](http://www.mcazschools.org)  
*1 K-8 elementary school*

The Aguila Elementary District serves 158 students in grades K-8.

### **Alhambra Elementary District #68**

Dr. Karen E. Williams, superintendent  
4510 N. 37th Ave., Phoenix 85019  
602-336-2920; [www.alhambraesd.org](http://www.alhambraesd.org)  
*5 primary schools (K-3), 4 elementary / middle schools (K-8); 6 middle schools (4-8)*

Founded in 1888, the Alhambra Elementary District serves more than 14,000 students in 15 schools from grades K-8.

### **Arlington Elementary District #47**

Chad Turner, superintendent  
9410 S. 355th Ave., Arlington 85322  
623-386-2031; [www.arlingtonelem.org](http://www.arlingtonelem.org)  
*1 elementary / middle school (K-8)*

The Arlington Elementary District in Maricopa County serves some 258 students in grades K-8.

### **Avondale Elementary District #44**

Dr. Catherine Stafford, superintendent  
235 W. Western Ave., Avondale 85323  
623-772-5000; [www.avondale.k12.az.us](http://www.avondale.k12.az.us)  
*8 K-8 schools*

The Avondale Elementary District in Maricopa County serves 6,049 students in grades K-8.

### **Balsz Elementary District #31**

Dr. Jeffrey Smith, superintendent  
4825 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix 85008  
602-629-6400; [www.balsz.k12.az.us](http://www.balsz.k12.az.us)  
*2 elementary schools; 2 K-6 schools; 1 junior high prep academy*

Founded in 1890, the Balsz Elementary District in Maricopa County covers six

## ACCOUNTABILITY: School and District Ratings

As far as school performance ratings for elementary and secondary education, schools in Arizona are rated according to the Arizona LEARNS rating/achievement profiles.

These ratings are determined by student performance on the AIMS test, adequate yearly progress (AYP) as defined by the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Act, and the state's measure of academic progress (MAP). Achievement profile categories include:

**Excelling:** Grades K-8: 90% of pupils achieved one year of academic progress in all subject areas of the Arizona measure of academic progress, and 90 percent passed all subject areas of the AIMS test.

**Grades 9-12:** 90% of pupils passed all subject areas of the AIMS test, the dropout rate is no more than 6 percent and the school's graduation rate is at least 90 percent.

**Highly Performing:** Exceeds state performance and state progress goals.

**Performing Plus:** Informal recognition of schools that have "shown improvement or have sufficient students demonstrating proficiency to earn a Highly Performing or Excelling profile, but do not have a sufficient number of students exceeding the standard."

**Performing:** Meets state performance goals, and needs to meet state progress goals.

**Underperforming:** Needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

**Failing:** Fails to meet academic standards.

Sources: Arizona Department of Education, CCSO, District Websites



square miles east of downtown Phoenix and serves 2,680 students in grades K-8.

#### **Buckeye Elementary District #33**

Dr. Kristi Sandvik, superintendent  
210 S. 6th St., Buckeye 85326  
623-386-4487; [besd.k12.az.us](http://besd.k12.az.us)  
*6 elementary schools*

The Buckeye Elementary District in Maricopa County serves 4,450 students in grades K-8.

#### **Buckeye Union High School District #201**

Beverly Hurley, superintendent  
902 Eason Ave., Buckeye 85326  
623-386-9701; [www.buhsd.org](http://www.buhsd.org)  
*3 high schools; 1 academy/alternative school*

The Buckeye Union High School District in Maricopa County serves 3,763 students in grades 9-12.

#### **Cartwright Elementary District #83**

Dr. Jacob Chavez, superintendent  
3401 N. 67th Ave., Phoenix 85033  
623-691-4000; [www.csd83.org](http://www.csd83.org)  
*16 elementary schools; 4 middle schools*

Founded in 1921, the Cartwright Elementary District in Maricopa County serves 19,000 students in grades K-8.

#### **Cave Creek Unified District #93**

Dr. Debbi C. Burdick, superintendent  
P.O. Box 426; 33606 N. 60th St.  
Cave Creek 85327; 480-575-2000  
[www.ccusd93.org](http://www.ccusd93.org)  
*5 elementary schools; 1 middle schools;  
1 high school*

The Cave Creek Unified District, which includes the communities of Cave Creek, Carefree, Maricopa County, North Phoenix and Scottsdale, serves 5,600 students in grades K-12.

#### **Chandler Unified District #80**

Dr. Camille Casteel, superintendent  
1525 W. Frye Rd., Chandler 85224  
480-812-7000; [www.chandler.k12.az.us](http://www.chandler.k12.az.us)  
*29 elementary schools; 5 junior high schools;  
4 high schools; 2 alternative schools*

The Chandler Unified District, located in the southeastern part of the Phoenix metropolitan area, serves 31,000 students in grades K-12.

#### **Creighton Elementary District #14**

Dr. Charlotte Boyle, superintendent  
2702 E. Flower St., Phoenix, 85016  
602-381-6000; [www.creightonschools.org](http://www.creightonschools.org)  
*9 Pre-K-8 elementary and middle schools*

Founded in 1884, the Creighton Unified District, located in Maricopa County, serves 6,588 students in grades Pre-K-8.

#### **Deer Valley Unified School District #97**

Dr. James Veitenheimer, superintendent  
20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix 85027  
623-445-5000; [www.dvusd.org](http://www.dvusd.org)  
*16 K-6 elementary schools; 12 K-8 elementary/  
middle schools; three 7-8 middle schools; five 9-12  
high schools; 1 alternative school; 1 virtual high  
school; 1 international honors program*

One of the largest school districts in Arizona, the Deer Valley Unified District covers 367 square miles and serves 34,149 students in grades K-12 in Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria, Anthem, New River, Cave Creek and unincorporated areas of Maricopa County.

#### **Dysart Unified District #89**

Gail Pletnick, superintendent  
15802 N. Parkview Pl., Surprise 85374  
623-876-7000; [www.dysart.org](http://www.dysart.org)  
*20 elementary schools; 1 alternative program  
campus; 3 high schools*

The Dysart Unified District covers 140 square miles and serves 25,700 students in grades K-12 in part of El Mirage, Glendale, Surprise, Youngtown and Maricopa County in the Northwest Valley.



### **East Valley Institute of Technology District #401**

Dr. Sally Downey, superintendent  
1601 W. Main St., Mesa 85201  
480-461-4101; [www.evit.com](http://www.evit.com)  
*1 high school (10-12); 12 buildings, plus evening  
adult education*

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EVIT is a public school district that serves students from 10 East Valley school districts, including Apache Junction, Chandler, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Tempe, Higley and J.O. Combs. Students spend half their day at EVIT and the other half at their regular high school, earning elective credit in 35 occupation-specific programs.

### **Fountain Hills Unified District #98**

Tom Lawrence, superintendent  
16000 E. Palisades Blvd.  
Fountain Hills 85268  
480-664-5000; [www.fhusd.org](http://www.fhusd.org)  
*1 Pre-K-2 elementary school; one elementary school  
(3-5); 1 middle school (6-8); 1 high school (9-12)*

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The Fountain Hills Unified District, located just east of Scottsdale and west of the McDowell Mountains, covers 19 square miles and serves about 1,954 students in grades K-12 from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and surrounding communities.

### **Fowler Elementary District #45**

Marvene Lobato, superintendent  
1617 S. 67th Ave., Phoenix 85043  
623-707-4500; [www.fesd.org](http://www.fesd.org)  
*5 elementary schools (including 1 Pre-K/  
childcare center); 2 middle schools*

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The Fowler Elementary District, located in Maricopa County, serves 4,605 students in grades K-8.

### **Gila Bend Unified District #24**

James Mosley, superintendent  
308 N. Martin Ave., Gila Bend 85337  
928-683-2225; [www.gilabendusd.org](http://www.gilabendusd.org)  
*1 elementary school (K-8); 1 high school (9-12)*

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Founded in 1887, the Gila Bend Unified District, located in Maricopa County, serves 441 students in grades K-12.

### **Gilbert Unified District #41**

Dr. Dave Allison, superintendent  
140 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert 85296  
480-497-3300; [www.gilbertschools.net](http://www.gilbertschools.net)  
*1 preschool; 26 elementary schools; 6 junior high  
schools; 5 high schools; 2 academies; 1 alternative  
education campus*

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The Gilbert Unified District had 27 “Excelling”-ranked schools in 2008 and serves more than 39,000 students in grades K-12.

### **Glendale Elementary District #40**

Joseph Quintana, superintendent  
7301 N. 58th Ave., Glendale 85301  
623-237-7100; [www.gesd40.org](http://www.gesd40.org)  
*1 preschool; 26 elementary schools; 6 junior high  
schools; 4 high schools; 3 academies; 1 alternative  
education campus*

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The Gilbert Unified District had 27 “Excelling”-ranked schools in 2008 and serves 13,614 students in grades K-8.

### **Glendale Union High School District #205**

Eugene Dudo, superintendent  
7650 N. 43rd Ave., Glendale 85301  
623-435-6000; [www.guhsdaz.org](http://www.guhsdaz.org)  
*9 high schools (9-12)*

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Founded in 1911, the Glendale Union High School District encompasses 60 square miles and serves 15,000 students from Phoenix and Glendale.

### **Higley Unified District #60**

Dr. Denise Birdwell, superintendent  
2935 S. Recker Rd., Gilbert 85297  
480-279-7000; [www.husd.org](http://www.husd.org)  
*7 elementary schools; 1 elementary/middle  
school; 2 high schools*

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The Higley Unified District, located in Maricopa County, serves some 13,000 students in grades K-12.

### **Isaac Elementary District #5**

Carlos Bejarano, superintendent  
3348 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix 85009  
602-455-6700; [www.isaacschools.org](http://www.isaacschools.org)  
*7 elementary schools (one K-3, one K-4, five K-5);  
2 elementary/middle schools (K-8); 3 middle  
schools (one 5-8, two 6-8)*

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The Isaac Elementary District, which covers 6.8 square miles in Maricopa County, serves about 7,567 students in grades K-8.

### **Kyrene Elementary District #28**

Dr. David K. Schauer, superintendent  
8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe 85284  
480-783-4000; [www.kyrene.org](http://www.kyrene.org)  
*19 elementary schools; 6 middle schools*

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Founded in 1888, the Kyrene Elementary District serves 19,000 students in grades K-8 from the cities of Tempe, Guadalupe, Phoenix and Chandler, as well as students from the Gila River Indian Reservation.

### **Laveen Elementary District #59**

Dr. Bill Johnson, superintendent  
9401 S. 51st Ave., Laveen 85339  
602-237-9100; [www.laveeneld.org](http://www.laveeneld.org)  
*five K-8 elementary/middle schools;  
1 traditional school*

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The Laveen Elementary District, located in the southwest portion of Phoenix between the South Mountain Range and the Estrella Mountains in Maricopa County, serves some 5,922 students in grades K-8.

### **Liberty Elementary District #25**

Dr. Andy Rogers, superintendent  
19871 W. Fremont Rd., Buckeye 85326  
623-474-6600; [www.liberty.k12.az.us](http://www.liberty.k12.az.us)  
*5 elementary schools*

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The Liberty Elementary District, located in Maricopa County, serves 3,693 students in grades K-8.

### **Litchfield Elementary District #79**

Dr. Julianne Lein, superintendent  
553 Plaza Circle, Litchfield Park 85340  
623-535-6000; [www.lesd.k12.az.us](http://www.lesd.k12.az.us)  
*8 elementary schools; 3 middle schools;  
1 learning center*

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The Litchfield Elementary District, located in Maricopa County, serves 10,745 students in grades K-8.

### **Littleton Elementary District #65**

Dr. Roger Freeman, superintendent  
1252 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale 85323  
623-478-5600; [www.littletonaz.org](http://www.littletonaz.org)  
*Six K-8 elementary schools*

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“With 33 school districts, a wealth of higher education choices... and a variety of trade, technical, private and parochial schools, there are plenty of educational opportunities for residents.”

Founded more than 100 years ago, the Littleton Elementary District, located in Maricopa County, serves over 5,300 students in grades K-8.

#### **Madison Elementary District #38**

Tim Ham, superintendent  
5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix 85016  
602-664-7900; [www.msd38.org](http://www.msd38.org)  
*5 elementary schools (including 1 Pre-K/childcare center); 2 middle schools*

The Madison Elementary District, located in Maricopa County, serves 6,151 students in grades K-8.

#### **Maricopa County Regional School District #509**

Ernest Rose, superintendent  
358 North Fifth Ave., Phoenix 85003  
602-452-4700; [www.mcrcsd.org](http://www.mcrcsd.org)  
*1 middle/high school (6-12); 1 regional learning center (9-12); 2 alternative schools (3-12)*

The Maricopa County Regional School District serves over 3,500 students.

#### **Mesa Unified District #4 (Mesa Public Schools)**

Michael Cowan, superintendent  
63 E. Main St No 101, Mesa 85201  
480-472-0000; [www2.mpsaz.org](http://www2.mpsaz.org)  
*58 elementary schools; 13 junior high schools; 7 senior high schools; 9 focus schools; and 13 “choice” programs/schools (including early learning and Head Start programs)*

The Mesa Unified District, one of the state’s largest, serves some 63,600 students in grades Pre-K-12.

#### **Mobile Elementary District #86**

Dr. Kit Wood, superintendent  
42798 S. 99th Ave., Maricopa 85239  
520-568-3947; [www.mcazschools.org](http://www.mcazschools.org)  
*1 elementary/middle school*

The Mobile Elementary District is a rural school district that serves less than 40 students in grades K-8.

#### **Morristown Elementary District #75**

Lucille Thompson, superintendent  
25950 Rockaway Hills Dr  
Morristown 85342; 623-388-2336  
[www.ourteacherspage.com/morristown](http://www.ourteacherspage.com/morristown)  
*1 elementary/middle school*

The Morristown Elementary District serves 139 students in grades K-8.

#### **Murphy Elementary District #21**

Kathy Granillo-Beebe, superintendent  
2615 W. Buckeye Rd., Phoenix 85009  
602-353-5000; [www.msdaaz.org](http://www.msdaaz.org)  
*4 elementary/middle schools*

Founded in 1886, the Murphy Elementary District, located in Maricopa County, serves 2,215 students in grades K-8.

#### **Nadaburg Unified School District #81**

Ben Goodman, superintendent  
32919 Center St., Wittman 85361  
623-388-2321; [www.nadaburgsd.org](http://www.nadaburgsd.org)  
*4 elementary/middle schools*

Located about 35 miles from downtown Phoenix, the Nadaburg Unified District serves 744 students in grades K-12 from the rural community of Wittman and parts of northwest Surprise and Peoria.

#### **Osborn Elementary District #8**

Dr. Wilma Basnett, superintendent  
1226 W. Osborn Rd., Phoenix 85013  
602-707-2000; [www.osbornnet.org](http://www.osbornnet.org)  
*1 K-3 elementary school; three K-6 elementary schools; one 4-6 elementary school; one 7-8 middle school*

Originally founded in 1879 to serve students from Tonto Basin, the Osborn Elementary District serves 3,237 students in grades K-8.

#### **Palo Verde Elementary District #49**

Robin Berry, superintendent  
10700 S. Palo Verde Rd., Palo Verde 85343  
623-327-3690; [www.paloverdeschools.org](http://www.paloverdeschools.org)  
*1 K-8 elementary/middle school*

The Palo Verde Elementary District, located about 50 miles west of Phoenix, serves 430 students in grades K-8.

#### **Paloma Elementary District #94**

Don Coleman, superintendent  
38739 U.S. Highway 85, Gila Bend 85337  
928-683-2588; [www.palomaesd.org](http://www.palomaesd.org)  
*1 K-8 elementary/middle school*

The Paloma Elementary District, a rural district in Maricopa County, serves 86 students in grades K-8.

#### **Paradise Valley Unified District #69**

Dr. James Lee, superintendent  
15002 N. 32nd St., Phoenix 85032  
602-449-2000; [www.pvschools.net](http://www.pvschools.net)  
*31 elementary schools; 8 middle schools; 5 high schools; several alternative/choice programs*

The fourth-largest district in Arizona, the Paradise Valley Unified District, located across 98 square miles of northeast metropolitan Phoenix, serves some 33,375 students in grades K-12.

#### **Pendergast Elementary District #92**

Dr. Ron Richards, superintendent  
3802 N. 91st Ave., Phoenix 85037  
623-772-2200; [www.pesd92.org](http://www.pesd92.org)  
*1 primary school; 12 elementary schools; 1 intermediate school*

The Pendergast Elementary District, is located in Maricopa County, serves 9,500 students in grades K-8.



### **Peoria Unified District #11**

Dr. Denton Santarelli, superintendent  
6330 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale 85306  
623-486-6000; [www.peoriaud.k12.az.us](http://www.peoriaud.k12.az.us)  
*30 elementary schools; 8 high schools*

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The Peoria Unified District, located in the Phoenix suburb of Glendale, serves 36,987 students in grades K-12.

### **Phoenix Elementary District #1**

Myriam Roa, superintendent  
1817 N. 7th St., Phoenix 85006  
602-257-3755; [www.phxelem.k12.az.us](http://www.phxelem.k12.az.us)  
*16 elementary/middle schools*

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The Phoenix Elementary District in Maricopa County serves 8,627 students in grades K-8.

### **Phoenix Union High School District #210**

Kent Scribner, superintendent  
4502 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85012  
602-764-1100; [www.phxhs.k12.az.us](http://www.phxhs.k12.az.us)  
*11 comprehensive high schools; 3 alternative schools; 3 small schools*

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The Phoenix Union High School District serves 27,000 students in grades K-12.

### **Queen Creek Unified District #95**

Tom Lindsey, superintendent  
20740 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek 85242  
480-987-5935; [www.qcusd.org](http://www.qcusd.org)  
*4 elementary schools; 2 middle schools; 1 high school*

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The Queen Creek Unified District, located in Maricopa County, serves 5,000 students in grades K-12.

### **Riverside Elementary District #2**

Dr. Jaime Rivera, superintendent  
1414 S. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85043  
602-477-8900; [www.resdonline.org](http://www.resdonline.org)  
*2 elementary schools*

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The Riverside Elementary District, located west of the Phoenix metro area, serves 1,000 students in grades K-8.

### **Roosevelt Elementary District #66**

Jacqueline Jackson, superintendent  
6000 S. 7th St., Phoenix 85042  
602-243-4800; [www.rsd.k12.az.us](http://www.rsd.k12.az.us)  
*21 elementary, middle and alternative schools*

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Founded in 1912 and located in South Mountain Village near downtown Phoenix, the Roosevelt Elementary District serves 10,530 students in grades K-8.

### **Saddle Mountain Unified District #90**

Dr. Mark Joraanstad, superintendent  
38201 W. Indian School Rd.  
Tonopah 85354  
623-474-5100; [www.smusd90.org](http://www.smusd90.org)  
*3 elementary schools; 1 high school*

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The Saddle Mountain Unified District serves 1,400 students in grades K-12.

### **Scottsdale Unified School District #48**

Dr. David J. Peterson, superintendent  
3811 N. 44th St., Phoenix 85018  
480-484-6100; [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org)  
*20 elementary schools; 7 middle schools; 5 high schools; 1 alternative school*

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Founded in 1886, the Scottsdale Unified School District serves 25,668 students in grades K-12 in most of Scottsdale and Paradise Valley, as well as parts of Phoenix and Tempe.

### **Sentinel Elementary District #71**

Christopher Maynes, superintendent  
53802 W. US Hwy 80; Sentinel 85333  
928-454-2474; [www.sentinelesd.org](http://www.sentinelesd.org)  
*1 elementary/middle school*

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The rural Sentinel Elementary District serves 38 students in grades K-8.

### **Tempe Elementary District #3**

Christine Busch, superintendent  
3205 S. Rural Rd., Tempe 85282  
480-730-7100; [www.tempeschools.org](http://www.tempeschools.org)  
*18 elementary schools (K-5); 4 middle schools (6-8); Intervention Program middle schools (6-8); and a K-8 traditional school*

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The Tempe Elementary School District covers 36 square miles – including Tempe, parts of Phoenix and the town of Guadalupe – and serves 12,020 students in grades K-8.

### **Tempe Union High School District #213**

Kenneth Baca, superintendent  
500 W. Guadalupe Rd., Tempe 85283  
480-839-0292; [www.tuhds.k12.az.us](http://www.tuhds.k12.az.us)  
*6 comprehensive high schools; 1 alternative high school; 1 academy for gifted students*

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The Tempe Union High School District covers 162 square miles – including the cities of Tempe, Guadalupe, the Gila River Indian community, the Ahwatukee Foothills area of Phoenix and parts of Chandler – and serves 14,274 students.

### **Tolleson Elementary District #17**

Lupita Hightower, assistant superintendent  
9261 W. Van Buren, Tolleson 85353  
623-936-9740; [www.tollesonschools.org](http://www.tollesonschools.org)  
*4 elementary/middle schools*

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Organized in 1923, the Tolleson Elementary District is located about 10 miles west of downtown Phoenix, and serves 2,900 students in grades K-8 from Tolleson, parts of southwest Phoenix and the northeast section of the city of Avondale.

### **Tolleson Union High School District #214**

Lexi Cunningham, interim superintendent  
9801 W. Van Buren St., Tolleson 85353  
623-478-4000; [www.tuhdsd.org](http://www.tuhdsd.org)  
*6 high schools*

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The Tolleson Union High School District, founded in 1914, covers just over 10 square miles and serves some 10,070 students in grades 9-12.

### **Union Elementary District #62**

Dr. Pat Gillespie, superintendent  
3834 S. 91st Ave., Tolleson 85353  
623-478-5005; [www.uesd.org](http://www.uesd.org)  
*1 elementary school (K-5); 1 middle school (6-8); 1 K-7 school*

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The Union Elementary District, also in Tolleson and located about 25 miles west of downtown Phoenix, serves 5,400 students in grades K-8.

### **Washington Elementary School District #6**

Dr. Susan Cook, superintendent  
4650 W. Sweetwater Ave., Glendale 85304  
602-347-2802; [www.wedschools.org](http://www.wedschools.org)  
*19 K-6 elementary schools; two K-5 elementary schools; six K-8 elementary/middle schools; one 6-8 middle school; 4 middle/junior high schools*

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The Washington Elementary School District, the largest elementary district in Arizona, serves more than 25,300 students in grades K-8.

**West MEC #402**

Gregory J. Donovan, superintendent  
4949 W. Indian School; Phoenix 85031  
623-873-1860; [www.west-mec.org](http://www.west-mec.org)

Formed in 2003 to enhance career and technical education (CTE) opportunities for high school students, the West-MEC (Maricopa Education Center) is a public school district that has partnerships with 12 school districts in Maricopa County. The district has serves more than 21,000 students in 46 high schools that enroll in CTE courses at West-MEC.

**Wickenburg Unified District #9**

Howard C. Carlson, superintendent  
40 W. Yavapai St., Wickenburg 85390  
928-668-5350; [www.wickenburgschools.org](http://www.wickenburgschools.org)  
*2 elementary schools (K-5); 1 middle school (6-8); 1 high school (9-12); 1 alternative high school (9-12)*

The Wickenburg Unified District, located in northwest Maricopa County about 50 miles west of Phoenix in the Hassayampa River Valley, serves 1,555 students in grades K-8.

**Wilson Elementary District #7**

Antonio Sanchez, superintendent  
3025 E. Fillmore St., Phoenix 85008  
602-681-2200; [www.wsd.k12.az.us](http://www.wsd.k12.az.us)  
*1 Head Start school; 1 primary school (K-3); 1 elementary/middle school (4-8)*

The Wilson Elementary District serves 1,181 students in grades K-8.

**TUCSON****Ajo Unified District**

Robert F. Dooley, superintendent  
111 Well Rd., Ajo 85321  
520-387-5618; [www.ajoschools.org](http://www.ajoschools.org)  
*1 elementary school; 1 middle school; 1 high school*

The Ajo school district serves 469 students from the western districts of the Tohono O'odham Reservation, Lukeville, Why, and Ajo, Arizona.

**Altar Valley Elementary District**

Nathan McCann, superintendent  
10105 S. Sasabe Rd., Tucson 85736  
520-822-1484; [www.altarvalleyschools.org](http://www.altarvalleyschools.org)  
*1 elementary school; 1 middle school*

Located 20 miles west of Tucson and covering 600 square miles of Sonoran desert and mountains, the Altar Valley Elementary district serves 741 students in grades K-8.

**Amphitheater Public School District**

Patrick Nelson, superintendent  
701 W. Wetmore, Tucson 85705  
520-696-5000; [www.amphi.com](http://www.amphi.com)  
*11 elementary schools; 2 K-8 schools; 3 middle schools; 3 high schools; and 2 special program schools*

The Amphitheater School District serves more than 13,700 students and covers a 109 square-mile area on Tucson's northwest side from the Pinal County line south to Grant Road, including parts of northwest Tucson, Pima County, the town of Oro Valley, and the village of Catalina.

**Ash Creek Elementary District**

6460 E. Highway 181, Pearce 85625  
520-824-3340  
*1 elementary/middle school serving grades K-8*

Located in Pearce, about 90 minutes from Tucson, the Ash Creek district enrolls approximately 40 students.

**Benson Unified School District**

David Woodall, superintendent  
360 S. Patagonia St., Benson 85602  
520-586-2213; [www.bensonsd.k12.az.us](http://www.bensonsd.k12.az.us)  
*1 primary school, 1 middle school, 2 high schools*

Located in the San Pedro River Valley, the Benson school district serves 1,154 students.

**Bisbee Unified District**

Jim Phillips, superintendent  
100 Old Douglas Rd., Bisbee 85603  
520-432-5381; [www.busd.k12.az.us](http://www.busd.k12.az.us)  
*1 elementary school, 1 middle school, 1 junior high, 1 high school*

With a mission of "Learning for All," the Bisbee school district serves 901 K-12 students.

**Bowie Unified School District**

Pat O'Donnell, superintendent  
315 W. 5th St., Bowie 85605  
520-847-2545; [www.bowieschools.org](http://www.bowieschools.org)  
*1 elementary school, 1 middle school, 1 high school*

A small, rural, and predominately Hispanic community in northern Cochise County, Bowie is located about 100 miles east of Tucson. The Bowie school district serves 82 K-12 students.

**Catalina Foothills Unified District**

Mary Kamerzell, superintendent  
2101 E. River Rd., Tucson 85718  
520-209-7500; [www.cfsd16.org](http://www.cfsd16.org)  
*1 early learning center; 4 elementary schools; 2 middle schools; 1 high school*

Founded in 1931, the Catalina Foothills school district is located about 10 miles northeast of Tucson and southeast of the Amphitheater district and serves 5,068 students.

**Cochise Elementary District**

Stephen C. Webb, superintendent  
5025 N. Bowie Ave., Cochise 85606  
520-384-2540; [www.cochiseschool.org](http://www.cochiseschool.org)  
*1 K-8 school*

The Cochise Elementary District, located west of Tucson, is focused on providing "comprehensive, success-oriented learning for all students." The district serves 96 students in grades K-8.

**Continental Elementary District**

Virginia Juettner, superintendent.  
1991 E. White House Canyon Rd.  
Green Valley 85614  
520-625-4581; [www.continentalesd.org](http://www.continentalesd.org)  
*1 Pre-K-8 school*

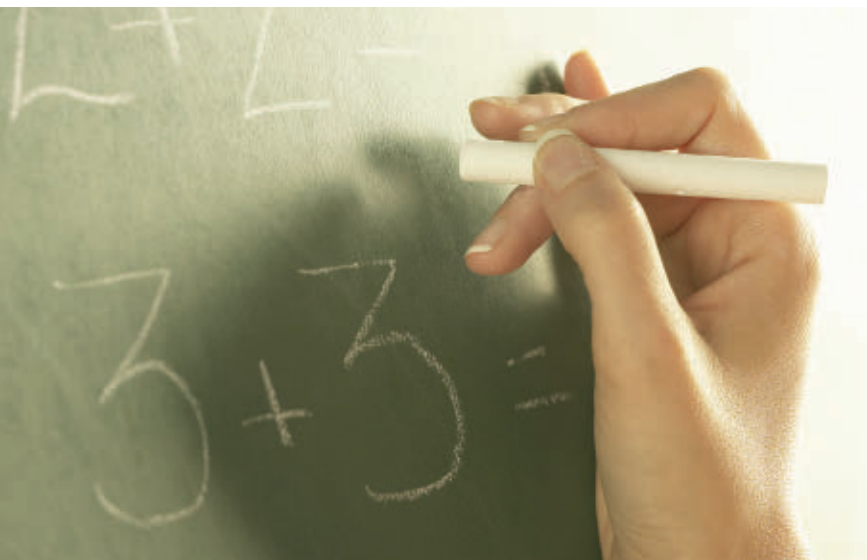
The Continental Elementary District is a small school district located in Green Valley, about 20 miles south of Tucson, and 40 miles north of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The district serves 550 students

**Double Adobe Elementary District**

Pamela Sanders, superintendent  
7081 N. Central Hwy., McNeal 85617  
520-364-3041; *1 K-8 school*

The Double Adobe Elementary District is a small, rural school district in McNeal, located in Cochise County. The district serves 50 students.





### **Douglas Unified District**

Sheila Rogers, superintendent  
1132 12th St., Douglas 85607  
520-364-2447; [www.douglasschools.org](http://www.douglasschools.org)  
*1 early learning center/Pre-K, 5 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 high school*

Douglas Unified School District covers 552 square miles, extending from the border with Mexico on the south and 15 miles to the north, and from the Arizona/New Mexico border on the east, just one mile west of King's Highway. The district serves 3,910 students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade.

### **Elfrida Elementary District**

Vicki Brand, superintendent  
4070 Jefferson Rd., Elfrida 85610  
520-642-3428; [www.elfridaschools.org](http://www.elfridaschools.org)  
*1 Pre-K-8 school (includes special education)*

The Elfrida Elementary District serves 112 students in grades Pre-K through 8th grade.

### **Flowing Wells Unified District**

David R. Baker, superintendent  
1556 W. Prince Road, Tucson 85705  
520-696-8801; [www.floatingwellsschools.org](http://www.floatingwellsschools.org)  
*1 early childhood center, 6 elementary schools, 1 junior high, 2 high schools*

The Flowing Wells Unified District serves 6,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade. District schools have been recognized for excellence, including seven National Blue Ribbon schools.

### **Indian Oasis-Baboquivari Unified District**

Alberto Siqueiros, superintendent  
111 W. Main, Sells 85634  
520-383-6801; [www.iobusd40.org](http://www.iobusd40.org)  
*1 primary K-3 school, 1 intermediate 4-6 school, 1 middle school, 1 high school*

The Indian Oasis-Baboquivari Unified School District serves 886 students of the Tohono O'odham Nation, which is located about 2,400 feet in the Sonoran Desert.

### **Marana Unified District**

Doug Wilson, superintendent  
11279 W. Grier Rd., Marana 85653  
520-682-3243; [www.maranausd.org](http://www.maranausd.org)  
*11 elementary schools, 1 intermediate school, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools, 1 alternative school*

The Marana Unified School District serves 12,300 students.

### **McNeal Elementary District**

Terry Reyna, superintendent  
3979 McNeal St., McNeal 85617  
520-642-3356; *1 Pre-K-8 school*

The McNeal Elementary District, located in Cochise County, includes a small, Pre-K-8 school that serves over 40 students.

### **Naco Elementary District**

Juan Franco, superintendent  
1911 West Valenzuela, Naco 85620  
520-432-5060; [www.nacoschool.com](http://www.nacoschool.com)  
*1 Pre-K-8 school*

The Naco Elementary District, located in Cochise County, includes a Pre-K-8 school that serves 308 students.

### **Nogales Unified School District**

Fernando Parra, superintendent  
310 W. Plum St., Nogales 85621  
520-432-5060; [www.nusd.k12.az.us](http://www.nusd.k12.az.us)  
*6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools (includes 1 vocational school)*

The Nogales Unified School District, located in the southern part of Santa Cruz County, serve just over 5,900 students from both sides of the Arizona-Mexico border.

### **Palominas Elementary District**

Steve Poling, superintendent  
10391 E. Highway 92, Hereford 85615  
520-366-6204; [www.palominas.com/schools01.htm](http://www.palominas.com/schools01.htm); *1 Pre-K-8 school, 2 K-8 schools*

The Palominas Elementary District covers an area of 192 square miles and serves a growing area of Sierra Vista, in Cochise County. The district serves approximately 1065 students.

### **Patagonia Public School District**

Denise Blake, superintendent  
Patagonia 85624; 520-394-3000  
*1 Pre-K-8 school*

The Patagonia Public School District, located in Santa Cruz County, serves 83 students.

**Pearce Elementary District**

Bryan Bullington, superintendent  
Hwy 191 & Old Pearce Rd., Pearce 85625  
520-826-3328; *1 Pre-K-8 school*

The Pearce Elementary District, located in a small town in southeast Arizona, serves 107 students in Santa Cruz County.

**Pomerene Elementary District**

Dan Bailey, superintendent  
1396 N. Old Pomerene Rd.  
Pomerene 85627; 520-586-2407  
www.pomereneschool.org  
*1 Pre-K-8 school with two campuses*

The Pomerene Elementary District, located in Cochise County Arizona, serves 121 students on two separate campuses.

**St. David Unified School District**

Mark Goodman, superintendent  
70 Patton Hwy., St. David 85630  
520-720-4781; www.stdavidschools.org  
*1 K-8 elementary school, 1 high school*

Located in the San Pedro Valley of Cochise County, the St. David Unified School District serves approximately 429 students.

**Sahuarita Unified School District**

Manuel Valenzuela, superintendent  
350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita 85629  
520-625-3502; www.susd30.us  
*1 primary school, 1 elementary school,  
1 intermediate school, 2 middle schools,  
1 high school*

Located in Pima County, the Sahuarita Unified School District serves 5,468 students. The district has been honored for innovative programs, and its vocational programs have won national awards.

**San Fernando Elementary District**

Susan Simon, administrator  
1 Schoolhouse Dr., Sasabe 85633  
520-823-4243; *1 K-8 school*

Located in Pima County, the San Fernando Unified School District serves 26 students.

**San Simon Unified District**

Curry Donaldson, superintendent  
2226 West Business I-10, San Simon 85632  
520-845-2275; www.sansimon.k12.az.us  
*1 K-12 school*

Located in Cochise County, this K-12 school in the San Simon Unified School District serves 114 students.

Santa Cruz Elementary District  
James Cruice, superintendent  
7 Duquesne Rd., Nogales 85621  
520-287-0737; *1 K-8 school*

Located in Santa Cruz County, this K-8 school in the Santa Cruz Unified School District serves 215 students.

**Santa Cruz County Regional School District**

Alfredo I. Velasquez, superintendent  
3241 N. Grand Ave., Nogales 85621  
520-281-9179; *1 5-12 school*

This 5th-12th grade school in the Santa Cruz Unified School District is a feeder school for Santa Cruz Elementary and serves 48 students.

**Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District**

Rodney Rich, superintendent  
1374 W. Frontage Rd., Rio Rico 85648  
520-281-9179; www.santacruz.k12.az.us  
*3 elementary schools; 2 middle schools;  
1 high school*

The Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District covers approximately 265 square miles and includes five rural communities. The district serves 3,598 students.

# Arizona Enrollment Requirements

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

Families must provide two proofs of residency to establish residence in a designated school attendance area, the district's boundaries or the state. These can include:

- Motor vehicle registration
- Utility bill
- Property tax bill
- Lease agreement
- Tax return
- Bank account, paycheck, credit card bill, etc.
- Employer letter on letterhead
- Driver's license or State ID
- Rent or mortgage payment receipt

**PROOF OF AGE**

Arizona students must be five years old before September 1 of the current school year for kindergarten, and 6 years old before September 1 to enter first grade. Proof of age can include:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Other reliable proof of the student's identity and age (must include birth date), including the student's baptismal certificate, passport, a stamped application for a Social Security number, 194 with Federal stamp stating refugee status, or original school registration records, and an affidavit explaining the inability to provide the birth certificate.

**IMMUNIZATION FORMS**

Arizona state law requires school districts to show proof that every student through 12th grade has had immunizations, or is exempt from required immunization. Contact your school district for information on which immunizations they require.



### Sierra Vista Unified District

Kriss Hagerl, superintendent  
3555 Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista 85635  
520-515-2701; sierravistapublicschools.com  
*6 elementary schools; 2 middle schools;  
1 high school*

Located in Cochise County, the Sierra Vista school district serves 5,515 students across nine schools.

### Sonoita Elementary District

Sue Schwartz, superintendent  
293 Upper Elgin Rd., Elgin 85611  
520-455-5514; *1 K-8 school*

Located in Santa Cruz County, the Sonoita Elementary district serves 115 students at Elgin Elementary School during.

### Sunnyside Unified District

Manuel L. Isquierdo, superintendent  
2238 E. Ginter Rd., Tucson 85706  
520-545-2024; www.sunnysideud.k12.az.us  
*14 elementary schools; 5 middle schools; 2 high schools; 1 alternative school/ academic center*

The Sunnyside Unified District covers 93.6 square miles in the southern part of Tucson and other areas near Pima County, including parts of the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation. Sunnyside serves 17,613 students and is the largest district in the county.

### Tanque Verde Unified School District

Douglas Price, superintendent  
2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop, Tucson 85749  
520-749-5751; www.tanqueverdeschools.org  
*2 elementary schools; 1 junior high school;  
1 high school*

Located in Pima County, the Tanque Verde Unified District serves 1,457 students across four schools.

### Tombstone Unified School District

Karl Uterhardt, superintendent  
815 E. Fremont, Tombstone 85638  
520-457-2217; www.tombstoneschools.org  
*1 K-6 elementary school; 1 K-8 elementary/  
middle school; 1 9-12 high school*

Organized in 1922 and located in legendary Tombstone, the Tombstone Unified School District serves 851 students in

the communities of Fairbank, Gleeson, Huachuca City, Whetstone, and Tombstone.

### Tucson Unified School District

Dr. H.T. Sanchez, superintendent  
1010 E. 10th St., Tucson 85719  
520-225-6060; www.tusd1.org  
*50 elementary schools; 12 K-8 schools; 11 high schools; 11 middle schools; 5 alternative schools;  
2 early learning centers*

The largest school district in Pima County, Tucson Unified District serves 50,000 students.

### Vail Unified District

Calvin Baker, superintendent  
13801 E. Benson Hwy., Vail 85641  
520-879-2000; www.vail.k12.az.us  
*5 elementary schools; 3 middle schools; 2 high schools; 1 alternative high school; 2 charter schools*

Located in Pima County, the Vail Unified District serves 10,069 students in Vail and the southeast Tucson region of southern Arizona.

*For more information  
contact the Arizona  
Department of Education:  
www.azed.gov | 602-542-5031*

### Valley Union High School District

Ron Aguillo, principal  
4088 Jefferson Rd., Elfrida 85610  
520-642-3492; www.vuhs.net  
*1 9-12 high school*

Located in Cochise County, the Valley Union High School District serves 124 students in Elfrida, Arizona.

### Willcox Unified School District

Richard Rundhaug, superintendent  
480 North Bisbee Ave., Willcox 85643  
520-384-4211; www.willcox.k12.az.us  
*1 elementary school; 1 middle school; 1 high school*

Located in Cochise County, the Willcox Unified School District serves 1,196 students across three schools. ●

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A photograph of two young children, a girl with dark hair in pigtails and a boy with blonde hair, sitting at a white table. They are both looking down at a book or paper on the table. The girl is on the left, wearing a white shirt, and the boy is on the right, wearing a white polo shirt with red stripes. The background is a bright, out-of-focus room with shelves containing books and toys.

# PRIVATE SCHOOLS

As in all progressive cities, education is important to the people who live in them – and Phoenix and Tucson are no exception. Along with top colleges, universities, public, trade and specialty schools, both Phoenix and Tucson are home to more than 200 private schools with enrollment ranging from pre-K through 12th grade, as well as an active home school community. For additional information and a complete listing of all private schools in the Phoenix, Tucson and other surrounding Arizona areas, visit the Arizona Private Schools Report website at: [arizona.privateschoolsreport.com/schools/AZ.html](http://arizona.privateschoolsreport.com/schools/AZ.html) The following is a listing of the 25 largest private schools in both the Phoenix and Tucson areas with contact information, most current enrollment figures and website, if available:



## PHOENIX

### All Saints Episcopal Day School

602-274-4866; [www.aseds.org](http://www.aseds.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 520

### Atonement Lutheran School

623-374-3019; [www.atonementlc.org](http://www.atonementlc.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 200

### Bayer Private School

623-218-7070; [www.bayerschool.com](http://www.bayerschool.com)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 120

### Brophy College Prep

602-234-1669; [www.brophyprep.org](http://www.brophyprep.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 1,322

### Bourgade Catholic High School

602-973-4000; [www.bourgadecatholic.org](http://www.bourgadecatholic.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 402

### Christ Lutheran School

602-957-7010; [www.clsphx.org](http://www.clsphx.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 500

### Grace Community

**Christian School**  
480-966-5022; [www.gccsaz.org](http://www.gccsaz.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 346

### Joy Christian School

623-561-2000; [www.joyschool.org](http://www.joyschool.org)  
Grades PK-12; enrollment 662

### New Vistas Academy

480-963-2313; [www.newvistasaz.com](http://www.newvistasaz.com)  
Grades Pre-K-6; enrollment 450

### Northwest Christian School

602-978-5134; [northwestchristianschool.org](http://northwestchristianschool.org)  
Grades PK-12; enrollment 1,238

### Notre Dame Preparatory High School

480-634-8200; [www.notredamepreparatory.org](http://www.notredamepreparatory.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 895

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

623-939-9785; [www.olph.com](http://www.olph.com)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 488

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### Paradise Valley Christian Preparatory

602-992-8140; [www.paradisvalleychristian.org](http://www.paradisvalleychristian.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 350

### Phoenix Christian Unified Schools

602-265-4707; [www.phoenixchristian.org](http://www.phoenixchristian.org)  
Grades PK-12; enrollment 233

### Phoenix Country Day School

602-955-8200; [www.pcads.org](http://www.pcads.org)  
Grades PK-12; enrollment 722

### Pope John XXIII Catholic School Community

480-905-0939; [www.popejohnxxiii.org](http://www.popejohnxxiii.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment 636

### Scottsdale Christian Academy

602-992-5100; [www.scottsdalechristian.org](http://www.scottsdalechristian.org)  
Grades PK-12, enrollment 808

### Scottsdale Country Day School

480-452-5777; [www.scdaz.com](http://www.scdaz.com)  
Grades K-6, enrollment 70

### Seton Catholic High School

480-963-1900; [www.setoncatholic.org](http://www.setoncatholic.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 559

### Ss. Simon & Jude School

602-242-1299; [www.simonandjude.org](http://www.simonandjude.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment 476

### St. Francis Xavier School

602-266-5364; [www.sfxphx.org](http://www.sfxphx.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment 531

### St. Mary's High School

602-251-2500; [www.smknights.org](http://www.smknights.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 709

### St. Theresa Catholic School

602-840-0010; [www.StTheresaPhx.org](http://www.StTheresaPhx.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 481

### St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

602-954-9088; [www.staphx.org](http://www.staphx.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment 516

### St. Vincent de Paul

**Elementary School**  
623-247-8595; [www.svdpschool.org](http://www.svdpschool.org)  
Grades Pre- K-8; enrollment 486

### Tesseract School

480-991-1770; [www.tesseractschool.org](http://www.tesseractschool.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 316

### Valley Christian High School

480-705-8888; [www.vchaz.org](http://www.vchaz.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 308

### Xavier College Prep

602-277-3772; [www.xcp.org](http://www.xcp.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 1165



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### Castlehill Country Day School

520-795-0008; [www.castlehillsschool.com](http://www.castlehillsschool.com)  
Grades Pre-K-5; enrollment: 303

### Casas Christian School

520-297-0922; [www.casaschristianschool.com](http://www.casaschristianschool.com)  
Grades K-8; enrollment: 230

### Cornerstone Christian Academy

520-529-7080; [www.cca-tucson.org](http://www.cca-tucson.org)  
Grades K-6; enrollment: 600

### Desert Christian Schools

520-885-4800; [www.desertchristianschools.org](http://www.desertchristianschools.org)  
Grades K-12; enrollment: 347

### Grace Christian School

520-886-6548  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 154

### Green Fields Country Day School

520-297-2288; [www.greenfields.org](http://www.greenfields.org)  
Grades K-12; enrollment: 183

### Immaculate Heart Academy

520-297-6672; [immaculateheartsschool.org](http://immaculateheartsschool.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 369

### Immaculate Heart High School

520-297-8251; [immaculateheartsschool.org](http://immaculateheartsschool.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment: 93

### Our Mother of Sorrows School

520-747-1321; [www.omoschool.org](http://www.omoschool.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 376

### Palo Verde Christian School

520-327-6683; [www.pvctucson.com](http://www.pvctucson.com)  
Grades K-12; enrollment: 125

### Pusch Ridge Christian Academy

520-797-0107; [www.prca-tucson.org](http://www.prca-tucson.org)  
Grades 6-12; enrollment: 279

### Redeemer Lutheran School

520-572-8136; [www.redeemertucson.org](http://www.redeemertucson.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 66

### Saints Peter and Paul School

520-325-2431; [www.ssptucson.org](http://www.ssptucson.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment: 410

### Salpointe Catholic High School

520-327-6581; [www.salpointe.org](http://www.salpointe.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment 1,040

### San Miguel High School

520-294-6403; [www.sanmiguelhigh.org](http://www.sanmiguelhigh.org)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment: 317

### St. Ambrose School

520-882-8678; [www.stambrosetucson.com](http://www.stambrosetucson.com)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 271

### St. Augustine Catholic High School

520-751-8300; [www.staugustinehigh.com](http://www.staugustinehigh.com)  
Grades 9-12; enrollment: 140

### St. Cyril of Alexandria

#### Elementary School

520-881-4240; [www.stcyril.com](http://www.stcyril.com)  
Grades K-8; enrollment: 327

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### Elementary School

520-297-7357; [www.school.seastucson.org](http://www.school.seastucson.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 530

### St. Gregory College Preparatory

520-327-6395; [www.stgregoryschool.org](http://www.stgregoryschool.org)  
Grades 6-12; enrollment: 303

### St. John the Evangelist School

520-624-7409; [www.stjohnscs.org](http://www.stjohnscs.org)  
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 187

### St. Joseph School

520-747-3060; [www.stjosephstucson.org](http://www.stjosephstucson.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment: 300

### St. Michael And All Angels Day School

520-722-8478; [www.stmichael.net](http://www.stmichael.net)  
Grades K-8; enrollment: 334

### Tucson Hebrew Academy

520-529-3888; [www.tucsonhebrew.org](http://www.tucsonhebrew.org)  
Grades K-8; enrollment: 154

### Tucson Waldorf School

520-325-5514; [www.tucsonwaldorf.org](http://www.tucsonwaldorf.org)  
Grades Pre-K-7; enrollment: 145 ●



A photograph of a man and a young child walking on a sidewalk. The man, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, is holding the child's hand. The child, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, is walking towards the camera. The sidewalk is covered with fallen yellow and brown leaves. In the background, there are green trees and a street with a car.

# CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Anyone with children knows that finding a balance between working and raising kids is always challenging – and that part of the balance usually includes some type of childcare. Luckily, there are many organizations and options that can help families ease the burden of finding safe, quality care for their children.





The Phoenix and Tucson areas have hundreds of childcare facilities, including nonprofit, church and other community childcare centers; private centers; company-sponsored childcare at work locations, plus nanny and au pair services and agencies; babysitters; in-home childcare; countless preschools; group homes; and other options. Waiting lists tend to be long at some centers, so it's important to make visiting facilities, narrowing down options and getting on waiting lists a priority.

Parents can get information on individual childcare facilities – such as licensing and other information – from the Arizona Department of Health Services' Division of Licensing Services – Office of Child Care Licensing. Call 602-364-2539 in Phoenix, 520-6228-6541 in Tucson, or 800-615-8555, for more information.

You'll also find a Consumer Information page on the division website for parents and caregivers about what the agency does, help with childcare costs, how to enroll your child in a program and much more. Visit [www.azdhs.gov/als/childcare/consumer.htm](http://www.azdhs.gov/als/childcare/consumer.htm) for more information.

Parents can also check for center or preschool accreditation by well-known organizations such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children ([www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) - see listing on the following page).

The following is a list of local and national resources for childcare information, plus tips for parents on how to choose the right childcare for their children:

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security**  
602-542-3598; [www.azdes.gov](http://www.azdes.gov)

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The Arizona Department of Economic Security promotes the safety, well-being, and self sufficiency of children, adults, and families.

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**Association for Supportive Child Care**  
3910 S. Rural Road, Suite E, Tempe, 85282  
480-829-0500; 800-535-4599; [www.asccaz.org](http://www.asccaz.org)

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The Association for Supportive Child Care has provided a variety of services to child care providers, families and children since 1976 to enhance the quality of care for children in Arizona. Services include providing training and education to the childcare field; supporting quality childcare through accreditation programs; helping parents find childcare; and offering support and training to those who care for the children of family and friends, among many other services for parents and caregivers.

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**Child Care Aware**  
800-424-2246; TTY: 866-278-9428  
[www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org)

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A program of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA; see listing below), Child Care Aware is a national initiative to “help

parents find the best information on locating quality child care and child care resources in their community by connecting parents with the local agencies best equipped to serve their needs.”

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**Arizona Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)**

602-244-2678 *PHX*; 520-325-5778 *TUC*  
800-308-9000; [www.azchildcare.org](http://www.azchildcare.org)

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Funded by Arizona's Department of Economic Security – Child Care Administration, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is a statewide program that helps families find childcare via the Association for Supportive Child Care and Child & Family Resources, Inc. CCR&R also provides training and resources for childcare providers and information for the community. The CCR&R phone service is available Monday through Friday, 8:00am- 5:00 pm.

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**Child and Family Resources, Inc.**

700 W. Campbell, Suite 3  
Phoenix, 85013; 602-234-3941  
2800 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85716  
520-881-8940; [www.childfamilyresources.org](http://www.childfamilyresources.org)

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Founded in 1970, Child & Family Resources, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, community-based organization whose mission is to “improve the well being of Arizona's children and families through programs that strengthen child care, youth and families.” Agency programs include Child Care Resource & Referral; The



Center for Adolescent Parents where teen mothers can earn their high school diploma or GED while receiving free, on-site child care; and KIDLINE (school age children can call a free hotline for information and other in-home programs that teach parents better coping skills). Headquartered in Tucson, the agency provides services in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Pima, Santa Cruz, Graham, Maricopa and Yuma counties.

#### **National Association of Child Care**

##### **Resource & Referral Agencies**

3101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 350  
Arlington, VA 22201  
703-341-4100; [www.naccrra.org](http://www.naccrra.org)

NACCRRRA is a national network of more than 800 childcare resource and referral centers (CCR&Rs) to ensure that “families in every community have access to high-quality, affordable childcare.”

#### **National Association for the Education of Young Children**

1313 L St. N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005; 800-424-2460  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

NAEYC is focused on “the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8,” including improving professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education; supporting early childhood programs by working to achieve a high-quality system of early childhood education; and building an organization of groups and individuals who are committed to promoting excellence in early childhood education for all young children.”

#### **National Association of Family Child Care**

5202 Pinemont Dr.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84123  
800-359-3817; [www.nafcc.net](http://www.nafcc.net)

NACCRRRA is a national organization “dedicated to strengthening the profession of family child care by promoting high quality, professional early care and education and strengthening communities where providers live and work.” ●

# PARENT TIPS FOR CHOOSING CHILD CARE

- Once you've narrowed down a list of providers, get details about their license to provide care. Each childcare facility's regulatory history of inspections and reports is available online.
- Visit the facilities. Go when children are in care so you can see how the caregiver treats children, what kinds of activities are available, and how problems are handled. See how well the caregiver provides a safe and healthy environment. Once you place your child in care, stay involved – and keep asking questions.
- Look carefully at home or apartments that have a pool or are near lakes, creeks, or other bodies of water. The caregiver can explain how she ensures the safety of children in and around these bodies of water.
- Discuss any concerns with the caregiver. Respect the caregiver's time. Her main responsibility is working with the children. Don't be offended if the caregiver can't spend much time talking with you when you drop off or pick up your child. If you need more time to talk about your child, set up a conference.
- It's normal for children to have some fears and misgivings about starting childcare outside the home. Children need time to get used to new situations. Prepare your child for the change as far in advance as possible. Discuss his or her concerns. It is important to let the caregiver know about things at home that may affect how your child is doing while in care.
- Talk to your child about his or her experiences in care. Watch for a time each day when your child is quiet and feeling secure and protected. Then gently ask questions about how he is doing. Share his excitement about new friends, skills, and abilities. Listen to his concerns. Give him a chance to boast about his achievements.



# HIGHER EDUCATION

Arizona has a wealth of higher education resources that provide plenty of opportunity – whether you're looking for continuing education, customized training, a four-year or graduate degree program, or a technical school to learn valuable job skills.



More than 440,000 students are enrolled in institutions of higher education in Phoenix, which offers a variety of public and private universities, and a nationally recognized network of community colleges.

Arizona State University has several primary locations across the Phoenix metropolitan area (with its main campus in Tempe), and there are numerous private colleges that offer associates, bachelors and graduate degrees in many different specialty areas.

There are plenty of opportunities for higher education in Tucson as well, which offers a variety of public and private universities, a large network of community colleges, and a diverse offering of career and training schools.

In particular, the University of Arizona, which has its main campus in Tucson, is one of the largest research-heavy institutions in the U.S. The University of Arizona is also ranked second in research and development expenditures among 11 cities of similar size and 20th in the nation.

Pima Community College has six campuses as well as a variety of Learning/Education Centers in southern Arizona that offer on-campus, alternative and online courses. There are also numerous private colleges that offer associates, bachelors and graduate degrees in many different specialty areas. And, Arizona State University's main campus in Tempe is about 90 minutes away.

See below for a listing of higher education choices in the Phoenix and Tucson areas, including address, phone, website, college information, degree programs/specialties, tuition (if available), and enrollment (if available). For more information about specific programs and fees, contact the college.

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### **American Indian College of the Assemblies of God**

10020 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix 85021  
602-944-3335; [www.aicag.edu](http://www.aicag.edu)

**“Arizona has a wealth of higher education resources that provide plenty of opportunity – whether you’re looking for continuing education, customized training, [or] a four-year or graduate degree program....”**

American Indian College (AIC) is “committed to the concept of education as developmental growth, specifically spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical. The Christian philosophy of learning is the center of educational philosophy at AIC.

AIC offers Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Christian ministry, business and elementary education, and served about 86 students in 2012.

Annual tuition and fees in 2013 were about \$11,000 for on-campus students (including room & board, tuition, fees, and estimated books), and about \$8,000 for off-campus students (including tuition, fees, and estimated books not including room & board).

### **Anthem College**

1515 Indian School Road, Phoenix 85014  
888-852-7272; [www.anthem.edu](http://www.anthem.edu)

Based in Phoenix, Anthem College is a national group of schools and colleges that offers “real-world training programs in healthcare, technology, visual communication, accounting, management and criminal justice,” as well as graduate studies. The Phoenix campus offers training in healthcare and technology.

Specific training programs in Phoenix include medical assistant, CAD/drafting technology, computer networking and security, and electronics technology. Tuition varies, depending on which program a student chooses to enroll.

Anthem College also offers several degree programs that can be completed online.

### **Argosy University**

2233 W. Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix 85021  
602-216-2600; 866-216-2777; [www.argosy.edu](http://www.argosy.edu)

Argosy University has 19 locations across the U.S. as well as an online division, offering undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate degrees.

The Phoenix location offers professional certificates, programs and doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees in the college of psychology/behavioral sciences; college of education; college of business; and college of health sciences.

Tuition per credit hour varies with the different degree programs, but overall in-state/out-of-state tuition is roughly \$12,000. In 2013, enrollment was about 860 students.

### **Arizona State University (ASU)**

University Dr. and Mill Ave., Tempe 85287  
480-965-9011; [www.asu.edu](http://www.asu.edu)

Arizona State University (ASU) is a “single, unified institution comprising four differentiated campuses positively impacting the economic, social, cultural and environmental health of the communities it serves,” with research that is “inspired by real world application, blurring the boundaries that traditionally separate academic disciplines.”



ASU's main campus is in Tempe, with several other campuses in the Phoenix metro area, including a large downtown campus. Academic offerings include more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a range of certificate programs.

As one of the largest U.S. universities, ASU served more than 72,000 students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries in 2012. Tuition and fees for a full-time undergraduate student living on campus and participating in a college meal plan are about \$18,000 annually.

#### **Carrington College**

8503 N. 27th Avenue, #A, Phoenix 85051  
2701 W. Bethany Home, Phoenix 85017  
602-864-1571; [www.carrington.edu](http://www.carrington.edu)

Carrington offers degree and diploma programs in healthcare, dental and veterinary career fields, and operates several campuses across the western United States.

Programs at the Phoenix campus include dental assistant, fitness trainer, massage therapy, medical administrative assistant, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, and veterinary assistant, medical billing and coding, medical lab technician, medical radiography, nursing, physical therapy

technician, and respiratory care. Tuition varies per program.

#### **DeVry University**

2149 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85021  
602-749-4500; [www.phx.devry.edu](http://www.phx.devry.edu)

With three campuses in the Valley of the Sun—Phoenix, Glendale and Mesa—DeVry University offers courses in business administration, computer information systems, engineering, network and communications management, and management as well as professional graduate certificates in business, office management and health information technology. For 2013-14 the annual tuition and fees are about \$8,000, without room and board.

#### **Fortis College**

555 N. 18th Street, #110, Phoenix 85006  
602-254-3099; [www.fortis.edu](http://www.fortis.edu)

Fortis college offers education and certifications in a variety of vocations in medical disciplines, including emergency medicine; medical assisting, billing and coding; dentistry and practical nursing. With 10 of the 20 fastest growing occupations being healthcare related, a degree program from Fortis can get you employed in a field with promise.

#### **Grand Canyon University**

3300 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix 85017  
602-639-7500; 800-800-9776; [www.gcu.edu](http://www.gcu.edu)

Founded in 1949, Grand Canyon University is a small, private liberal arts university offering a full range of liberal arts and professional programs at the bachelor's level and master's degree level. Programs include online education, online degree programs, campus-based classes, MBA degree programs and an Executive MBA. The private university serves about 25,000 students, and tuition and fees for full-time, undergraduate students are about \$16,500 annually.

#### **Maricopa Community Colleges**

2411 W. 14th St., Tempe 85281  
480-731-8000; [www.maricopa.edu](http://www.maricopa.edu)

One of the largest higher education systems in the nation with 10 colleges and two skill centers, the Maricopa Community Colleges system – part of the Maricopa Community College District – serves more than 250,000 students each year.

The district's colleges offer approximately 1,000 occupational programs (degrees and certificates), 37 academic associate degrees, and 10,254 courses. The district is also the



largest provider of health care workers and job training in Arizona – a major resource for business and industry, and for those looking for education and job training.

Major campuses in the Phoenix area include Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale, and South Mountain. Fees for full-time students vary from school to school and whether or not a student lives in the district; cost is generally around \$81 per credit hour for a county resident.

#### **Phoenix School of Law**

One N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004  
602-682-6800; 888-749-5291  
[www.phoenixlaw.edu](http://www.phoenixlaw.edu)

The Phoenix School of Law is a private law school located in Phoenix, Arizona. Phoenix Law is the only private law school in Arizona and the only one with both full-time and part-time (day and evening) programs. On June 15, 2010, the school announced it had received full accreditation from the American Bar Association. With an enrollment of some 960 students, annual tuition and fees for a full-time student run about \$39,000.

#### **Thunderbird School of Global Management**

1 Global Place, Glendale 85306  
602-978-7000; 800-848-9084  
[www.thunderbird.edu](http://www.thunderbird.edu)

Founded in 1946 and located just west of Phoenix in the community of Glendale, the Thunderbird School of Global Management is the “first and oldest graduate management school focused exclusively on global business,” with operations in the U.S., Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Russia, Central and South America, Singapore and China. The school has been ranked No. 1 in international business by the Financial Times, U.S. News & World Report, and The Wall Street Journal/Harris Interactive 2007 Survey of Corporate Recruiters.

Full-time programs include MBA in global management, masters of science in global management, masters of arts in global

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affairs and management, and masters of global management (a dual degree program and post-MBA studies), as well as a range of part-time programs for working professionals. Enrollment for all programs currently about 1,267, and total tuition ranges around \$43,000/year, but can vary depending upon individual schedule and electives.

#### **University of Advanced Technology**

2625 W. Baseline Road, Tempe 85283  
602-383-8228; 800-658-5744; [www.uat.edu](http://www.uat.edu)

Founded in 1983, UAT is a university with multiple areas of study in technical fields, while retaining liberal arts requirements in the Fine Arts and Humanities. It purports a general education comparable to typical universities, with specific emphasis on how its specialized mission integrates technology into its general education requirements. The institution offers unique core classes (e.g., Information Research Strategies, Technology and Society, Project Management, Intellectual Property Law), as well as all traditional ones. Some 800+ students attended UAT in Fall 2012, paying an annual undergraduate tuition of about \$10,500.

#### **University of Arizona College of Medicine**

550 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix 85004  
602-827-2001; [www.phoenixmed.arizona.edu](http://www.phoenixmed.arizona.edu)

The University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix campus opened in downtown Phoenix in 2006. Along with its sister campus in Tucson, they are the only MD degree-granting colleges in the state. The college offers full, four-year medical

education programs in Phoenix, as well as at the University's main campus in Tucson.

The program is currently training 183 medical students and plans to graduate 120 physicians per year, when running at full capacity.

#### **University of Phoenix**

4635 E. Elwood Street, Phoenix 85040  
866-766-0766; [www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)

A nationally known college headquartered in Phoenix, the University of Phoenix provides “campus locations, online degree programs and flexible scheduling for working adults.”

Offerings include more than 100 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels in business and management, communications, criminal justice and security, education, general studies, nursing and health care, human services, psychology and technology.

Fees for full-time students vary from school to school and degree program; for the business and management program, and tuition is roughly \$15,000 per year, not counting room and board and other expenses.

#### **Western International University**

1601 W. Fountainhead Pkwy., Tempe 85282  
602-943-2311; 866-WIU-INFO  
[www.west.edu](http://www.west.edu)

Western International University (WIU), a part of Apollo Group, originated with the

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mindset to offer post-secondary education for adults. Starting out as a campus-based university, it quickly evolved with the times to offer programs online, and now educates more than 80% of students attend classes online. It also has sister schools in the United Kingdom, Chile and Mexico, creating a global educational network.

WIU offers associate, bachelor, and master degree programs, as well as a professional certificate in Accountancy, and most students are “working adults who thrive on the flexibility and convenience of course schedules and locations.”

Current enrollment is about 3200, and tuition for programs is about \$11,000 annually for in-district students.

#### **Wilkes University**

245 W. 2nd St., Mesa 85201  
480-878-4412; 800-WILKES-U ext. MESA  
[www.wilkes.edu/Mesa](http://www.wilkes.edu/Mesa)

Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence through mentoring in the liberal arts, sciences and professional programs. Founded in 1933, the University provides its students with the experience, mentoring and education necessary for career and intellectual development as well as personal growth. Wilkes currently offers the following programs at its Mesa site: Bachelor's Degrees (accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, management, marketing, sports and event management), Master's Degrees (M.B.A., M.S. Education., M.A./M.F.A. Creative Writing), Doctorate (Education). Many scholarships are available.

## **TUCSON**

### **Arizona State University (ASU) School of Social Work – Tucson campus**

340 N. Commerce Park Loop, Suite 250  
Tortolita Building, Tucson 85745  
502-884-5507; [www.asu.edu](http://www.asu.edu)

The Tucson Component of the ASU School of Social Work was established in 1978 “to offer the foundation year Master of Social Work (MSW) curriculum for full and part-time students in southern Arizona.” Today, Direct Practice MSW students can complete their professional degree entirely in Tucson.

ASU's main campus is in Tempe, with several other campuses in the Phoenix metro area, including a large downtown campus. Academic offerings include more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a range of certificate programs.

As one of the largest U.S. universities, ASU currently serves more than 72,000 students from 50 states and from other countries. Tuition and fees for a full-time undergraduate student living on campus and participating in a college meal plan is roughly \$9200 for in-state and \$22,000 for out-of-state.

### **Art Institute of Tucson**

5099 E. Grant Rd., #100, Tucson 85712  
520-318-8850; [www.artinstitutes.edu/tucson](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/tucson)

Established in 1996 as the Fleur de Lis Institute of Interior Design, the Art Institute of Tucson features “small class sizes and caring faculty members whose real-world experience enhances your education – a career-focused education where your passion can lead to a profession.”

The Art Institute of Tucson offers bachelor or associate degrees in fields that include advertising, graphic, interior, and Web design, as well as animation, fashion marketing, interactive media, video production, and culinary arts.

School is in session year-round, and depending on the program, students can graduate in 21 to 36 months (varies by program), with an Associate of Applied Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in their chosen field. Tuition and fees vary per program; fees for design programs are about \$17,000 per year (excluding room & board).

### **A.T. Still University of Health Sciences – Mesa**

5850 E. Still Circle, Mesa 85206  
480-219-6000; [www.atsu.edu](http://www.atsu.edu)

Founded in 1892 by the founder of osteopathy, Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., A.T. Still University began as the nation's first college of osteopathic medicine and has evolved into a leading university of health sciences. Located about 115 miles from Tucson, the university offers “graduate level education in whole person healthcare” with more than 20 master's degrees across allied health disciplines; doctorates in health education, physical therapy, and audiology; the doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.); and the doctor of osteopathy (D.O.).

Enrollment in 2010 was about 3,624, and graduate tuition and fees vary with degree programs, ranging from \$25,000 to \$40,000/year.

### **Carrington College**

3550 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson 85705  
520-368-3028; 877-206-2106  
[www.carrington.edu/schools/tucson](http://www.carrington.edu/schools/tucson)

Carrington College offers degree and diploma programs in healthcare, dental and veterinary career fields, and operates nine campuses across the United States – including one in Tucson.

Programs at the Tucson campus include dental assistant, fitness training, massage therapy, medical administrative assistant,





medical assistant, medical billing and coding, medical lab technician, pharmacy technician, physical therapy technician, and veterinary assistant. Tuition varies per program.

#### **ITT Technical Institute – Tucson**

1455 W. River Rd., Tucson 85704  
520-408-7488; 800-870-9730  
[www.itt-tech.edu](http://www.itt-tech.edu)

ITT Technical Institute is a leading private college system offering technology-oriented programs at more than 100 locations in 30 states.

The Tucson location offers degree programs in information systems security, software engineering technology, information technology, web development, computer and electronics engineering, business administration, visual communications, and digital entertainment and game design, among other programs.

#### **Pima Community College**

4905 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85709  
520-206-4500; 800-860-PIMA  
[www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu)

Founded in 1969, the mission of Pima Community College is to “develop our community through learning.” The college offers 186 transfer and occupational programs, including Business, Health-Related, Social Service, Applied

Arts Technologies, Applied Service & Trade Technologies, Engineering & Science Technologies, Transportation Services, Information Technology, Legal and Protective Service, and Education.

The school has five campuses in southern Arizona (Community Campus, Desert Vista Campus, Downtown Campus, East Campus, Northwest Campus, West Campus), and four education centers (Northeast Education Center, Southeast Education Center, Community Learning and Performing Arts Center in Green Valley, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Education Center) that offer on-campus, alternative and online courses. Pima Community College served nearly 63,000 in 2011-12 (both credit and non-credit). Tuition and fees are \$65.50 per credit for Pima County residents and \$329 per credit for non-Arizona residents.

#### **University of Arizona**

1030 N. Mountain Ave., Tucson 85721  
520-621-7807; [www.arizona.edu](http://www.arizona.edu)

The University of Arizona is the leading public research university in the American Southwest, producing more than \$625 million in annual research. It’s also the state’s only member of the prestigious Association of American Universities.

A Research I University, the University of Arizona has 150 undergraduate, and 200

master’s doctoral and specialist programs in 18 colleges and 12 schools, and the school currently serves nearly 38,000 students. Tuition and fees range from \$25,000 for in-state to about \$47,000 for out-of-state for on-campus, full-time, undergraduate students (including room & board, tuition, fees, and estimated books and supplies).

#### **University of Phoenix – Southern Arizona Campus**

300 S. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85711  
520-881-6512; [www.phoenix.edu/campus-locations/az/southern-arizona-campus/southern-arizona-campus.html](http://www.phoenix.edu/campus-locations/az/southern-arizona-campus/southern-arizona-campus.html)

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Offerings include more than 100 degree programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels in business and management, communications, criminal justice and security, education, general studies, nursing and health care, human services, psychology and technology.

Fees for full-time students vary from school to school and degree program; for the business and management program, cost is approximately \$15,000/year for just tuition and fees. ●

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# HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

There's no doubt that Arizona is a health-conscious state. With a storied history of a healing climate that has long attracted residents and visitors alike, Arizona is known as a healthy place to live.

Archived research from the University of Arizona shows the proliferation of health sanatoriums in brochures that advertised the “arid desert climate, higher elevations, and endless sunshine.” While cures for many early diseases came from scientific research, the Southwest climate – and particularly Arizona’s climate – gave “health-seekers a sense of relief and comfort.” That’s still the case today. In fact, Arizona was ranked the “8th Greenest State” in Business Facilities’ 2008 Ranking Report, based on nine eco-related criteria including incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency, and pounds of pollution released.

Healthcare also contributes significant economic impact to the state: More than 73,000 of the state’s citizens work in Arizona hospitals or health networks, and every job at an Arizona hospital, generates an additional 1.5 jobs in the state. In fact, since 1990, Arizona hospital employment

growth has significantly outpaced the annual employment growth of hospitals nationally. The following includes a list of healthcare resources in both Phoenix and Tucson, to help you find a doctor, hospital or immediate-care facility; a list of public health and community clinics; and a list of healthcare support and hospice services.

## PHOENIX

### HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

**Abrazo Health – Arizona Heart Hospital**  
1930 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix  
602-532-1000; [www.azhearthospital.com](http://www.azhearthospital.com)

For 13 years, Arizona Heart Hospital has served as the area’s leading hospital for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Arizona Heart Hospital, a Campus of Phoenix Baptist Hospital, has distinguished itself as one of the nation’s top 100

cardiovascular hospitals. These top-rated facilities are singled out for performing more surgeries and services, having lower cardiovascular-related costs, and providing better patient care resulting in shorter recoveries and fewer complications. Arizona Heart Hospital is proud to be one of these award-winning, life-saving hospitals.

**Abrazo Health – Arrowhead Hospital**  
18701 N. 67th Ave., Glendale  
623-561-1000; [www.arrowheadhospital.com](http://www.arrowheadhospital.com)

Part of Abrazo Healthcare, Arrowhead offers inpatient, 24-hour emergency, ambulatory surgery, and outpatient services, including orthopedics, maternity, pediatrics and rehabilitation. The hospital also has a Cardiac Cath Lab, Cardiac Rehab, Surgery Center, a cancer program, and the Wellness Connection program. A recent 174,000 square-foot expansion resulted in more than 100 new beds, added the latest technology, and increased staffing levels.



**Abrazo Health – Maryvale Hospital**  
5102 W. Campbell Ave., Phoenix  
623-848-5000; [www.maryvalehospital.com](http://www.maryvalehospital.com)

Maryvale Hospital Medical Center, a 232-bed community hospital, offers comprehensive inpatient services, and the hospital's 24-hour emergency care and accredited chest pain center support the health care needs of the Maryvale area and its surrounding communities. The Joint Commission designated Maryvale hospital as a primary stroke center.

**Abrazo Health – North Peoria Emergency Center**  
26900 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway, Peoria  
623-561-2022  
[www.arrowheadhospital.com/npec](http://www.arrowheadhospital.com/npec)

North Peoria Emergency Center is a full service, 14-bed emergency care facility that offers around-the-clock medical care to outlying communities such as Vistancia, Surprise and Lake Pleasant. North Peoria Emergency Center is an extension of Arrowhead Hospital, where patients will experience a seamless integration of services and care between the hospital and the Emergency Center.

**Abrazo Health – Paradise Valley Hospital**  
3929 E. Bell Rd., Phoenix  
602-923-5000  
[www.paradisvalleyhospital.com](http://www.paradisvalleyhospital.com)

Paradise Valley Hospital services focus on “the treatment of existing conditions and on preventative medicine for the entire family and range from state-of-the-art emergency care to women's and senior services. Specialty centers include Wound Care, Hyperbaric Medicine, Wound Care, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation, and Bariatrics Weight Loss.

**Abrazo Healthcare – Phoenix Baptist Hospital**  
2000 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix  
602-249-0212  
[www.phoenixbaptisthospital.com](http://www.phoenixbaptisthospital.com)

Phoenix Baptist is a 221-bed acute care teaching hospital facility and has served central Phoenix communities since 1963. The Joint Commission designated the hospital as a primary stroke center. The hospital is recognized for cardiovascular care, neuroscience services, orthopedics, women's health, radiology, and 24-hour emergency care.

**Abrazo Health – West Valley Hospital**  
13677 W. McDowell Rd., Goodyear  
623-882-1500; [www.wvhospital.com](http://www.wvhospital.com)

West Valley is an acute care hospital; services include the latest technology for diagnosis and treatment, state-of-the-art obstetrics and women's diagnostic services, a full-service emergency department, Level 1 Trauma Center, Robotic surgery,

Orthopedics, cardiovascular care. West Valley is a Joint Commission-designated primary stroke center and is certified as a cardiac arrest center.

**Abrazo Health – West Valley Emergency Center**  
525 S. Watson Rd., Buckeye  
623-925-3980; [www.wvhospital.com/wve](http://www.wvhospital.com/wve)

West Valley Emergency Center is a full service medical care emergency facility located in Buckeye, AZ. This 14-bed center is available 24/7 and offers CT scans, ultrasound and other diagnostic imaging services, and has an on-site laboratory. It is staffed by board-certified physicians and specialty certified nurses. The center is operated by West Valley Hospital, located just 13 miles away in Goodyear.

**Arizona State Hospital**  
2500 E. Van Buren, Phoenix  
602-244-1331; [www.azdhs.gov/azsh](http://www.azdhs.gov/azsh)

Arizona State Hospital, which is publicly funded and part of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), is the only long-term hospital in Arizona that provides services for those with severe mental illness.

**Banner – Baywood Medical Center**  
6644 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa  
480-981-2000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)



Baywood Medical Center is a nonprofit hospital offering complete acute care services, including stroke, orthopedics, cancer, emergency, women's health and robotic surgery. The hospital also includes the John J. Rhodes Rehabilitation Institute, as well as a comprehensive joint replacement program.

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**Banner – Boswell Medical Center**

10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City  
623-977-7211; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Nonprofit hospital offers programs in heart services, orthopedics, stroke care, cancer care and rehabilitation, as well as community health services and education programs.

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**Banner Children's Hospital**

1400 S. Dobson Road, Mesa  
480-512-3000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Located at Banner Desert Samaritan Medical Center, Banner Children's Hospital "provides comprehensive pediatric care from general pediatrics and intensive care to a dedicated pediatric emergency department and specialized services for specific childhood diseases."

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**Banner – Del E. Webb Medical Center**

14502 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West  
623-214-4000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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A nonprofit hospital serving northwest Valley residents, Del E. Webb Medical Center offers a 24-hour emergency, comprehensive acute-care services, cardiac care, stroke care, women's health and community health education/support groups.

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**Banner – Desert Samaritan Medical Center**

1400 S. Dobson Road, Mesa  
602-239-4567; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Desert Samaritan offers 24-hour emergency, women and infant care, heart care, cancer care and; and pediatrics.

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**Banner – Estrella Medical Center**

9201 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix  
623-327-4000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Banner Estrella is a 214-bed nonprofit community hospital offering heart care,

general surgery, medical imaging, orthopedic surgery, emergency services and a comprehensive women and infants services program.

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**Banner – Gateway Medical Center**

Higley Road and US 60  
1900 North Higley Rd., Gilbert  
480-543-2000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Banner Gateway Medical Center, which opened in September 2007, is Banner Health's newest hospital, focusing on obstetrics, pediatrics, general surgery, emergency services and other services according to community need. Banner Gateway has 176 private rooms, eight operating suites and a 37-bed Emergency department.

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**Banner – Good Samaritan Medical Center**

1111 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix  
602-239-2000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Banner Good Samaritan, open since 1911, is a nonprofit community hospital offering heart care, cancer care, trauma, surgery, transplant services, and high-risk obstetrics.

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**Banner Heart Hospital**

6750 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa  
480-854-5000; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Located on the campus of Banner's Valley Lutheran Medical Center, Bnner Heart Hospital is one of the largest freestanding heart hospitals in the U.S., offering such heart services as robotic heart surgery, open heart surgery, diagnosis and rehab.

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**Banner – Thunderbird Medical Center**

5555 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale  
602-588-5555; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

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Thunderbird Samaritan is a nonprofit acute care hospital offering a range of services, including heart care, surgery services, cancer care, orthopedics, pediatrics, critical care nursery, neurosurgery, and a comprehensive women and infants services program.

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**Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) – St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center**

350 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix  
602-406-3000; [www.ichosestjoes.com](http://www.ichosestjoes.com)

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St. Joseph's is a "private, not-for-profit center of clinical excellence and education" that houses Arizona's only Level 1 Trauma Center and includes the internationally recognized Barrow Neurological Institute. St. Joseph's also includes research facilities, cardiovascular services, high-risk obstetrics, pediatrics and rehabilitation programs, and a children's health center.

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**Catholic Healthcare West – Chandler Regional Hospital**

475 S. Dobson Rd., Chandler  
480-821-3210; [www.chandlerregional.com](http://www.chandlerregional.com)

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A full-service hospital, Chandler Regional Hospital has an Emergency and Trauma II Center; Family Birth Center; the East Valley Cancer Center; Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Oxygen Center; a Heart and Vascular Center; and an expanded outpatient imaging center. The hospital also offers community education programs.

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**Catholic Healthcare West – Mercy Gilbert Hospital**

475 S. Dobson Rd., Chandler  
480-821-3210; [www.healthcareforgilbert.com](http://www.healthcareforgilbert.com)

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Opened in 2006, Mercy Gilbert is a full-service medical center and acute care facility, offering an Emergency Department, a full range of surgical services, women's services, imaging (including MRI and CT scans), cardiac services, and cancer/ oncology services.

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**John C. Lincoln Hospital - Deer Valley**

19829 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix  
623-879-6100; [www.jcl.com](http://www.jcl.com)

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The Deer Valley location is a community hospital with all private rooms, as well as a 35-bed emergency department, the Piper Pediatric Center for children's emergencies, Deep Vein Thrombosis Center, a critical care unit, cardiac care, Chest Pain Center, and diagnostic imaging services.

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**John C. Lincoln Hospital - North Mountain**

250 E. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix  
602-943-2381; [www.jcl.com](http://www.jcl.com)

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North Mountain is a community hospital with a 24-hour Level 1 trauma center and

emergency department, Birthing Center, Breast Care Center, Sleep Disorders Center, inpatient and outpatient surgery, cardiac care, outpatient rehab services, physical therapy, oncology services and radiology/digital imaging, and an extended care center.

#### **Maricopa Integrated Health System**

2601 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix  
602-344-5011; [www.mihs.org](http://www.mihs.org)

The Maricopa Integrated Health System includes Maricopa Medical Center, the Arizona Burn Center, the Comprehensive Healthcare Center, the McDowell Healthcare Clinic, 10 community-oriented family health centers, and an attendant care program.

#### **Mayo Clinic Hospital**

5777 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix  
480-515-6296 OR 800-446-2279  
[www.mayoclinic.org/mchospital-sct](http://www.mayoclinic.org/mchospital-sct)

The Mayo Clinic Hospital, opened in 1998 and expanded in 2006, is the first hospital planned, designed and built by Mayo Clinic. The hospital has 244 licensed beds with 18 operating rooms, full-service urgent care/ emergency room, transplant center, diagnostic radiology, neurodiagnostics, non-invasive cardiac diagnostics, cardiac catheterization, pulmonary testing and full-service clinical laboratory.

#### **Mountain Vista Medical Center – Iasis Healthcare**

1301 S. Crimson Rd., Mesa  
480-358-6100; [www.mvmedicalcenter.com](http://www.mvmedicalcenter.com)

Mountain Vista Medical Center is a 178-bed, state-of-the-art hospital located in east Mesa, Arizona, offering comprehensive healthcare services, including emergency care, heart care, advanced surgical procedures, weight loss surgery (bariatric surgery), orthopedics, breast care, maternity care, women's services, and help for a broad range of medical conditions.

#### **Phoenix Children's Hospital**

1919 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix  
602-546-1000  
[www.phoenixchildrenshospital.com](http://www.phoenixchildrenshospital.com)



Phoenix Children's is the only hospital in Arizona just for kids, providing most of the pediatric care in the state. The hospital recently opened a 22-acre, all-pediatric campus in Phoenix, and it is now one of the 10-largest children's hospitals in the U.S. Phoenix Children's is also a regional referral center for children with highly specialized or life-threatening conditions.

#### **Phoenix Memorial Hospital – Promise Healthcare**

1201 S. 7th Ave., Phoenix  
602-716-5000; [www.promise-phoenix.com](http://www.promise-phoenix.com)

Promise Hospital of Phoenix is a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) specializing in the medical management of patients with complex, unresolved, acute, chronic, or catastrophic illnesses, as well as multi-system disease processes. Promise Hospital of Phoenix relocated to Phoenix Memorial Healthcare Center Campus in June 2007, and Promise Healthcare, Inc., a Boca Raton-based corporation that owns and manages hospitals throughout the country, owns the hospital.

#### **St. Luke's Medical Center – Iasis Healthcare**

1800 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix  
602-251-8100; [www.stlukesmedcenter.com](http://www.stlukesmedcenter.com)

St. Luke's Medical Center is a 235-bed hospital offering comprehensive healthcare services, including emergency care, heart care, advanced surgical procedures, diagnostic imaging, orthopedic care,

rehabilitation services, and help for a broad range of medical conditions.

#### **Scottsdale Healthcare - Osborn**

7400 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale  
480-882-4000; [www.shc.org](http://www.shc.org)

Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn is a 305-bed, full-service hospital, "noted for its trauma, cardiovascular medicine, radiologic technology, neurosurgery and orthopedics." The hospital's expanded, 55,000 sq. ft. Emergency Department and Level 1 Trauma Center opened in September 2004. The Osborn campus is also home to the Greenbaum Surgery Center, Novalis Shaped Beam Surgery Center, Scottsdale Healthcare Wound Management Program, and Family Practice Residency Program.

#### **Scottsdale Healthcare - Shea**

9003 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale  
480-323-3000; [www.shc.org](http://www.shc.org)

Scottsdale Healthcare Shea is a 343-bed full-service hospital providing medical/surgical, critical care, obstetrics, pediatrics, surgery, cardiovascular and oncology services, as well as the Sleep Disorder Center. The Emergency Department is a Level II Trauma Center, and the Radiology Department offers state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, including MRI, PET/CT scanning, nuclear medicine, and ultrasound. Also located on the campus are the Piper Surgery Center, Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center, and several medical office plazas.



**Scottsdale Healthcare – Thompson Peak**  
7400 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Scottsdale  
480-324-7000; [www.shc.org](http://www.shc.org)

Opened in 2007, Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak is a full-service general hospital with 24-hour emergency rooms, outpatient and inpatient surgical centers, fully-equipped obstetric units and home health care services, oncology, cardiology, diabetes, radiology, sleep disorder services and geriatrics.

**Tempe St. Luke's Hospital – Iasis Healthcare**  
1500 S. Mill Ave., Tempe  
480-784-5500  
[www.tempestlukeshospital.com](http://www.tempestlukeshospital.com)

A campus of St. Luke's main Phoenix location, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital offers comprehensive healthcare services, including emergency care, orthopedic care, advanced surgical procedures, diagnostic imaging, maternity care and women's services.

## NON-EMERGENCY CARE FACILITIES

The following resources provide non-emergency, outpatient care. Call ahead for hours and locations.

**Banner Arizona Medical Clinic**  
[www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

Banner Health operates walk-in clinics in the Phoenix area, including several that offer same-day care.

**Sun City Campus, Peoria**  
623-876-3800

**Plaza Town Center Campus, Peoria**  
623-876-3800

**Sun City West Campus, Sun City West**  
623-876-3800

**Sunrise Terrace, Peoria**  
623-561-4532

**Thunderbird Professional Building, Peoria**  
623-876-3800

**Good Night Pediatrics**  
[www.goodnightpeds.com](http://www.goodnightpeds.com)

Good Night Pediatrics offers parents an urgent-care alternative to hospital emergency rooms. Four Valley locations are open from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. every night, including holidays. Pediatricians examine newborns to 18-year-olds for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

**Southwest Valley/Avondale**  
623-643-9233

**South Mountain/Phoenix**  
602-824-4228

**East Valley/Gilbert**  
480-813-9600

**Northwest Valley/Arrowhead – Peoria**  
623-241-9026

**NextCare Urgent Care**  
Various locations  
888-306-5311; [www.nextcare.com/news](http://www.nextcare.com/news)

NextCare Urgent Care offers walk-in medical care for all ages by board-certified doctors, specializing in non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries. NextCare offerings include physicals, labs, x-rays, immunizations, onsite prescriptions, and occupational medicine services. Using NextCare is affordable and convenient! NextCare accepts all major insurance, offers medical discounts and provides online registration. Visit [www.nextcare.com/news](http://www.nextcare.com/news) for the nearest location or call 1-888-306-5311 today! What Next? NextCare.

**Now Care Urgent Care**  
8631 W. Union Hills Dr., Suite 206, Peoria  
623-875-7900 (one location)  
[www.nowurgentcare.com](http://www.nowurgentcare.com)

## FINDING A DOCTOR

Moving to a new city is exciting, but it also requires finding the schools your kids will attend, the stores you like — and the healthcare that fit the needs of your family. Here are some local and national physician resources, where you can search for physicians by location, specialty, and more.

**American Medical Association Doctor Finder** | [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)

Resources for general health information, as well as a search function for local physician resources under the "Patients" tab of the site.

**American Academy of Pediatrics** | [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org) | [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org)

National website for children's health resources; separate "Parenting Corner" website is a comprehensive site for health-related news, questions, and other topics.

**Healthgrades** | [www.healthgrades.com/find-a-doctor](http://www.healthgrades.com/find-a-doctor)

Search for specialists in your area by condition, procedure, and doctors who have experience in the specific care you need. The site matches you with a doctor, where users can see reviews and ratings from other patients.

**Arizona Medical Association Physician Finder** | [www.azmd.gov/DoctorSearch](http://www.azmd.gov/DoctorSearch)

Find Arizona Medical Association member physicians based on location and specialty.

Now Care serves patients primarily, but not exclusively, in the northwest area of Phoenix, providing “the highest quality of acute episodic care for minor illness and injuries for patients seeking non-life threatening immediate care in a convenient, timely and cost-effective manner.”

#### **StatClinix**

[www.statclinix.com](http://www.statclinix.com)

StatClinix is an Arizona-based “urgent care and rehabilitation provider that specializes in treating illnesses and injuries that are not life threatening, but require prompt attention.”

#### **Ahwatukee**

Ray Rd., West of I-10; 602-714-7084

#### **Mesa**

Gilbert & Brown; 602-639-4173

#### **Northsight**

Frank Lloyd Wright & Loop 101;  
602-903-5354

#### **Show Low**

E. Deuce of Clubs; 928-251-4548

#### **Payson**

E. Highway 260; 928-478-8708

### **OTHER MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES**

#### **Banner Alzheimer's Institute**

901 E. Willetta St., Phoenix  
602-239-6900; 1-888-786-7259  
[www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

The Banner Alzheimer's Institute is “devoted to providing compassionate care to patients and their families/caregivers, while also finding treatment and prevention therapies for those afflicted with the disease.” Banner's Alzheimer's Institute is the first program to be designated a Center of Excellence by Banner Health.

#### **Banner Behavioral Health**

925 E. McDowell (Central Phoenix)  
800-254-HELP (for all locations)  
[www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

Banner Behavioral Health offers specialized treatment plans in five area locations

(including central Phoenix, East Valley, Glendale, Chandler, and Scottsdale) to patients with psychiatric and chemical dependency problems.

#### **Banner Home Care**

9305 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix  
623-327-5200  
1325 N. Fiesta Blvd., Suite 1, Gilbert  
480-497-5535  
[www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

With two locations, Banner Home Care is the largest nonprofit, freestanding home care agency in Arizona, “providing intermittent health care for patients of all ages in the comfort of their home.”

#### **Banner Hospice**

1325 N. Fiesta Blvd., Suite 1, Gilbert  
480-497-5535; [www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

Banner Hospice is a nonprofit hospice “that has been providing comfort care for the past 10 years. Our goal is to support quality of life, honor the wishes of our patients, maintain the dignity of the individual and support the family through their grieving process.”

#### **Banner Occupational Health**

602-230-CARE (2273)  
*Physician Referral & Resource Line*  
[www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

Banner Occupational Health Services are medical clinics specializing in worker's compensation injury care, drug testing, alcohol testing, physical examinations, DOT exams, OSHA mandated exams and more. There are five area clinics: Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, East Mesa, Glendale and West Phoenix.

#### **Mayo Clinic**

13400 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale  
480-301-8000; [www.mayoclinic.org/scottsdale](http://www.mayoclinic.org/scottsdale)

The Mayo Clinic is a five-story outpatient clinic with 240 exam rooms, outpatient surgery, endoscopy, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy and a patient-education library. A basic science research laboratory, the Samuel C. Johnson Medical Research Building, is also located on the Scottsdale

campus. Among over 300 research groups at Mayo Clinic are stroke, ageing, Alzheimer's, oncology, cardiovascular, stem cell, diabetes, gastrointestinal, infectious disease, liver disease, kidney disease and molecular analysis of bone, heart and cancers.

#### **Phoenix Health Plan – Abrazo Health Care**

7878 N. 16th St., Suite 105, Phoenix  
602-824-3700; 800-747-7997  
[www.phoenixhealthplan.com](http://www.phoenixhealthplan.com)

Phoenix Health Plan is an AHCCCS-contracted health plan (AHCCCS is Arizona's Medicaid program) that has provided health care services to qualified KidsCare and AHCCCS families for the last 25 years. Phoenix Health plan services the following counties in the state of Arizona: Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal and Yavapai.

## **TUCSON**

### **HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE RESOURCES**

#### **Carondelet – Holy Cross Hospital**

1171 W. Target Range Road, Nogales  
520-285-3000; [www.carondelet.org](http://www.carondelet.org)

Holy Cross Hospital, Santa Cruz County's only inpatient medical center, is an 80-bed facility providing general medical/surgical services, 24-hour emergency care, rehabilitation, mammography, ultrasound, chemotherapy, hospice, home health and long-term care. Holy Cross also offers advanced technology such as renal dialysis, teleradiology and lithotripsy programs.

#### **Carondelet – St. Mary's Hospital**

1601 W. St. Mary's Road, Tucson  
520-872-3000; [www.carondelet.org](http://www.carondelet.org)

Open since 1880, St. Mary's is southern Arizona's first and longest-serving hospital. A 402-bed multi-specialty, acute care facility offering inpatient and outpatient services, St. Mary's includes one of the two Burn and Wound Care programs in Arizona, 24-hour emergency care, cardiology, imaging and diagnostic services, rehabilitation services, dialysis, behavioral health, diabetes care, inpatient





hospice, and home care. St. Mary's also operates the Lifeline emergency response helicopter program.

#### **Carondelet – St. Joseph's Hospital**

350 N. Wilmot Road, Tucson  
520-873-3000; [www.carondelet.org](http://www.carondelet.org)

A 309-bed facility, St. Joseph's offers 24-hour emergency care, as well as comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services, including heart and vascular services, surgical weight loss, robotic surgery, a Regional Eye Center, and centers for diabetes, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, stroke and trauma rehabilitation, sports medicine, physical rehab and orthopedics. The Carondelet Neurological Institute and the Women's Care Pavilion opened in 2008.

#### **Carondelet – Tucson Heart Hospital**

4888 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson  
520-696-2328; [www.carondelet.org](http://www.carondelet.org)

The Tucson Heart Hospital in Oro Valley is the newest addition to the Carondelet Health Network. Opened in 1997, Tucson Heart Hospital is "dedicated to fighting heart and vascular disease" with 58 beds, three operating rooms, four cath labs, full-service emergency room, and an outreach clinic.

#### **Cornerstone Hospital of Southeast Arizona**

7220 East Rosewood Drive, Tucson  
520-546-4595; [www.chghospitals.com/chsea.html](http://www.chghospitals.com/chsea.html)

Cornerstone Hospital of Southeast Arizona is a 34-bed inpatient provider of long-term acute care; most patients stay, on average, for 25 days or more. Cornerstone Hospital is part of Dallas-based Cornerstone Healthcare Group.

#### **HealthSouth Rehabilitation Institute Of Tucson**

2650 North Wyatt Drive, Tucson  
520-325-1300  
[www.rehabinstituteoftucson.com](http://www.rehabinstituteoftucson.com)

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson (HSRIT) is an 80-bed acute medical rehabilitation hospital that offers "comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services for individuals with physical limitations from an illness or injury."

#### **HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern Arizona**

1921 West Hospital Drive, Tucson  
520-742-2800  
[www.healthsouthsouthernarizona.com](http://www.healthsouthsouthernarizona.com)

Southern Arizona Rehabilitation Hospital is a 60-bed acute medical rehabilitation hospital offering comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services.

#### **Kindred Hospital – Tucson (Kindred Healthcare)**

355 North Wilmot Road, Tucson  
520-584-4500; [www.khtucson.com](http://www.khtucson.com)

Kindred Hospital Tucson is a 51-bed facility licensed by the state of Arizona as a specialty hospital providing long-term acute care. Certified by Medicare and accredited by the Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO), Kindred offers a full range of services to medically complex and catastrophically ill patients. Most of Kindred's patients are referred from local hospitals and require acute care for an extended time.

#### **Northwest Medical Center**

6200 N. La Cholla Boulevard., Tucson  
520-742-9000  
[www.northwestmedicalcenter.com](http://www.northwestmedicalcenter.com)

Northwest Medical Center is a 300-bed facility that offers inpatient and outpatient services including cardiology, orthopedics, surgery, surgical weight loss, neurology, oncology, emergency services, and a Women's Center for obstetrics, gynecology and diagnostics.

#### **Oro Valley Hospital**

1551 E. Tangerine Road, Tucson  
520-901-3500; [www.orovalleyhospital.com](http://www.orovalleyhospital.com)

Oro Valley Hospital is a 144-bed hospital featuring inpatient and outpatient services including primary care, surgical weight loss, cardiology, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, podiatry and urology.

**“More than 73,000 of the state’s citizens work in Arizona hospitals or health networks, and every job at an Arizona hospital, generates an additional 1.5 jobs in the state. In fact, since 1990, Arizona hospital employment growth has significantly outpaced the annual employment growth of hospitals nationally.”**

#### **TMC Healthcare – Palo Verde Hospital**

5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson  
520-324-1282; [www.tmc.az.com](http://www.tmc.az.com)

Palo Verde Hospital offers a comprehensive delivery system “dedicated to excellence, innovation and personalized behavioral health services, focusing on short-term crisis stabilization and rapid symptom reduction to quickly return the patient back to the community for outpatient care.” All programs include treatment planning, medication management, therapeutic activities, and treatment and discharge planning.

#### **TMC Healthcare – Tucson Medical Center**

5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson  
520-327-5461; [www.tmc.az.com](http://www.tmc.az.com)

Founded in 1943, Tucson Medical Center (TMC) is a non-profit, locally governed hospital with 650 adult and skilled nursing beds. TMC has the region’s only emergency department specifically for kids; specialty areas include maternal and child health, cardiac care, hospice care, neuroscience, orthopedics, diagnostic services, behavioral health and senior services.

#### **University of Arizona Medical Center**

1501 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson  
520-694-0111; [www.azumc.com](http://www.azumc.com)

UMC provides a full range of services, including inpatient and outpatient care, labor and delivery and emergency/urgent care. UMC is Southern Arizona’s only Level I trauma center and is the major hospital for

the UA College of Medicine and its Centers of Excellence, including the AZ Arthritis Center, AZ Cancer Center, AZ Center of Aging, AZ Emergency Medicine Research Center, Respiratory Sciences Center, Steele Children’s Research Center, and Sarver Heart Center.

#### **University Physicians Hospital - UPH**

2800 E. Ajo Way, Tucson  
520-694-8888; [www.uph.org](http://www.uph.org)

University Physicians Hospital, located in south Tucson, offers inpatient services that include medical, surgical and intensive care units, as well as adult and senior behavioral health services. Outpatient services include surgery, lithotripsy, pharmacy, neurophysiology, rehabilitation services, and routine lab and x-ray, as well as CT scans, MRI, digital mammography and cardiac diagnostic services.

### **OTHER MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES**

#### **Arizona Community Physicians**

Various Locations; [www.azacp.com](http://www.azacp.com)

Arizona Community Physicians is a physician owned, predominantly primary care medical group practice with offices in Tucson, Oro Valley and Green Valley. It is the largest physician owned medical practice in the state of Arizona, with 105 physicians and a total of 40 Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners. The medical group serves patients in 42 office locations

throughout Pima County. In addition, the group owns and operates a full service laboratory, two full service radiology facilities, and has recently opened an audiology center for hearing testing, consultations, and hearing device fittings.

#### **Carondelet Medical Group**

2202 N. Forbes Boulevard, Tucson  
(administrative office)  
520-872-7324; [www.carondelet.org/cmgroup](http://www.carondelet.org/cmgroup)

Carondelet Medical Group (CMG) is a ministry of Carondelet Health Network (CHN and has more than 400 physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants at 16 offices throughout southern Arizona.) CMG provides a broad array of services for patients of all ages; specialties include family medicine, geriatrics, internal medicine, minor office surgery, gynecology, orthopedics, podiatry, preventive medicine, women’s health and pediatrics.

#### **HealthSouth Home Health of Tucson**

2650 North Wyatt Drive, Tucson  
520-325-1300; [www.healthsouth.com](http://www.healthsouth.com)

Part of the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson, the company’s Home Health division provides skilled nursing and therapeutic services, including physical, speech and occupational therapy; medical social services; and home health aides.

#### **Healthsouth Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson – Country Club Clinic**

2102 North Country Club, Building B, Tucson  
520-323-7773; [www.healthsouth.com](http://www.healthsouth.com)

A satellite office of the main Rehabilitation Institute, rehab services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, sports medicine, general orthopedics, lymphedema, adaptive driving, and spasticity.

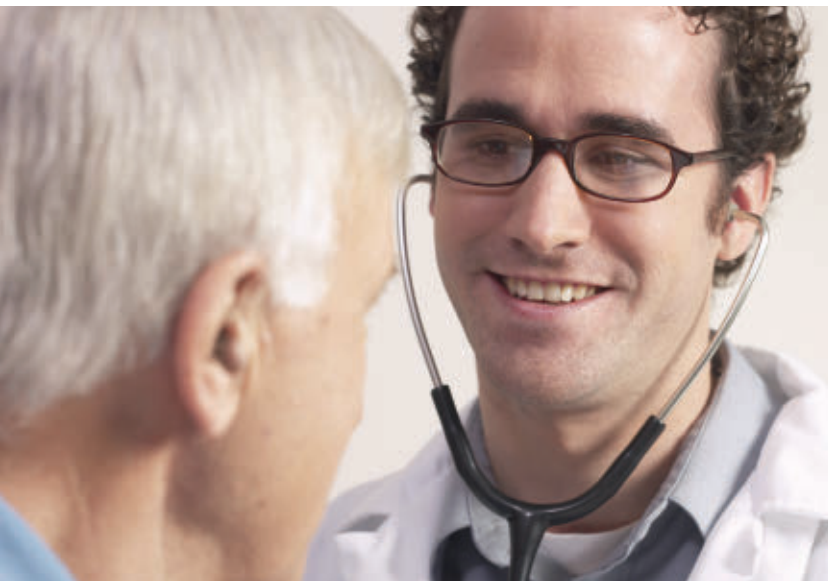
#### **Northwest Healthcare –**

##### **La Paloma Physicians Offices**

4001 E. Sunrise, Tucson; 520-209-7000  
[www.northwestmedicalcenter.com](http://www.northwestmedicalcenter.com)

Northwest Medical Center opened La Paloma Urgent Care and Physician Offices, in 2008. Urgent Care hours are 9





am – 9 pm seven days per week. Services include urgent care, X-Ray, lab, and digital mammography.

**Northwest Health –  
Community Classes & Outreach**

866-694-9355 (Community programs)  
520-469-8194 (Northwest Senior Circle)

Northwest Health sponsors health-related events and outreach programs, including The Women's Center (prenatal and parenting); Healthy Woman (lectures on women's issues); Commit To Be Fit (fitness and healthy lifestyle); and Mom's Night Out (mothers bond with mothers on health issues). The program also includes the Living Well Series ("empowering seniors to participate in their healthcare"); and the Northwest Senior Circle program (offers those 50 years and older screening discounts, health lectures, prescription discounts and more.)

**TMC Healthcare –  
Saguaro Physicians Group**

Various locations  
520-324-4774; [www.tmcaz.com](http://www.tmcaz.com)

Saguaro Physicians is TMC HealthCare's physician group, represented by 14 locations in growing neighborhoods throughout Tucson, providing internal medicine, family practice, rheumatology, and other services in freestanding community offices.

**NON-EMERGENCY CARE  
FACILITIES**

The following resources provide non-emergency, outpatient care. Call ahead for hours and locations.

**NextCare Urgent Care**

6238 East Pima Street, Tucson  
9525 E. Old Spanish Trail, Ste. 101, Tucson  
888-306-5311; [www.nextcare.com/news](http://www.nextcare.com/news)

NextCare Urgent Care offers walk-in medical care for all ages by board-certified doctors, specializing in non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries. NextCare offerings include physicals, labs, x-rays, immunizations, onsite prescriptions, and occupational medicine services. Using NextCare is affordable and convenient! NextCare accepts all major insurance, offers medical discounts and provides online registration. Visit [www.nextcare.com/news](http://www.nextcare.com/news) for the nearest location or call 1-888-306-5311 today! What Next? NextCare.

**Northwest Health – Urgent Care**

3870 W. River, Tucson  
(adult & pediatric care) 520-219-6616

8333 N. Silverbell Road, Marana  
(urgent & outpatient care) 520-202-7700

13101 N. Oracle Road, Oro Valley  
(urgent & outpatient care) 520-818-2000

4001 E. Sunrise Drive  
(urgent & outpatient care) 520-232-5280

1295 W. Duval Mine Road, Green Valley  
(urgent & outpatient care) 520-399-2027

[www.nmcorovalley.com](http://www.nmcorovalley.com)  
Urgent Care Hotline: 520-469-8295

Northwest Health offers adult and pediatric urgent care services at several locations throughout Tucson, including Marana and Oro Valley.

**University Physicians Hospital –  
Urgent Care**

2800 E. Ajo Way, Tucson  
520-694-8888; [www.uph.org](http://www.uph.org)

The Urgent Care facility at University Physician's Hospital is open daily from 10am to 10pm.

**Urgent Care Associates**

1622 N. Swan (Central), Tucson  
520-795-8888  
9348 E. Rita Road (Southeast), Tucson  
520-382-8000; [www.urgentcaretucson.com](http://www.urgentcaretucson.com)

Urgent Care Associates has two locations for urgent medical care – one in Central Tucson and one in Southeast Tucson. Central clinic hours are M-F 9am-9pm and Sat-Sun 9am-6pm; Southeast clinic hours are M-F 12pm-8pm and Sat 10am-4pm. ●

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# HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

Ask residents here what they love most about living in Arizona, and you'll find as many answers as stars in the big, open desert sky. For some, it's the Sonoran Desert, with its wild, open and beautiful vistas. For others, it's the lakes and golf courses that offer a delicious escape from the work-a-day world.

Others claim that the real reason to live here is the culture – Arizona's diversity combined with a lively arts scene keeps life vibrant and exciting. But whether Arizona native or recent transplant, the one thing everyone does agree about is their love for Arizona itself.

## PHOENIX

For thousands of years, people who have visited Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun have decided to stay and make it their home. The Hohokam who first lived here developed the Valley's first canal system, which allowed the farming of beans, corn, squash and cotton. They also built a community that suited their needs: single family homes, apartment buildings, an outdoor neighborhood recreation center, and a ceremonial spot for the celebration of special events. After a residency that lasted for more than 1,700 years, the Hohokam mysteriously left, leaving the area for others to discover and enjoy.

Just as the Hohokam adapted the area to suit their needs, so did the later inhabitants of the area. Phoenix's modern history actually begins in 1868, when Jack Swilling organized the building of a canal and was able to divert enough water to raise a few crops. From there, Phoenix quickly developed into a town. Cotton, cattle, citrus and copper, known locally as the "Four Cs" were the cornerstones of its early twentieth-century economy.

Before World War II, Phoenix had been a sleepy little southwestern town best known for having a climate that offered relief to asthmatics. In 1940, the city's population was a mere 65,000 and the largest of the surrounding towns was Mesa, with 7,000 people.

With the advent of WWII and the ensuing military buildup, defense contractors searching for land, water and a willing work force, found everything they wanted in fledgling Phoenix. The defense contractors

moved in, bringing educated employees and a wealth of new jobs. Farmland and desert scrub were cleared to build massive plants that flew the banners of Goodyear Aircraft Corp., AiResearch, Motorola, Sperry Rand and General Electric, some of which are still among the city's largest employers today.

During the post-war years, word began to spread that, contrary to Saturday matinee Westerns, Phoenix was a civilized city with abundant sunshine and recreational pleasures to spare. Phoenix began to see another boom – this time fueled not by cattle or the mining industry, but by lifestyle and economic opportunities.

New residents come to start a new job, go to school or make a fresh start continue to stream into the area – only now they drive SUVs and minivans instead of the covered wagons popular in the late 1800's. Phoenix has exploded to become the nation's sixth

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most populous city with about 1.5 million residents. Unlike other cities that have grown slowly over time, Phoenix catapulted to this position in relatively short order. From a modest 17 square miles and population of 100,000 in 1950, Phoenix has grown to encompass more than 430 square miles and the city’s population has grown exponentially.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Phoenix metro area is home to four of the fastest-growing suburbs: Buckeye with a growth rate of 23 percent, Surprise with a growth rate of 22 percent, Goodyear with a growth rate of 13 percent and Avondale with a growth rate of 8 percent, annually.

### **A GREAT PLACE FOR A NEW BEGINNING**

Many new to Phoenix are pleasantly surprised to find this city of the American Southwest is home to an international community, with the different languages heard on the street reflective of modern-day Phoenix. Spanish is often heard here, indicative of a city with a Hispanic population that comprises 34% of the city’s population, while the mix of languages commonly heard around Arizona State University in Tempe attests to the college’s international influence on the area. The Phoenix calendar is filled with festivals and events that reflect residents’ Hispanic, African-American, Oriental, Native American and Anglo cultures. Hispanic and Native American heritage is especially influential and is expressed throughout the region.

Phoenix is also a critical location for the semi-conductor industry, and is the third largest semi-conductor city in the nation and seals the international deal by bringing in talent from all over the world to keep on top of cutting edge technologies. Many high-tech manufacturers, including Bull Worldwide Information Systems, are based in northwest Phoenix, while Honeywell is located near Sky Harbor International Airport and in south Phoenix and Sitix of Phoenix can be found in Paradise Valley to the northeast. The result is a friendly and eclectic mix of cultures that complement and add to an already thriving business scene.

Leading private sector employers include Motorola Inc., US Airways, Chase Bank, Banner Health systems, American Express travel related services, Avnet, Apollo Group and Wells Fargo. Among the many companies with corporate or regional headquarters in the Valley are Intel Corp, U-Haul International, Phelps Dodge Corp., MicroAge Inc., Allied Signal and Boeing.

In addition, the Valley has a reputation as a popular retirement destination and the retirement community scene here continues to grow. Arizona has about one million residents 55 years old and older, with a combined economic impact of about \$16.8 billion.

### **SUNNY DAYS AHEAD**

The three primary reasons people move to the Valley of the Sun are wages, weekends, and the warm weather. The sun does more than just generate a great tan: it attracts

industries searching for a warm, dry climate that won’t interfere with their distribution networks, telecommunications systems or administrative operations. Nine months out of the year, Valley residents enjoy pleasant, spring-like temperatures. Summer brings the heat with temperatures often breaking 100 degrees during July and August, with little humidity until the monsoon season begins in late August. The returning thunderstorms replenish the water table and help bring back more moderate temperatures.

While the city of Phoenix is situated in the desert, Arizona is far from being a dry, desolate land. Vast canal works, including the Central Arizona Project canal that brings water from the Colorado River located 200 miles away makes the desert bloom. Also, the reserves of runoff water provided by rain and snow in the northern mountain range of Arizona are accessible thanks to Roosevelt Dam just northeast of the Valley. As a result of the efficiency of the city’s waterworks, landscaping designs for parks, golf courses, homes and boulevards often include palm, olive, pine and citrus trees. The sweet scent of orange blossoms fills the air in March and April. Roses, poppies and hundreds of other flowers bloom almost all year.

In addition to being economically, ethnically and culturally diverse, Phoenix’s 300-plus days of sunshine a year make it a perfect match for an active, on-the-go lifestyle. Those who call Phoenix home are often found out of doors, enjoying the city’s natural beauty, including the area’s parkland, outdoor exercise and recreation facilities, more than 1,000 tennis courts and more than 150 golf courses, as well as municipal parks, bicycling routes, running paths, and equestrian trails. Dozens of hiking clubs lead the way through the mountain ranges that surround the city, while softball, baseball and soccer leagues for all ages and skill levels abound.

Phoenix is home to the largest municipal park in the world, the 16,500-acre South Mountain Park, serves as the city’s southern border. A Mecca for hiking, biking and horseback riding, South Mountain Park is the largest link in the chain of desert



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mountain parks, known as the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, that encircle the city. After-work hikes to the top of Piestewa Peak and Camelback Mountain are a popular pastime, while another 1,700 acres of traditional city parks, some with golf courses, serve as oases of green throughout the city.

Trailer boats are a common sight as they zip along the Valley's thoroughfares on their way to one of the five lakes that are just within a short drive from metropolitan Phoenix. Water-skiing, power boating, sailing and fishing are popular water sports, while raft trips down the alternately tranquil and turbulent Verde and Salt rivers are also popular.

### TOURISM

New residents aren't the only ones who flock to Phoenix. Tourism is one of the metropolitan area's leading businesses, and employs about 250,000 people year-round to support this thriving industry. Those who live here find the relationship with tourism

is a profitable one both financially and personally – as a result, restaurants, retail centers and recreational outlets targeted to tourists are available to them all year. Large-scale conventions and trade shows are held in the Phoenix Civic Plaza. The convention and meeting industry is an important one, injecting more than \$5 billion into the area economy.

The ease of getting to and from the Valley boosts its status as a popular vacation and convention destination. Once visitors find they have arrived there are approximately 50,000 motel and hotel rooms available in properties ranging from five-star resorts in Scottsdale to genteel bed and breakfast inns to sleek business hotels in downtown Phoenix. The airport system includes Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, which is the seventh busiest in the country for passengers and the eighth busiest in the world for takeoffs and landings. Nearby Deer Valley and Goodyear airports are also busy, and contribute to the more than 300,000 jobs that are provided by the Phoenix airport system.

### COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA

Just as Phoenix is the hub of commercial activity in the Southwest, it has also become the center around which more than twenty communities have grown in an area collectively known as the "Valley of the Sun." Some of the Valley communities are well known beyond the Arizona state line: Scottsdale is a popular resort destination, Tempe is the home of Arizona State University, Paradise Valley is a town as idyllic as its name, and Sun City is home to active retirees.

Two communities with large populations that deserve a second look are Mesa and Glendale, the state's third and fourth largest cities after Phoenix and Tucson. Just to the southeast, Chandler and Gilbert are becoming well-known magnets for both young families and high-tech manufacturing firms.

Located above the Valley to the northeast in the McDowell Mountains, and only fifteen minutes from the nearest city is

Fountain Hills, prized by its residents for its solitude. The sister communities of Cave Creek and Carefree to the north comprise another secluded area, with rustic ranch spreads and million-dollar adobe homes.

The West Valley communities of Peoria, Avondale, Tolleson and Litchfield Park offer family-oriented lifestyles and affordable housing. The outlying farming communities of Goodyear, Buckeye and Surprise are rapidly mirroring the expansion of the closer-in West Valley communities.

To meet the strong demand for new homes in Phoenix and the Central Arizona area, homebuilders have had to keep up with demand. Shea Homes is a leading Arizona builder and winner of numerous local and national awards, including the Professional Builder of the Year and America's Best Builder awards. Shea Homes was ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction among New Home Builders in Phoenix."

It should come as no surprise, then, that Shea Homes has designed homes in more than 20 neighborhoods throughout the region, from Chandler and Maricopa to Gilbert and Peoria. Neighborhoods featuring homes built by Shea Homes include the exceptionally desirable master-planned communities of Totosa and Rancho Mirage in Maricopa, Old Stone Ranch and Avalon in Chandler, Seville Golf & Country Club in Gilbert, Canyon Trails in Goodyear and Vistancia in Peoria. Choices range from attainably priced homes for first-time buyers to grand-scale residences of incomparable spaciousness and luxury, representing the full spectrum of new homes in Phoenix and the surrounding area.

"Many of the potential buyers that visit our communities ask about our model homes because they include so many options and added features, both inside and out," says Ken Peterson, the Arizona Division Vice President of Shea Homes Sales and Marketing. "We are very happy to be able to offer these homes for immediate sale. They are an incredible value, and



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### FINDING THAT DREAM HOME

With the constant influx of newcomers to Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun come new ideas and new ambitions, creating a vibrant atmosphere that frees people to pursue their vision of the American Dream. Finding a place to live is one of the most exciting experiences a newcomer to the Phoenix area can have. With the help of a trained real estate professional, those new to the area can be assured of making an informed decision about one of the most important investments ever made in their lives – the purchase of a home.

Realtors can be found through recommendations from friends, co-workers, family, or by contacting the local board of realtors to find a real estate professional in the area. Using a realtor’s expertise and knowledge to become educated about the Phoenix area and the amenities offered in the different neighborhoods will go a long way toward making the house-hunting experience an enjoyable one.

## TUCSON

The Tucson of today embraces a future full of promise and opportunity while paying homage to a past whose influence can still be felt. Tucson offers a beautifully diverse tapestry of cultures and experiences, with a heritage that stretches back beyond recorded history. Combine this with the Old Pueblo’s easy charm, add a dash of sophistication, and “cowboy up” with friendliness often found only in a small town, and the result is a city unlike any other.

Many new to Tucson are pleasantly surprised to find this city of the American Southwest is home to so many different cultures. The different languages heard on the street reflect the global perspective of modern-day Tucsonans. Spanish is the primary language of one in seven living here, in deference to the city’s close

proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border, while other languages commonly heard attest to the city’s “college town” status as the home of The University of Arizona.

Tucson’s high tech industry also seals the international deal by bringing in talent from all over the world to keep on top of cutting edge technologies. The result is a friendly and eclectic mix of cultures that complement and add to an already thriving arts scene: just listen to the local music scene, with its sounds of mariachi, country western, classical, reggae, rock and jazz filling the air to create a beautiful symphony celebrating the myriad of cultures here.

Further evidence of Tucson’s cultural mix is in the cityscape itself, with its downtown of adobe buildings surrounded by modern buildings. The distinctly Southwestern styles of St. Augustine Cathedral, the Pima County Courthouse, the Veterans Administration Hospital and dozens of turn-of-the-century homes delight the eye and hearken to days gone past.

Those who call Tucson home are often found outdoors, enjoying the city’s natural beauty, including the area’s 28,500 acres of parkland, outdoor exercise and recreation facilities, more than 30 golf courses, municipal parks, as well as bicycling, jogging and equestrian trails. Dozens of hiking clubs lead the way through the mountain ranges that surround the city, while softball, baseball and soccer leagues for all ages and skill levels abound.

Realtor Sharon Koch, who together with Long Realty Company real estate partner Dorina Dennerlein, has more than 20 year sales experience, believes Tucson’s natural beauty is the inspiration for residents’ attraction to the great outdoors. “We have the hiking trails, we’re surrounded by the mountains, and we have the desert. We are environmentally conscious here of what we have, and are trying to maintain what makes Tucson unique.”

Koch says one of the reasons newcomers want to relocate to Tucson has to do with

the city’s unique approach to adapt to its surroundings, rather than making its environment adapt completely to human needs. Koch says that this has developed into a “best use” philosophy that is evidenced by the city’s ordinances.

“The whole of the Catalina Mountains are part of the Coronado National Forest, for example, and we have other protected lands in the area,” says Koch. “The land we can use for building is limited, and we want to make the best use of it. We’re pretty much built from mountain to mountain along I-10 and I-19. Our freeway is like a beltway around the city, and we don’t have highways that go through the city. Population-wise, we are almost a million strong, but we don’t seem like a big city because we are really spread out. And, because we felt that it was important not to block views of mountains, the city’s laws state that builders cannot obstruct an existing structure’s view. As a result, you won’t find many huge buildings in our downtown.”

Koch says that living with nature also means homeowners must take into account what it means to live in a city located in the Sonoran Desert. “We’re careful with our water conservation and don’t flagrantly use our water resources here,” she says, noting that many homeowners here tend to use native plants and Xeriscape landscaping techniques, while the city itself has adopted many water conservation codes regarding mandatory water conservation strategies to make efficient use of limited water resources.

Another perk to living in Tucson is on a clear, cloudless night the sky comes alive with the twinkling of thousands of stars. “Our night skies are just spectacular,” says Koch. “We have light ordinances in Tucson – you can’t just put a whole lot of light into the atmosphere, and this is done to protect the viewing for our observatories, which are some of the best to be found in the world. Because of the observatories, it’s important not to pollute the sky with light at night. In fact, if you’re driving to the city at night, you won’t even find the usual glow you find with other cities.”



Koch says that the city's devotion to the environment is one of the main reasons many choose to relocate here. "When you move here, you'll find yourself surrounded by people from all over the world. People are friendlier here, and we have a very accommodating atmosphere. We have 340 days of sunshine a year, so there's always something to do here, and I think we're less expensive than many other parts of the country."

Finding a place to live is one of the most exciting experiences a newcomer to the Tucson area can have. With the help of a trained real estate professional, those new to the area can be assured of making an informed decision about one of the most important decisions in their lives: the purchase of a home. A knowledgeable realtor can help homebuyers make an intelligent choice about "location, location, location" and select a community that will best suit the buyer's needs and lifestyle.

Realtors may be found through recommendations from friends, co-workers, family, or by contacting the local board of realtors to find a real estate professional in the area. Finding a realtor and becoming educated about the Tucson area and the amenities offered in the different neighborhoods will go a long way toward making the house-hunting experience an enjoyable one.

At 226 square miles, Tucson is more than four times the size of San Francisco, but its smaller population means while residents enjoy all the perks of a large city, they are able to navigate the territory with the ease of a small town. The variety of communities and housing designs means there's a home here for every taste, lifestyle and pocketbook.

Older, well-to-do neighborhoods such as El Encanto that were once on the outskirts of the city are now located in midtown. East Tucson offers established neighborhoods with mature landscaping and clear views of the Rincon Mountains. Many communities have sprung up around country clubs in the winding foothills of Tucson's mountains, while new subdivisions on the city's periphery

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offer energy. Tucson's northeast side features large house-property lots and affordable family homes, while rural-style homes on bigger, open lots are found west side.

"Homebuyers understand the tax advantages of owning a home," says Linda Breckenridge, a Realtor with Long Realty Company and a native Tucsonan. "A Realtor can educate a homebuyer quickly, so there are no hours and days spent driving around trying to get to know a new city. As an agent, I can narrow down the choices, and when newcomers arrive, they will already know what they want to see, whether they want an older area or a new community, or what the neighborhood schools are like."

When it comes to selecting the perfect home, it all comes down to the individual buyer's particular set of circumstances that will most affect the decision of where and what to buy. While single-family homes are readily available in Tucson, today's buyers want to know all the options available to them. Duplexes, townhomes, condominiums and zero-lot line homes are available to those who want to choose a particular style of home or homeownership that suits their needs best. To select the best housing option, prospective buyers need to have a realtor that is knowledgeable about the differences in ownership.

Single-family homes, condominiums, and zero-lot line homes are built on individual lots with surveyed and plotted boundaries. Depending on the development, these homes may be subject to certain legal rules and restrictions regarding the physical specifications of the home, including later housing alterations made to the home. Like single-family homes, zero lot line homes are built on individual lots, but have little or no yard and therefore no yard maintenance. Instead, these homes offer their owners small terraced areas or patios they can choose to landscape.

Two attached single-family homes on one lot are considered a duplex, and give residents options to use one of the property's homes for rental property. Townhomes are one- or two-story homes constructed in rows that share sidewalls, with unobstructed front and back entries and small lawns or patios. (Often, townhomes are constructed as two story homes to avoid a "bowling alley" feeling in the design.)

Condominiums offer a homeowner even less outdoor upkeep: while the homeowner is responsible for indoor maintenance, the exterior of the dwelling is the responsibility of a management company appointed by the homeowner's association of the condominium complex.

Some homeowners look forward to hours spent on putting in the yard, while just picking the Sunday newspaper up off the lawn is the most outdoor home maintenance other homeowners want to do. Whereas it used to be that single-family homes were the predominant choice among homebuyers, many now want homes that will accommodate busy work and recreation schedules. Those making home purchases include busy executives, empty nesters and students who don't want the responsibility of yard work and prefer to let the homeowners association take care of it.

"We have students moving here, as well as business people, and we are very popular with baby boomers. When people have very busy schedules, they want to spend their off-time doing something fun, and for most people, that idea of fun doesn't include yard work," laughs Breckenridge.

"My job as an agent is not just finding the perfect house – I want clients who chose to live in a community to know that about the lifestyle there," says Breckenridge. "I try to make an individual's or family's relocation as smooth as possible, and give my clients all the resources they need to know, from housing to schools. It's especially important that families know about schools, and about any activities available that interest their children, such as sports teams, music, dance



studios and so on. We want our families to be ready to go once they move here.”

In addition to working with individuals and families, Breckenridge has often arranged for group moves for major employers that have moved here, and has even coordinated tours of the city to ensure that the new arrivals felt comfortable and at home upon arrival. “When a company wants to relocate someone here, it will often ask that the prospective employee tour the city and see if this is the right move,” says Breckenridge. “Companies know that it is important to be sure that new employees are happy in their new community.”

Breckenridge says that many who relocate to Tucson will make a visit to Tucson first to visit the city, and then return to complete the home purchase. “They’ll come and spend a few days or a week getting to know the area, and then come back for a buying trip. Some people can do it in one trip, but most do it in two.”

The University of Arizona is among the country’s top twenty research universities, and plays an important role in attracting and supporting local business. The largest private employer in the area is Raytheon Missile Systems, which develops tactical and strategic defense missile systems. Tucson’s defense and aerospace sector is further enhanced by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, located on the city’s southeast side. Other major employers include the reservation center for American Airlines and GEICO, while high-tech companies such as Sunquest Information Systems, Intuit, AOL, IBM, Bombardier and Texas Instruments.

Health care, one of Tucson’s original attractions, continues to draw people from around the nation and provides thousands of jobs. Tucson has ten hospitals, and the University of Arizona has the only medical school in the state. Many of the physicians who treat patients here are known throughout the world as the best in their particular specializations. Tucson is also known to those who seek a more holistic approach to their health, with several internationally known health and spa retreats and alternative health care centers, such as Miraval and Canyon Ranch luxury resorts in the Catalina Foothills.

“People who move here are pleasantly surprised by what they find here,” says Breckenridge. “We’re just friendly here. And for many people it’s the weather and the lifestyle that is the biggest change. It’s so sunny here, and you can do so much more outside than you can in other communities, so outdoor living here is very different.”

“There’s a misconception that it’s horrible and hot all year round, when the truth is that while we do get high temperatures in the summer, our temperature drops at night,” Breckenridge continues. “I know we’re not as green and lush as other areas, but there’s an appreciation of the desert that those who live here enjoy.”

Breckenridge says another plus to living in Tucson is that when residents are in the mood to get out of town, they can completely change their surroundings quickly and easily. “If you want to go play in the snow, you can visit Mount Lemmon in 45 minutes, where the plant and animal life matches that of Canada,” she says. “We’re only about six hours to San Diego and the

ocean and about an hour to the U.S.-Mexico border itself. You can also quickly access Flagstaff and go skiing if you want to.”

But the real pull to live here is the exceptional beauty of the desert and the mountains. “I think the beauty of our mountains is what attracts people,” says Breckenridge. “The scene here is so serene and beautiful, and we have absolutely incredible sunsets, and when the sun goes down over the mountains, the colors change from purple to pink to orange – it’s just breathtaking.”

Breckenridge advises those who decide to make the move to Tucson to take the time to do the research to make sure their move to their new home is a successful one. “Take a tour of different areas, and take a look at price ranges and amenities. Make a list of properties and communities in the north, south, east and west,” she advises. “Don’t look at just one neighborhood – get a feel for the different areas and be sure you use an agent that is very knowledgeable about our city. You want to be sure that you know everything that your neighborhood in Tucson has to offer.” ●



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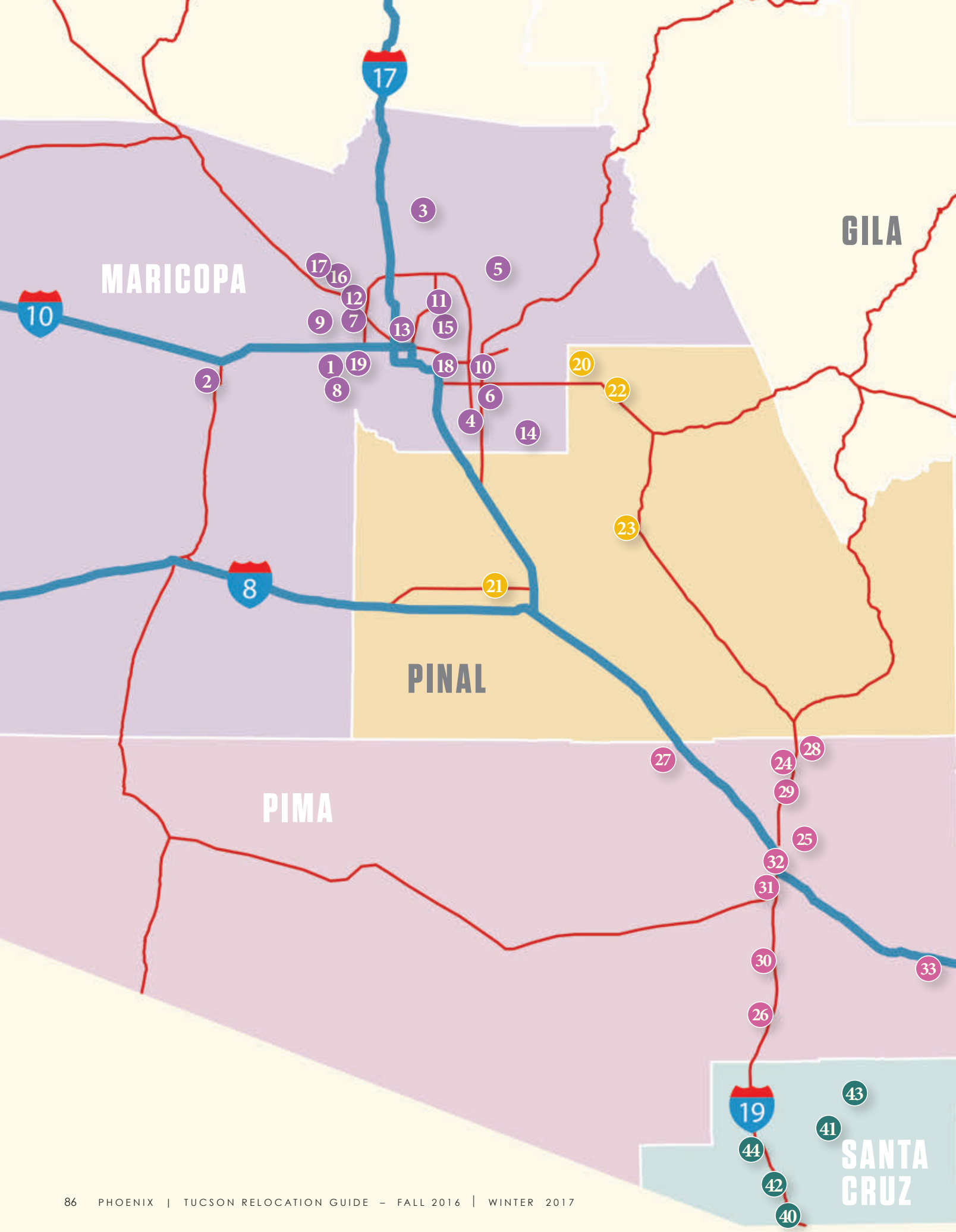
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Phoenix, the largest city in the Valley of the Sun, covers a vast geographic area and offers a wide array of housing options. As the hub city, downtown Phoenix is a core employment and culture center with projected growth spurred by a new light-rail system, retail expansion and an upswing in commercial construction. Arizona State University has added a Central Phoenix campus, and several central, established neighborhoods are experiencing a revival that includes renovation and the creation of upscale high-end homes and condominiums. Most of the city of Phoenix stretches north from South Mountain Park, the largest municipal park in the world.

### AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS

Ahwatukee is an Indian word meaning “house of my dreams” or “magic place of my dreams,” and for many the popular housing development known as Ahwatukee Foothills it exactly that. Located to the Phoenix’s south and within its city limits, well-established Ahwatukee (pronounced Ah-wah-too-key) Foothills hugs the south-eastern border of South Mountain Park and is a 4,100-acre master-planned community that features an 18-hole golf course designed by Tom Weiskopf, and has been named “Best Master-Planned Community” three times by the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona.

The Foothills is distinguished by its scenic desert-mountain environment and abundant opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. More than forty miles of recreational trails wind through the Foothills’ petroglyph-marked hills in the shadow of South Mountain.

Prized by residents for its proximity to South Mountain’s hiking and biking trails, Ahwatukee is primarily a bedroom

community for commuters to commercial centers in Phoenix and its surrounding cities. Housing options include single-family homes, apartments, townhomes and patio homes to custom estates. Ahwatukee also has a well-established retirement area with recreation and community activities, and five nearby golf courses.

Bordered on the east by Interstate 10, Ahwatukee also features retail and light commercial components. Arizona Mills Mall is located nearby in Tempe. Future construction of the South Mountain Freeway should improve the Foothills’ accessibility to Phoenix and Tempe.

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Phoenix, Anthem is nestled in at the foot of Daisy Mountain and offers a friendly neighborhood for its residents. Located 34 miles north of Phoenix off I-17, Anthem is home to a diverse and energetic population of families, empty nesters and retirees that have found the amenities here were just too good to pass up. A waterpark, golf courses, mountain views, miles of walking paths, hike and bike trails, athletic fields and a park are just some of the reasons why residents here feel the living couldn't be better anywhere else.

Anthem is a master planned community that has won a number of awards, including Best Master Planned Community in America by the National Association of Home Builders in 2001, and the Best Master Planned Community by the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona in 2000 and 2001. It was also voted Best Place to Raise a Family by Parenting Magazine in its November 2003 issue.

The Community Center here is the perfect place for neighbors to meet and families to have fun. The three-story rock climbing wall, a state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor basketball courts and lighted outdoor tennis courts offer a way to stay in shape. The Center is also home to a teen recreation center, and even provides youth camps and childcare services.

In addition to the Community Center, residents here have access to Big Splash Water Park. Kids can cool off in the park and zip down the water slides, or join a dive or swim team. There's even a scuba-diving certification course and a 25-meter lap pool for adults.

Life in Anthem offers affordability and convenience. The easy access to the 101 and I-17 makes commuting easy, and in turn has brought many commercial businesses to the area. As a result, home prices here are stable and continue to maintain their value.

Homebuyers may choose from several different master planned communities, such as the Parkside area and the gated Anthem Country Club community. Parkside is perfect for families on the go, while the gated Anthem Country Club community

suits both families and empty nesters. Those who settle in Anthem Country Club have the option to live next to two top-rated Greg Nash designed golf courses, The Persimmon and The Ironwood.

### AVIANO

Aviano at Desert Ridge is located in north central Phoenix less than a mile from Loop 101. This upscale community offers several

styles of architecture. The community features semi-custom homes with a variety of prices and styles. The Desert Ridge Market Place Shopping Mall is a few blocks away. Amenities: community center, sport courts, pool, hiking, biking, walking trails.

### MOUNTAIN PARK RANCH

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community that draws families looking for good value for their housing dollars. Mountain Park Ranch offers a diverse choice in housing, from patio homes to large single-family estates. It has three community centers featuring tennis, swimming pools and picnic areas.

### SONORAN FOOTHILLS

Nature is a priority at the Sonoran Foothills community in north Phoenix. Classic desert sunsets, dramatic mountain views and easy access to north Phoenix trails and other outdoor activities are among the natural amenities driving residents to the community. Panoramic views are afforded by Union Hills and Middle Mountain to the south and Pyramid and Daisy Mountains to the north. The 800-acre community is south of the Carefree Highway and east of Interstate 17 at 27th Drive and North Valley Parkway.

Among the amenities at Sonoran Foothills is a trail system throughout the community which takes residents through arroyos

harboring saguaro, prickly pear and cholla cactus, brittlebush and creosote, and indigenous critters like quail, cactus wrens, javelina and desert tortoises. The system will eventually connect to the trails of the proposed Sonoran Preserve.

A 4,000-square-foot clubhouse has a lap and leisure pool, children's wading pool and splash fountain, playground and sand lot as well as two tennis courts, a volleyball and basketball court, expansive turf activity areas and a great lawn. A new soccer park and other pocket parks provide additional recreational opportunities.

Desert Vista at Sonoran Foothills is a quiet enclave rising with the foothills adjacent to the proposed northern mountain preserve, and presents a rare opportunity to live in harmony with the desert. This beautiful new desert community offers panoramic views of the nearby mountains and natural wash corridors. The proposed mountain preserve will be connected to Sonoran Foothills via a

system of trails that knit together the many community amenities and provide the ideal way to enjoy the desert experience unique to Arizona.

### SOUTH MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

South Mountain Village represents one of the "urban villages" designated by the Phoenix Planning Commission, a citizen-based planning committee. The goal of each village in the city of Phoenix is to offer a unique choice of lifestyle in which residents may live, work and enjoy leisure activities within close proximity.

South Mountain Village extends from the Rio Salado to the South Mountain Park Preserve, the largest municipal park in the country. Although containing established neighborhoods, in many ways South Mountain Village is a young, developing area. Perhaps once considered a barrier to southward development, the massive, 16,500-acre South Mountain Park is now viewed as a boon by the developers who have created new communities that border its edges. From the ridgeline of South Mountain to farm fields and urban neighborhoods, the village offers many different living environments.

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Cave Creek was settled in the 1870s as a mining and ranching community, and finally became incorporated in 1986. Only 36 miles from downtown Phoenix, residents of Cave Creek enjoy their community that has an old timey, small town feeling. Carefree was founded in the 1950s, and was one of the earliest planned communities in Arizona. Known for its famous giant sundial (the largest in the Western Hemisphere), as well as its unique rock topography, Carefree lives up to its name with its very laid back atmosphere.

The two communities are at an elevation of 2,500 feet, with temperatures about five to six degrees cooler than Phoenix. Low humidity and cooler temperatures lure outdoor enthusiasts to such activities as hiking bicycling, horseback riding, golfing and jeep touring. The serene, saguaro-studded landscape, decorated with natural outcroppings of massive sand-colored boulders and teeming with jackrabbits and other desert dwellers are a huge attraction for new residents.

Golf courses here and in the surrounding foothills are woven into the landscape, making them some of the most scenic in the state. Other nearby recreational outlets include Tonto National Forest, which borders the towns on the north side, and the Verde River, a favorite of river runners. Both towns offer unique shopping and dining opportunities, as well as accommodations that range from beautiful resorts to quaint bed & breakfast inns.

## Fountain Hills

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Tucked into the McDowell Mountains at an elevation several hundred feet above Phoenix, Fountain Hills residents enjoy cooler temperatures and a more secluded feeling than their counterparts in metropolitan Phoenix. Designed by Charles Woods, Jr., the same visionary who designed Disneyland, the community of Fountain Hills is loaded with small town charm.

Fountain Hills takes its name from its celebrated fountain found at the heart of the city. Woods wanted to find a way to differentiate his newly designed city from others in the area, and hit upon the idea of having the world's tallest man-made fountain as a centerpiece. The fountain shoots water 560 feet into the air and creates a geyser five feet taller than the Washington Monument.

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Part of what makes Fountain Hills so sought-after is its awe-inspiring views and higher elevation. From sunrises to sunsets and at every point in town, it's understandable why so many weddings happen in this special community.

Housing options include the 950-acre Sun Ridge Canyon and 500-acre Community

of Eagle Mountain. Both master-planned communities feature scenic golf courses and recreational facilities and a selection of custom homes. Also newly completed are the Firerock Country Club and the CopperWynd Tennis and Health resort, both offering single-family homes, condos and custom homes. The new community center features convention, banquet and wedding reception facilities. Other neighborhoods include North Heights, CrestView Estates, WestRidge Estates, StoneRidge Estates, EagleRidge, Eagles Nest and several other neighborhoods plus a variety of condominium developments throughout the town...and several around the Lake.

The option for an active lifestyle is certainly available here. Life centers on the golf courses located around the community, with tee times at the three local golf courses in great demand. The McDowell Mountain Regional Park, one of the largest parks in the Maricopa Parks

system, offers excellent hiking, sight-seeing and camping. The park is adjacent to Fountain Hills' northern border.

Bordered by the McDowell Mountains on the west, the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation on the east and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to the south, Fountain Hills will likely remain at its present size of 11,340 acres.

## Paradise Valley

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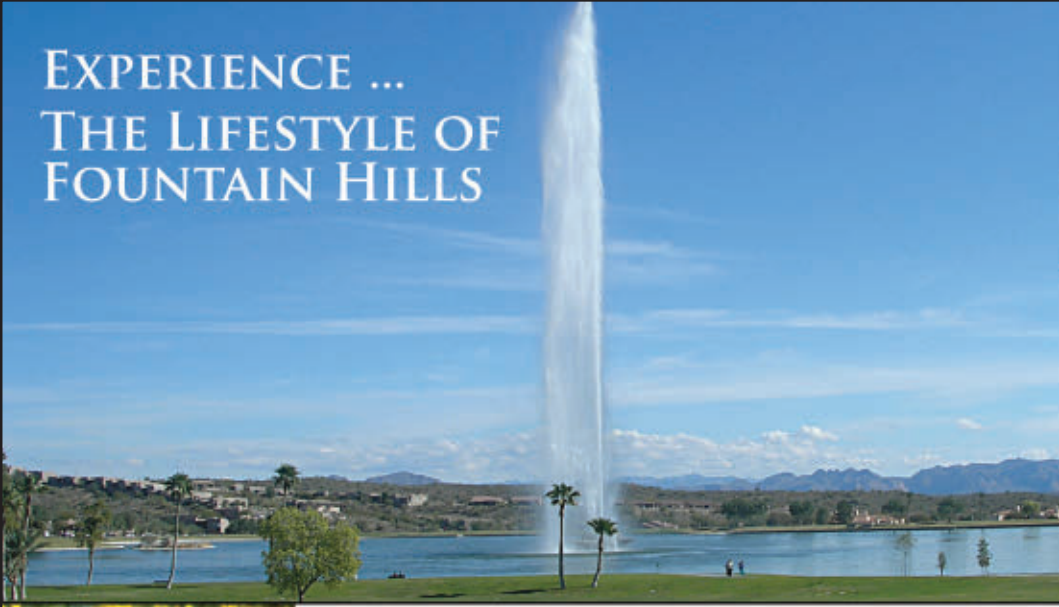
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The Town of Paradise Valley is located just north of the landmark Camelback Mountain and is almost entirely residential. Among its amenities are the Marriot Camelback Inn Resort & Spa, and the Marriott Mountain Shadows Resort, as well as the Doubletree La Posada Resort. There are also exclusive shops and restaurants located near the town's border with Scottsdale. The neighborhood is the home of a number of celebrities, including baseball's Joe Garagiola and rocker Alice Cooper.

The neighborhood of Greater Paradise Valley is located within Phoenix city limits, but is considered its own village. Around the edges of Paradise Valley Mall are retail shops, apartments, condos and healthcare facilities as well as Paradise Valley Hospital. Outside of this area are townhomes, single-family homes, small estates with horse privileges and a few golf courses. The area is known for its excellent housing and schools.

A new master planned community called Desert Ridge is under development in the northern area of Greater Paradise Valley. At more than 5,700 acres, it includes residential housing, an 800-room resort, two 18-hole golf courses and a 1,000-acre commerce park.

Residents here find it is easy to get around via the Pima Freeway from I-17 and the Piestiawaw Parkway that has been extended to the Pima Freeway to give better accessibility to Sky Harbor Airport and downtown Phoenix.

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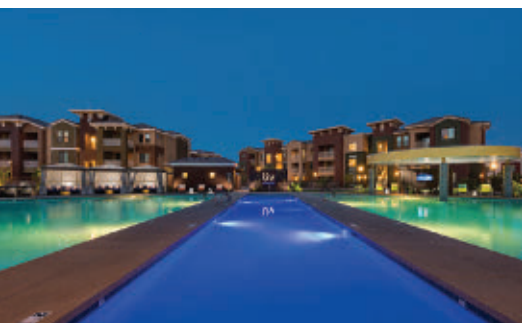
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has grown from a collection of cattle ranches and citrus farms into a cosmopolitan community of young professionals, families and retirees. The city's resort lifestyle extends far beyond the grounds of its expansive hotels. Many housing developments feature golf courses and recreational complexes, with shopping and other amenities just a bike ride away.

Although the days of cattle ranching in the area are long past, the names of vast multi-development neighborhoods, such as McCormick Ranch and Gainey Ranch, still pay homage to the area's early days. These neighborhoods are often a mix of residential homes that include single-family homes, condominiums, patio homes and town homes. More than 40 percent of Scottsdale's residents fall into the over 40-year age bracket, which has helped build a growing medical community that includes the western campus of the Mayo Clinic.

For a city in the middle of the Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale is remarkably green,

with nationally acclaimed golf courses and Indian Bend Wash, the centerpiece of Scottsdale's extensive recreational amenities. This miles-long ribbon of greenbelt, which extends down the middle of the vertically drawn city, is bordered by several parks that feature bike paths, small fishing lakes and recreation complexes.

With zoning ordinances in place to protect the city's "destination" atmosphere, commercial buildings in downtown Scottsdale were once restricted in height to four stories. This caused the city to expand outward, and increased its territory from one square mile in 1951 to 185 miles today. Because the city is bordered by Phoenix to the west, Tempe to the south and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to the east, new commercial and residential construction has expanded toward Scottsdale's northern city limits.

The hospitality business is big here, with more than 70 hotels and award-winning

luxury resorts ready to host leisure travelers and convention-goers year round. To cater to visitors and satisfy the desires of its resident, much of the city's development is retail oriented. Central Scottsdale streets are lined with clothing boutiques, art galleries, restaurants and retail stores, many of which have been in business in the same location for decades. Just north of Fifth Avenue and Old Town Scottsdale is the modern shopping Mecca of Scottsdale Fashion Square, featuring three levels of locally owned and national chain stores.

Interest in culture and the arts is especially strong in Scottsdale. The Scottsdale Center for the Arts hosts an eclectic mix of intimate classical and modern concerts, as well as other live performances.

## NORTHWEST VALLEY

### Glendale

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Glendale is Arizona's third largest city, and the financial and business hub of the rapidly growing Northwest Valley. A friendly city with a reputation for maintaining its small town charm and character, Glendale is an important player in the area's future.

The vibrant community embraces an active, outdoor lifestyle, complete with scenic mountain views, desert vistas and wide-open spaces to golf courses and lakes. Glendale's recreational opportunities abound with 56 parks containing 1,682 acres, including Thunderbird Regional Mountain Peak.

From a residential perspective, Glendale features master planned communities,



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Old Towne Glendale and Historic Catlin Court Shops District are home to more than 90 antique stores, specialty shops and eateries, all found around Historic Murphy Park, the town square. Recent additions

include the Bead Museum and the American Museum of Nursing. Gaslit street lamps, brick walkways, tree-lined streets and quaint specialty shops add charm to downtown's turn-of-the-century atmosphere. With the largest concentration of antique shops in a walkable area, Glendale has earned the reputation of Antique Capital of Arizona, and has been rated one of the top ten antique destinations by USA Today.

The Westgate City Center, a planned development currently underway that will eventually feature 6.5 million square feet of offices, theater, shops, restaurants and residential units, is anchored by the multi-purpose sports and entertainment center, Jobing.com Arena, which serves as the home to the Phoenix Coyotes NHL hockey team and the Arizona Lacrosse teams. The University of Phoenix Stadium is home to the Arizona Cardinals and popular annual college football Fiesta Bowls.

Restaurant and shopping opportunities are available not only in Glendale's downtown area, but also on Bell Road, one of the hottest retail areas in the Valley. Arrowhead Towne Center, a 1.3-million-square-foot super regional mall, anchors this retail corridor that has more than 700 businesses and provides entertainment, shopping and dining venues.

Arrowhead Community Hospital and Medical Center and Banner Thunderbird Medical Facility are state-of-the-art medical treatment centers that serve the Glendale community. Glendale also is home to four institutes of higher learning: Thunderbird American Graduate School of International Management, Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

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The four families from Peoria, Illinois, who stopped their wagons in the middle of the Arizona Territory in 1886 and decided to build a new life here in the desert were the first to begin the trend of Midwestern migration that continues to this day. A





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rapidly growing population and recent annexation have made Peoria one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States.

Peoria spans more than 162 square miles, and claims one of the best school districts in the state, as well as affordable housing and close proximity to downtown Phoenix. Peoria's medical services and health care facilities are among the most comprehensive in the Valley, while the Arrowhead Towne Center and the adjacent North Valley Power Center offer excellent variety of department stores, specialty shops and restaurants from which to choose.

The Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres train each spring at the Peoria Sports Complex, located just a quarter mile away from the Arrowhead Towne Center. Many beautiful hotels and numerous restaurants adjoin the Sports Complex. Peoria is also the home of Lake Pleasant, a 24,000-acre water wonderland surrounded by desert flora and fauna, with hiking trails, campgrounds, a lake overlook and boat ramps.

## VISTANCIA

Vistancia is a 7,100-acre community recently voted "Best Master Planned Community" by Ranking Arizona.

Vistancia's three villages offer distinct lifestyle choices and amenities. The villages blend into the lush high Sonoran desert surroundings and are linked by the 3.5-mile Discovery Trail, allowing residents to travel the length of the community without ever crossing a street.

The Discovery Center at Vistancia is the gateway to 14 unique neighborhoods and more than 60 model homes, comprising Arizona's largest collection of model homes in one location.

It is also at the Discovery Center that interested homebuyers can check out the new home technology offered by Shea Homes in partnership with LiTera LLC. Those purchasing the system in a new Shea Home can now communicate, view and access security systems and any Internet-enabled device anytime anywhere with options that give customers access and control of technology from their phone, TV or computer. Shea Homes has just rolled out these packages at a few new communities with Entrada at Vistancia in Peoria acting as the main hub for personal demonstrations. These one-on-one technology presentations are available seven days a week at Entrada.

Vistancia Village is a community for families of all ages. Life centers around the Mountain Vista Club, a 15,000-square-foot complex with a basketball gymnasium, three pools, tennis courts and an event lawn.

Trilogy at Vistancia is an age-restricted, lifestyle resort community. The centerpiece of Trilogy is the Kiva Club, featuring Café Solaz and the Alvea Spa. The Club is also home to a state-of-the-art athletic club and aerobics studio, indoor lap pool and outdoor resort pool. The Trilogy Golf Club at Vistancia is a par-72 Gary Panks designed championship course which is open to the public, offering an exceptional golf experience for players of all levels.

Blackstone Country Club at Vistancia is a private community of superb residences and custom homesites. The Jim Engh designed golf course is his first in Arizona and has already been included on Travel and Leisure Golf Magazine's list of "Top 100 Golf Communities" in the country. The Hacienda, a magnificent clubhouse, offers a rich array of amenities for members, including gourmet dining, an event lawn, locker rooms, a wine cellar and tasting room.

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## Sun City, Sun City West

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A midday traffic jam in Sun City is like a traffic jam nowhere else. First, the jam will consist of no more than five vehicles. Secondly, the participants probably know each other by first name. And finally, they're likely to involve street-legal golf carts.

Stress-free “traffic jams” are part of the daily routine in this model retirement community by Del Webb that began in 1960. Webb picked an 8,900-acre plot in the Sonoran Desert that was just a half-hour drive from downtown Phoenix. Sun City has now grown to more than 46,000 residents. In 1978, Webb selected a site just four miles away and broke ground on Sun City West. Sun City West features homes that are just a little more upscale than the original Sun City and is slightly less crowded. To ensure its residents that the communities maintain their positions as haven for retirees, no one under 18 years of age are allowed to live in the Sun Cities for more than 90 days.

Many activities are available to Sun City and Sun City West residents, including boating, fishing, and of course golfing. Eleven area

golf courses in the two communities make this a golfer's paradise, while the activity centers offer a wide variety of clubs and activities.

## Surprise

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Founded in 1929, Surprise has transformed itself from the sleepy little farming community it was into a growing city that has drawn the notice of Money magazine, which placed Surprise at the top of its national job growth list.

One reason for this growth is Sun City Grand, a Del Webb active adult community that has called for about 10,000 homes. A full slate of recreational facilities, including four golf courses, a fitness center, a day spa and the Rio Salado Community College Sun Cities Livelong Learning Center is also available to Sun City Grande residents.

Surprise is also experiencing growth in the business, retail and service sectors, and has annexed land north of the White Tank Mountains to link with up the city of Buckeye. It is also located within Surprise. Future economic growth is expected with the development of the Surprise Medical

Center, which will include a medical campus, emergency medical facilities and medical office buildings. Surprise Point is a 290-acre complex of restaurants, shops, industrial warehouses and office space that is currently under development that will bring an estimated 6,000 additional jobs to the area.

## SOUTHEAST VALLEY

## Chandler

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P.T. Barnum may have been a more well-known master of marketing, but he had nothing on A.J. Chandler. As the Arizona Territory's first veterinary surgeon in 1887, Chandler parlayed the profits from his practice into a landholding known as the Chandler Ranch. In 1911, he divided the land into agricultural plots and advertised them for sale.

Knowing that wherever celebrities went, others were sure to follow, Chandler built the San Marcos Hotel. This lavish golf course resort became a popular getaway for such early stars as Errol Flynn, Gloria Swanson, Fred Astaire, Al Capone and Herbert Hoover.

Together, agriculture and tourism built Chandler into a thriving community. While both remain important contributors to its economic base, the open land that once drew farmers and ranchers is now a magnet for high-tech manufacturing companies, including Intel Corp, Motorola and Microchip Technology. The arrival of these companies fueled phenomenal population growth.



In 1980, Chandler had close to 30,000 residents and then skyrocketed to more than 235,500 by mid-2006. Many who move to Chandler count affordable housing and its small town appeal among the main reasons to move here. Because much of the city's infrastructure was built to accommodate its recent population explosion, there is a sense of renewal in the air, culminating in the city's cultural crowning glory: the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Every March the annual Ostrich Festival is celebrated as part of Chandler's heritage. This annual event is one of the largest festivals west of the Mississippi and features live ostrich races, hundreds of great exhibits, big name entertainment, and a downtown parade.

Corporate sponsorship is also part of the community here, demonstrating the commitment of business to improving the lifestyle here. Shea Homes recently demonstrated its commitment to the school children of Chandler by partnering with the Chandler Public

Libraries to roll out the Shea Homes Read Around the Home reading program in 2008, which was developed to encourage children to read. One of Shea Homes' key initiatives has been their "Read to Your Child 15 Minutes a Day" program that encourages parents to read to their young children. This fall reading program encourages older children to continue reading as well.

"We appreciated Shea Homes' generous support of the fall reading program," said Chandler Youth Librarian Phyllis Saunders. "Shea Homes has demonstrated their commitment by supporting reading programs across the country and encouraging parents to spend 15 minutes a day reading to their children, especially preschoolers."

### OLD STONE RANCH

Master planned communities abound here. One such community, Old Stone Ranch, is Shea Homes' exclusive community in Chandler. Old Stone Ranch is located in

the Chandler School District, with Ryan Elementary located within the community. In addition, the proposed Veterans Oasis park is currently under construction, and upon completion will feature 113 acres with a five acre lake, more than four miles of walking trails, wildlife viewing area and picnic locations.

Old Stone Ranch is picturesque and showcases three lakes, a stunning water feature, meandering paths, tot lots and ramadas scattered throughout and much more! The community's main street, Old Stone Circle, is beautiful and welcomes residents into the community. This tree-lined street is set off by an inviting, wide sidewalk and is accented by quaint split rail fencing. Homeowners who purchase a home within one of the neighborhoods within Old Stone Ranch have been impressed with the professionalism of the real estate team that has created their homes.

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Located in the southeast valley of the Phoenix metropolitan area, Gilbert Arizona has a high quality of community life fueled by a strong economy. Thriving in business and leisure activities, the community has been named a Best Place to Live in the U.S., one of America's Top 20 Thriving Cities, a Top Place in the Nation to Live and Learn, a Best Places for Job Seekers in Arizona, the #1 City in the Nation for Working Parents, 17th in the Nation for First-Time Home Buyers and the 2nd Safest City in the U.S. The town has met the many challenges of preserving the small-town atmosphere while promoting an atmosphere that fosters growth in science, technology, engineering and math-related jobs.

Gilbert's population has a median age of 32.7, boasts one of the highest median incomes in the state of Arizona at \$85,187 and has a dense volume of educated residents with 40.9 percent of residents holding a bachelor's degree or higher. Gilbert's border is within a half a mile to Arizona State University's Polytechnic campus and Chandler-Gilbert Community College and

there are over 69 other colleges, universities and technical schools within a 30-minute commute. Additionally, Gilbert has a nationally A-ranked K-12 system through the public school districts and unique magnet and charter programs - students attending Gilbert schools have a graduation rate of over 85 percent, surpassing the Arizona graduation rate by 10 percent.

As a community of excellence, Gilbert homes have retained their value within the Greater Phoenix area. Gilbert has an array of homes from urban condos and apartments to starter homes to executive housing with large lots, some for equine enthusiasts.

Gilbert is proud of a lifestyle that focuses on raising a family and quality education while also offering 9.8 million square feet of retail and more than 700 acres of designated open space for recreation and entertainment, providing a quality of life that translates to a thriving and diverse community. Gilbert is home to an enviable downtown with locally-unique dining options, seven golf courses, six major parks, four community pools, four community recreation centers, a performing arts center, a privately-owned theatre, an indoor ice arena, a USA BMX facility and the Big League Dreams Sports Complex. Throughout the year, Gilbert is host to numerous festivals, youth and amateur sporting events, academic conferences, sports tournaments and a bi-weekly art walk.

### POWER RANCH

Power Ranch, a development located in Gilbert, is designed as a blend of residential, retail and commercial properties. The nearby Superstition Freeway, makes this community assessable to Phoenix areas sports and entertainment facilities. Amenities include a two-acre lake, pool, several green belt areas and walking trails.

From its long history as a family-run farm with neat, linear fields and formal citrus orchards, Power Ranch has become the area's foremost planned community especially attractive to growing families. The 2,084-acre community is located in Gilbert at Power and Germann roads just south of the San Tan Loop 202.

Chief among the community's attractions are the 200-plus acres of open space and greenbelts that include 110 acres of turf, 25 central neighborhood and greenbelt parks and a 10-acre state-of-the-art soccer complex providing unlimited areas for neighborhood get-togethers and gathering spaces. A 26-mile trail system with a loop weaves for over three miles through five neighborhoods and is heavily used by residents.

Power Ranch offers two community clubhouses: the 4,000-square-foot Ranch House featuring a swimming pool, kids' play pool, and basketball and sand volleyball courts surrounded by a 7.5-acre park; and The Barn, a 7,000-square-foot facility situated in the 7.3-acre Trailside Community Park with a resort pool and picnic pavilions. Each clubhouse has a catch-and-release fishing lake with lakeside trails.

Power Ranch offers 12 home collections featuring floor plans range from 1,294 to 4,602 square feet. The community also features Trilogy at Power Ranch an age-qualified lifestyle resort community by Shea Homes.

### SEVILLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Seville Golf & Country Club in Gilbert is a virtual “wish list” for families. Here, every detail has been thoughtfully planned to provide a warm, friendly setting where neighbors can become friends and families can grow and flourish.

“In the valley where there are so many builders to chose from, it is challenging to find one you trust, one who will be there from the start of construction to the close of escrow,” says Dana and Mike Mondie, homeowners in the Escala II development. “If you want quality, craftsmanship, experienced sales staff, and excellent warranty service, then buy a Shea Home. They don't just build houses, they build neighborhoods people can call home”

“We thought we were buying a great home but realized that what we got was an amazing lifestyle,” says Daryl & Carrie Stewart, homeowners in La Mirada. “All of



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our friends visit us from California and are amazed that we live in such a resort like setting with so many amenities. This doesn't exist in California anywhere near a price point a family could afford. We have met so many people in our neighborhood that moved here for the exact same reasons we did: Family and quality of life. When we meet people now we often joke, 'what part of California are you from?'"

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Mesa's growth has been fueled by the "Three A's": affordability, amenities and the annual migration of "snow birds," the winter weary retirees from the Midwest who flock to Mesa' sundrenched RV and mobile home parks. In the 1980's, Mesa's population grew by an incredible 89%, making it the third largest city in Arizona. By the year 2020, it is estimated that more than 530,000 will call Mesa home.

Mesa's shopping, recreational, educational and cultural amenities are some

of the most extensive in the Valley. More than 20 golf courses and 47 city parks are within Mesa's expansive 122-square-mile city limits. The symphony orchestra, several cultural and historical museums and theater troupes for children and adults add to the arts scene here.

An excellent school system, a varied economic base and an active city government add to the welcoming atmosphere here, and make it an excellent place to raise a family.

## Queen Creek

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Queen Creek is one of the best-kept secrets in Arizona. Located in the southeast corner of Maricopa County, this small town oasis is within 10 minutes of Williams Gateway Airport and 40 minutes of Sky Harbor International Airport. Exceptional climate, natural recreational areas and rural lifestyle combine to fulfill the vision of those who relocate to one of America's best small towns.

Superstition Mountain trails satisfy the outdoor enthusiasts as well as the four nearby 18-hole golf courses. The Town Hall, Founders' Park Community Center, and local schools offer ball fields and sports courts for the outdoor sports enthusiast. The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Queen Creek High School, offers plays, concerts, comedy shows, art exhibits and other cultural experiences for the community. The Queen Creek Unified School District #95 serves the largest portion of the students in the area.

## Tempe

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Tempe offers a quality of life unparalleled to any place in the country. It is Arizona's sixth largest city and has successfully blended the dynamics of a high-tech business center, the fun and excitement of a resort community, the warmth and comfort of a residential neighborhood, and the small town atmosphere of a college community.



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Tempe is ideally located in central Maricopa County adjoining the cities of Scottsdale to the north, Mesa to the east, Chandler to the south and Phoenix to the west. Tempe's strategic location is a boon to both businesses and residents who have convenient access to all areas of the Valley of the Sun, as well as major cities throughout the Southwest. Direct access to I-10, State Route 60, and the new 101 and 102 freeways put Tempe within 15 minutes of Sky Harbor International Airport. With such convenient access to surrounding freeways, Tempe commuters find it is less than a 20-minute commute to work in downtown Phoenix.

Tempe is home to Arizona State University. ASU, which was established in 1885, today welcomes students from all fifty states and from around the world. The university is one of the premier research universities in the nation, and is committed to excellent in teaching research, and public service. In addition to watching the action provided by the Arizona State University Sun Devils, sports fans can also watch the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim as they train during the spring in Tempe Diablo Stadium.

Downtown Tempe is a cultural center in its own right and is pedestrian-oriented with paths to the ASU. As the city's principal business district, it is also considered a premier entertainment center featuring a wide variety of restaurants, shopping, movie theaters, hotels, corporate office and condos. More than two million people visit the 2.5 mile Tempe Town Lake each year for such special events as fireworks over the Mill Avenue Bridge, 5K runs, October Fest, the Ironman Triathlon and the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. The Spring and Fall Festival draws nearly 250,000 people during its three-day run.

Neighborhoods throughout Tempe feature every style of home, from turn-of-the-century adobe homes to luxury homes on acre lots. Many housing developments are centered around Tempe's extensive network of parks, which is anchored by Kiwanis Park. This 125-acre recreational spot includes softball and soccer fields, volleyball and tennis courts, playground and picnic ramadas, a 12-acre stocked lake with paddleboats and a recreation center with an indoor, heated wave and swimming pool.

## SOUTHWEST VALLEY

### Buckeye

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Named for the home state of one of its early settlers, Buckeye is proud to be one of the most rural communities in the Phoenix metro area. Buckeye residents appreciate the hometown charm it has developed over its years of existence. Buckeye children are actively involved in Pop Warner football, soccer, Little League Baseball, the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H clubs. Many of those who leave Buckeye to attend college later return to raise their own families.



Buckeye is the third fastest growing community in Maricopa County. The master planned community of Verrado is the proposed site of a large vacation resort that will be the second largest in the Valley of the Sun. With the number of proposed master planned communities and industrial developments underway, the population of Buckeye is expected to explode.

One of Arizona's largest adult living developers, Del Webb, introduced its fourth Sun City project in north Buckeye on SunValley Parkway. Sun City Festival will cover 3,300 acres and is expected to add 7,200 homes to the area. At least two more adult communities and several golf courses are also planned.

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### City of Tolleson

623-936-7117

[www.tollesonaz.org](http://www.tollesonaz.org)

Located in one of the fastest growing areas in the Valley, the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson have undergone some major changes in recent years.

Gone are the cotton fields that once were the economic backbone of the area, and

in their place are new residential communities. Businesses, both large and small, have found the potential of the area exciting: department stores, shopping centers, restaurants, auto dealerships, merchandising giants, home improvement emporiums, new hospitals, light industry and many others are tapping into a new vein of wealth.

The education community offers excellent opportunities. Estrella Mountain Community college, the Southwest Valley Skill Center, and the Universal Technical Institute offer academic and vocational training. The soon to be constructed Valley Center for the Arts will expand the communities' cultural opportunities.

Recreation is a big part of the Southwest Valley's package. County parks such as Estrella Mountain Regional Park and nearby White Tank Regional Park offer hiking, biking and equestrian trails, picnic areas and other outdoor activities. Phoenix International Raceway draws thousands to its NASCAR events and Wildlife World Zoo has the largest collection of exotic animals in the state. A variety of golf courses ranging from public courses to championship play,

allow golfers of every skill level, the opportunity to enjoy a game of golf.

Although each city has its own personality, Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson have each been a strong contributor to making life in the Southwest Valley what it is today.

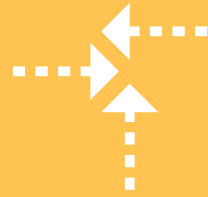
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# PINAL COUNTY

Pinal County, south and east of Maricopa County, has a number of rural cities that are poised for growth, and several that are already gaining stature as up and coming cities with rising economic and population growth. Three of the fastest growing suburban cities in Pinal County are Casa Grande to the south, Apache Junction/Gold Canyon to the east, and Florence, southeast of the Metro Phoenix area.

Cities with expected growth potential include Coolidge, Eloy and Maricopa. Due to the ever-expanding number of people looking for more rural communities for their retirement years, and families seeking to raise their children in smaller towns, these cities are target areas for further growth.

The Pinal Freeway, now called the Apache/Coolidge Corridor will eventually link U.S. 60 at Apache Junction to Interstate 10 at Eloy and will provide access to a county expecting 2 million residents by 2025.

The Pivotal Group has donated acreage to the Coolidge Unified School District for three K-8 schools and one high school. All

four schools will be built within the master planned community of Sandia, near Arizona 87 and Signal Peak Road. This community will feature an estimated 9,000 homes, of which 4,000 are family oriented homes and the balance will be active adult housing.

## Apache Junction, Gold Canyon

**City of Apache Junction:**

480-474-5066

[www.ajcity.net](http://www.ajcity.net)

**City of Gold Canyon**

[www.goldcanyon.net](http://www.goldcanyon.net)

Close in, but far enough away from the big city hustle and bustle, Apache Junction still offers the rural feel that many families and retirees are looking for. The Apache Junction area is an inviting oasis in the stress filled environment of today, and is fast

becoming a popular destination for families, vacationers and business.

The Superstition Freeway brings the pristine foothills of the Superstition Mountains within reach of downtown Phoenix and the Southeast Valley. Approximately eight miles southeast of Apache Junction, nestled at the foot of the mountains, is the growing community of Gold Canyon. This unincorporated community, often described as part of Apache Junction, was created from a working cattle ranch and the Gold Canyon Hotel was built in the 1980s. Today, the Gold Canyon Hotel is the home of two of Arizona's finest golf courses, Dinosaur Mountain and Side-winder. More than 10,000 residents live in the area, where million dollar homes can be found. Wonderful hiking trails are available, and the area is considered "horse friendly," with horseback riding allowed throughout the area.

The community has attracted retirees, families' and nature lovers from all over the world, but still manages to retain its rural lifestyle. This area includes the



residential subdivisions of Superstition Mountain, Mountain Brook Village, Gold Canyon, Peralta Road, and Queen Valley. The attraction of new housing developments, golf courses, outdoor recreation and rural lifestyle will make this city a major growth area.

An average of more than 300 sunny days per year, and moderate temperatures of 93 degrees in mid-summer and 53 degrees in January allow for many hours of hiking and horseback riding the trails in and around Superstition Mountain. These historic and beautiful mountains offer a chance to step back in history, with trails that start at the Lost Dutchman State Park and takes hikers to historic trails through elevations of 5,000 feet up the mountain.

## Casa Grande

**City of Casa Grande:**

520-421-8600

[www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov)

**Greater Casa Grande  
Chamber of Commerce:**

520-836-2125

[www.casagrandechamber.org](http://www.casagrandechamber.org)

Casa Grande is a modern city, strategically located halfway between Tucson and Phoenix and at the Interstate hub of I-10 and I-8. It offers all of the amenities of a larger city; yet it still has the feel of a small town, with friendly residents, accommodating business professionals, low-volume traffic and laid-back lifestyle.

Newcomers considering making Casa Grande their new home are discovering the superb local economy, the wide range of services, fantastic location and proximity to metropolitan areas, relaxed way of life, and seven months of incredible weather. Most importantly, the progressive, positive community spirit and friendly, relaxed lifestyle that have brought Casa Grande through hardship and prosperity for the

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past 126 years helps people relocating to Casa Grande immediately feel that this is the hometown they have been looking for.

The story of Casa Grande begins in the dust of the vast low desert from which the community first took root in 1879. Crews working on the Southern Pacific railroad couldn't take the heat and stopped working. Supplies stacked up and when the work on the railroad moved on, the new settlement stayed. After moving the post office that Southern Pacific had been carting around, this end-of-the-line spot in the middle of Arizona was appropriately named "Terminus." It was later renamed Casa Grande for its location to the Casa Grande Ruins, 20 miles to the east.

The same hardy community spirit that binds Casa Grande, was first evident when the downtown business district burned three times in the late 1880s, and was rebuilt each time by merchants and townspeople who rallied together to save the town. A mining slump in the early 1900s again nearly destroyed Casa Grande. The business district dwindled to only a mercantile, a saloon and two smaller stores. The agricultural industry rescued the town and it has continued to develop and thrive.

Today, there are hundreds of businesses and industries in Casa Grande and more are relocating or opening their doors in the city every day. The city government's excellent plan for long-range growth is very effective. The area offers many fine schools, houses of worship, medical facilities, and

every amenity a citizen or visitor might want.

Casa Grande sponsors a variety of lush area golf courses, parks, restaurants, and shopping. From the small specialty shops of the beautifully restored historic downtown district to the Outlets at Casa Grande, this city has everything for both its residents and visitors. The gorgeous fall, winter and spring weather is the perfect backdrop for jam-packed schedule of festivals, celebrations and events to area residents and visitors.

## Florence

**Town of Florence:**

520-868-7500

[www.florenceaz.gov](http://www.florenceaz.gov)

**Greater Florence Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-868-9433

[www.florenceazchamber.com](http://www.florenceazchamber.com)

Florence is often referred to as the best little western town in the state. The fifth oldest settlement in the state of Arizona, Florence is located in central Arizona at the junction of US Highway 79 and Arizona 287, just 60 miles southeast of Phoenix and 70 miles north of Tucson. An Indian agent, Colonel Levi Ruggles, staked and platted the area in 1866. The



town was incorporated in 1908 and today is the Pinal County seat. The Territorial Prison was moved from Yuma to Florence in 1909, and is presently a large employer for the surrounding town. Irrigation from the nearby Gila River, and the completion of the Coolidge Dam allowed this area to become the agricultural center of the county throughout the 1900's.

Today, with some improvements, Main Street is much as it was in the late 1800's, and Florence is a town of historical landmarks for both visitors and residents. It is said that Florence has more buildings listed on the National Register than any other town or city in Arizona. The population in 2000 was 17,054 and is projected to be an estimated 30,000 by 2015.

Florence offers the convenience and lifestyle available in a small western community, yet is less than an hour away from the larger cities of Phoenix and Tucson. The public school district offers an elementary, a junior high and high school. The Central Arizona College District, located 18 miles west of Florence serves all of Pinal County, and is also a large employer in the area.

### GROWTH COMMUNITIES

**Coolidge:** As with Florence, the opening of the Coolidge Dam transformed this desert area into rich farmland, and it is the commercial center of Arizona's cotton industry. Located halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Coolidge is a regional trade and service center providing agricultural producers, cattle ranchers and farm families with equipment, supplies and services. Many jobs are created by the Municipal Airport, city services and Central Arizona College. Large numbers of visitors each year are drawn to the many historical attractions nearby in both Florence and Coolidge. The Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, The Coolidge Historical Society, McFarland State Park, The Pinal County Historical Society Museum and the 1891 Pinal County Courthouse are among many historical sites.

**Eloy:** Located in the heart of Pinal County, along old Arizona Highway 84, just off Interstate 10, about 15 miles southeast of Casa Grande is the town of Eloy. Founded in 1902, and named by the Southern Pacific Railroad, the city's name was changed in 1919 to Cotton City due

to the influx of the large cotton industry, but was changed back to Eloy in 1919 and later became incorporated in 1949. Agriculture and cattle ranching have replaced the cotton crops that once covered the land as the economic staples for the area today. The area offers a variety of housing options. Along with the older adobe homes, there are new homes and condos being built and there are rentals available.

**The City of Maricopa:** This city became Arizona's 88th incorporated city in 2003 and is located 20 miles south of Phoenix and 20 miles northwest of Casa Grande. In the mid 1800's, then known as Maricopa Wells, the town became a stage stop for the Butterfield Overland Mail Line that stretched from San Antonio to San Diego. In the late 1870's a spur line was built from Maricopa to a small village on the Salt River called Phoenix. Maricopa settled into a slower paced agricultural area and created a hearty farm economy after rail use was halted in the 1930's. Today, the City of Maricopa is one of the most productive farming areas in the state, with cotton, grains, vegetables, and beef contributing to its continued economic growth.



# PIMA COUNTY

## Tucson

**City of Tucson:**

520-792-1212

[www.tucsonaz.gov](http://www.tucsonaz.gov)

**Tucson Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-792-1212

[www.tucsonchamber.org](http://www.tucsonchamber.org)

Located in Pima County just 60 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border and 116 miles south of Phoenix, Tucson has built quite a solid reputation as much for the excellent quality of life as for its “must see” status for visitors to the area. Known as “The Old Pueblo,” there’s nothing old about Tucson’s cutting edge tech industries that have settled here, with their emphasis on fiber optics, aeronautics and bioscience, and is also home to The University of Arizona, the state’s first post-secondary education institution.

The city is located in a valley virtually at the feet of four different mountain ranges, with the Santa Rita Mountains to the city’s south, the Rincon Mountains to the east, the Tucson Mountains to the west, and the Santa Catalina to the north. Tucson’s

elevation of 2,548 feet above sea level means that its temperatures cool quite a bit during the peak of summer, offering welcome relief from sizzling daytime temperatures.

Despite its almost one million residents, Tucson maintains a small town coziness and appeal that delights residents and thrills visitors. Central neighborhoods such as the historic University, Sam Hughes and Fort Lowell districts are excellent examples of early Spanish-influenced architecture, while upscale communities such as Colona Solana and El Encanto provide luxury living options just a short commute away from Tucson’s downtown.

Founded in 1950 and home to more than 8,000 residents, Catalina is perfect for those who enjoy rural living. An unincorporated community with no annexation plans, it is located about 12 miles north of Tucson on Hwy. 77, Catalina enjoys an altitude of about 3,000 feet, a full 1,000 feet higher than Tucson’s, and residents here enjoy cooler temperatures and more rainfall than found in the Old Pueblo.

The community’s borders with the Coronado National Forest and Catalina State Park make it extremely popular with those who want to stop at this last point of civilization before continuing on with their journey. Catalina is an extremely popular starting point for those who wish to explore the Santa Catalina Mountains by foot or horseback, with adventurers passing through seven climate zones on a day’s outing as they climb from the Sonoran Desert to the forests of the mountain range. Hohokam Native American artifacts and petroglyphs are found in abundance here, and provide residents and visitors alike a direct connection to the area’s first inhabitants.

## Catalina

**City of Catalina:**

520-829-1111

[www.catalinaaz.org](http://www.catalinaaz.org)



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### SADDLEBROOKE

In Pinal County just north of Catalina, Saddlebrooke was designed by Robson Communities and named one of the top 100 Best Master Planned Communities in the country by Where to Retire magazine. Saddlebrooke features several private championship golf courses and multi-million dollar country clubs nestle in among its more than 4,000 homes, while a little further to the north The Preserve at Saddlebrooke Ranch, another master planned retirement community also by Robson Communities, has just opened.

### Catalina Foothills

**City of Tucson:**  
520-792-1212  
[www.tucsonaz.gov](http://www.tucsonaz.gov)

Home to the strongest concentration of luxury housing in the metro area and situated in the southern foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, lifestyles here run the gamut from estates in the shadow of the mountains that surround the area to ranchettes in the pristine high Sonoran Desert to some of the finest in internationally-ranked country club communities, all boasting the highest median property value in the area.

Catalina Foothills is one of the most affluent communities in Arizona and the U.S., with the sixth highest per-capita income in Arizona, and the 14th highest per capita income in the U.S. of communities with population of comparable size.

### Green Valley

**City of Green Valley:**  
800-858-5872  
[greenvallchamber.com](http://greenvallchamber.com)

Located at the base of the Santa Rita Mountains, Green Valley was originally established as a retirement community in 1964, and is now known as an “Active Adult Community” with a strong reputation for volunteerism and participation in the community’s daily affairs. Located only 23 miles south of Tucson just off I-19 in the Santa Cruz River Valley, the community is unincorporated, but has more than 45 homeowners associations to keep things running smoothly. Green Valley was recently named by USA Today as one of its top “Best Places to Retire” in 2008.

Also an unincorporated retirement community composed of 59 Homeowner Associations, Green Valley’s 12 social centers

are constantly busy with different recreational activities that include tennis, swimming, shuffleboard and billiards, as well as more than 200 specialized clubs that appeal to all interests. The city’s close location to nearby Madera Canyon, one of the world’s best bird watching areas, also spells hours of delight for those who enjoy observing their fine feathered friends in their natural habitat. And, with the combination of sunny weather year-round and its quality golf courses, golf lovers will find Green Valley is a perfect paradise in which to enjoy their favorite pastime.

With an area 11 miles long and two miles wide, Green Valley has managed to maintain its accessibility for residents by creating special travel lanes on its community streets dedicated to bicycles and golf carts.

### Marana

**City of Marana:**  
520-382-1999  
[www.marana.com](http://www.marana.com)

**Marana Chamber of Commerce:**  
520-682-4314  
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be into a town of 120 square miles spread over Pima County, filled with shopping centers, residential neighborhoods and industrial areas. Only 30 minutes north of Tucson, Marana has become home to a variety of communities that are as popular with young families as well as empty nesters. As a growing rural community, Marana offers a wide variety of neighborhoods tailor made for the homebuyer's lifestyle.

Originally, the area was inhabited by the Hohokam Indians, who used the dependable water supply of the Santa Cruz River and the Brawley Wash to water their crops. Later, with the arrival of the Spanish in 1700, the area became home to the first cattle ranches. But it wasn't until 1881, when the town that would become Marana was founded by the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Later, in 1977, the area's population of 1,500 decided to incorporate as a town to protect the water rights of cotton growers in the area, little guessing at that time that Marana was destined to grow to its current population of nearly 35,000. Current speculations are that it is likely the city's population will exceed more than 76,000 residents by the year 2020. Still, this is a place where old-fashioned small town values are strong, and residents feel a fierce pride.

As part of this growth and development, Marana is partnering with landowners and developers to establish a town center in northern Marana around the newly constructed Municipal Complex. The Marana Single Central Business District will create an active center of commerce for Marana where residents can live, work, shop and enjoy recreational activities. Located along I-10, the district will reflect Marana's history and serve as an economic foundation and springboard as the town transitions from a predominantly agricultural-based community to an active urban center.

To the north, Marana has a wide array of established and new communities from which prospective homeowners may choose. Continental Ranch is a master planned community located in the heart of Marana

at the foothills of the Tucson Mountain and on the former cotton fields of northern Marana. Residents here enjoy amenities such as two pool facilities, a baseball field, parks and a soccer field. The Continental Ranch Community Association is actively involved in daily life and promotes local events that involve the entire community. Dove Mountain, with its location in the foothills of the Tortolita Mountains, offers golf course homes and other luxury accommodations, as well as magnificent views overlooking Tucson and Marana. Dove Mountain is a premier active adult community complete with golf courses, tennis courts, and other amenities.

To its south along the I-10 corridor, Marana is becoming a commercial and retail district that is home to many large, national chain stores and smaller, locally owned establishments. The industrial park on I-10 features several corporate businesses and the local CBS affiliate station. Marana is also pursuing land for industrial use around the Marana Regional Airport.

Marana is also known as a "golf friendly" community, with three golf courses within its city limits, making it a real favorite among golf enthusiasts searching for a tee time. The town's many other outdoor amenities include 68 acres of parks, six miles of finished walking paths and trail, the Tortolita Preserve and the Western Heritage Arena. In addition, Marana is also developing a new 50-acre district park and library in the Continental Ranch area and a 200-acre Heritage Park with cultural displays, historical exhibits and "hands on" educational farming demonstrations in northern Marana.

Yet, for as much as the town has changed over the years, some things always stay the same. Marana is known as a town that loves its holidays, with residents here turning out each year in record numbers. Marana celebrates a number of community-wide special events, including Marana Founders' Day on the third Saturday every March, a large Fourth of July celebration, Spooktacular in October and its annual Tree Lighting in December.

## GLADDEN FARMS

Miles of walking and biking trails connect the residents of Gladden Farms to neighborhood pocket parks and lush, orchard-landscaped paseos, acres of green grass, playgrounds for all ages, picnic areas, and even a basketball court. This 1,348-acre master planned community in the heart of Marana also features the 15-acre Gladden Farms Regional Park with Little League and soccer fields, ramadas, barbecue pits and playgrounds.

Families will find Gladden Farms gives them the opportunity to enjoy peaceful country living at a relaxed pace, with the hustle and bustle of the city far away. School-age children attend the award-winning Marana Middle School and Marana High School – both were designated A+ schools by the Arizona Educational Foundation. Plans are underway to begin construction in 2009 on an elementary school that will be located within Gladden Farms.

The newly opened Gladden Farm Marketplace is a 22-acre shopping complex that offers terrific local shopping and bargains. In addition to a Fry's Marketplace and a Wells Fargo Bank, the complex will also feature a full service grocery store, pharmacy, restaurants and other retail stores.

# Oracle

City of Oracle:

520-385-9322

[www.oracletown.com](http://www.oracletown.com)

Beginning as a mining town during the 1870s, Oracle is an unincorporated community just 38 miles away from downtown Tucson, and home to the Biosphere 2, a closed ecological system experiment. Oracle has enjoyed increased popularity with those who seek to escape the busy city scene of Tucson for the placid tranquility of Oracle.

Oracle is an outdoor enthusiast's delight. Oracle State Park features 4,000 acres for hikers, campers and mountain bikers to



explore, while golfers will appreciate the town's close proximity to nearby Oro Valley's golf courses. In addition, the community sits literally at the back side to Mount Lemmon, and many off-roaders use East Mount Lemmon Road off East American Avenue as an alternate route to the Catalina Highway as a means to reach the top.

## Oro Valley

Town of Oro Valley:

520-385-9322

[www.orovalleyaz.gov](http://www.orovalleyaz.gov)

Oro Valley Chamber:

520-297-2191

[www.orovalleychamber.com](http://www.orovalleychamber.com)

Splendid views of the Tortolita Mountains to the north and the Catalina Mountains to the east were enjoyed by the first settlers who came to this area, and are still enjoyed by the generations who have settled here since. Located about six miles north of Tucson, Oro Valley sits at an elevation of 2,600 feet and enjoys cool evening breezes even during the hottest of Arizona summers.

Once considered a bedroom community of Tucson, Oro Valley has grown to become a city in its own right. Since its incorporation as a town in 1974, Oro Valley has been on the move, with a significant increase in population over the past few years, jumping from 29,700 in 2000 to over 43,000 today.

Oro Valley is home to more than 10 high tech firms. The success of Ventana Medical Systems and Sanofi-Aventis, two internationally known leaders in the pharmaceutical research field, and the resort industry represented by The Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, have helped build on Oro Valley's reputation as an excellent place to do business.

The success of Oro Valley's economy has helped support the town's thriving cultural

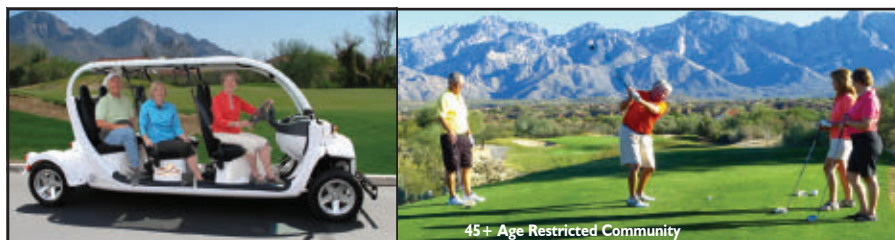
arts scene, performing centers and many parks and recreation centers. In fact, Oro Valley was recently given the honor of being named one of "America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities" by Grey House Publishing, and one of the "100 Best Places to Live and Launch" by CNNmoney.com.

Oro Valley is known as a family-friendly community that offers an incredible quality

of life for its residents. Family Circle magazine recently spotlighted Oro Valley as one of the top ten best towns in America for families.

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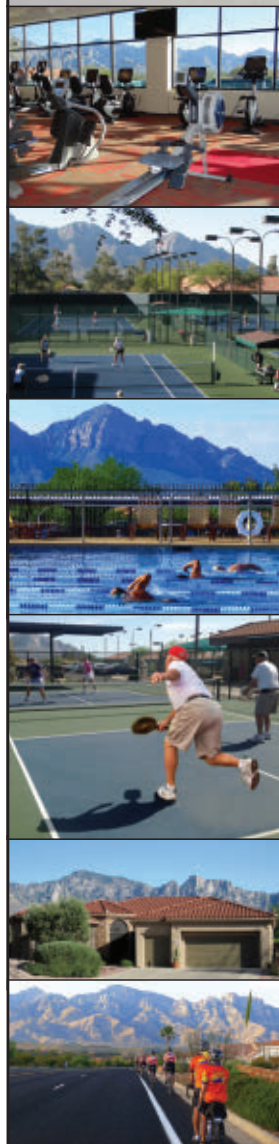
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the foot of the Catalina Mountains. More than 4,500 residents call Sun City Vistoso home, and love the atmosphere and amenities offered by this tranquil community.

Sun City Vistoso features an 18-hole championship golf course, miles of clean wide streets perfect for sharing with bicycles and sidewalks ideal for walking. Three recreational facilities offer many programs and clubs for the community's active residents.

Prospective homebuyers find the combination of single-family homes, garden villas and patio homes found here create perfect options for finding the right home suited to their lifestyle. Established in 1986 by the Del Webb Corporation, control was turned over to Sun City Vistoso Community Association, Inc. in 1995. Sun City Vistoso is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors elected by the residents with day-to-day operations managed by professional staff.

## South Tucson

**City of South Tucson:**  
520-792-2424  
[www.southtucson.org](http://www.southtucson.org)

Located just south of downtown Tucson at the juncture of I-19 and I-10, and with a total area of only one square mile, the City of South Tucson is a small, incorporated town that is an absolute giant in the world of art, architecture and culinary delights. Known as "The Pueblo Within a City," the City of South Tucson has managed to maintain its own inimitable identity by holding fast to the cultural, language and beliefs of its residents as the environment around them undergoes constant change.

The City of South Tucson is known for its architectural styles, Native American and Hispanic artwork, and colorful surroundings. The City has become known for its public art and tile mural works created by artists, craftsmen and youth at its Las Artes Youth Arts Center. Most of the redesigned

South Fourth Avenue is an artistic showcase with extensive pedestrian areas.

Boosted by recent infrastructure improvements, including the redesign and reconstruction of the City's two major thoroughfares, and the repaving of all residential streets, the City has enjoyed a renaissance as new single-family homes and new businesses have begun to spring up on South Avenue.

## Sahurita

**City of Sahurita:**  
520-822-8800  
[www.ci.sahurita.az.us](http://www.ci.sahurita.az.us)

A former mining and ranching community possessing a rich history and a striking natural beauty, Sahuarita has found itself becoming one of the fastest growing communities in the state. Encompassing more than 30 square miles, new housing developments are sprouting up around Sahuarita, providing strong evidence of the city's dramatic increase in population.

While the city plans for its future, it maintains ties to its rich and storied past. Just to the south of Sahuarita is Tubac, an active artist colony and the oldest Spanish settlement in the Southwest. Built by the Jesuits in the early 1700's, the Spanish missions of San Xavier del Bac and Tumacacori National Monument are well known historic destinations for tourists and residents alike. And each year more than 50,000 visitors tour the Titan Missile Museum, the only museum of its kind in the world, featuring the only Titan Missile site accessible to the public and an actual Titan II on display.

Despite the growth of modern housing developments, Sahuarita is a community with very deep connections to agriculture. The town is still home to the largest pecan orchard in the world, with more than 106,000 trees on its 6,000-acre farm. Sahuarita Lake, an artificial lake created in 2001, is a managed lake regularly stocked with fish by the Arizona State

Department of Game and Fish, and is an attraction to ducks and various kinds of birds. Fishermen regularly troll the waters of this man-made, mile long lake.

For those who love the great outdoors, nearby Madera Canyon rises over Sahaurita at 5,500 feet, and residents here know that a trip to the canyon offers welcome relief from the heat, as well as the opportunity to hike its extensive trails or enjoy a day of bird watching.

## Vail

**Vail Chamber of Commerce:**  
520-261-8245  
[greatervailchamber.com](http://greatervailchamber.com)

Vail enjoyed a brief heyday during the 1900s, and then settled into its current status as a small, tight-knit cattle ranching and farming community, while also experiencing a surge in residential and suburban living.

Located about 21 miles southeast of Tucson off I-10, Vail is known for its beautiful mountain ranges and incredible views, and enjoys an elevation of 3,237 feet. Vail residents and visitors enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle with recreational opportunities such as great golf courses and skiing at nearby Mt. Lemmon. Vail borders on the Saguaro National Monument (also called the Rincon Mountain District). Colossal Cave, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is only a few miles away.

The award-winning Vail School District has kept true to its motto of "where education is a community effort" – the district made headlines in 2005 when the Empire High School went bookless and provided each high school student with a laptop computer.

The area is growing with expanding housing development and supporting retail stores and services. Affordable housing, highly rated schools and a natural, rural setting make Vail an excellent choice for families, while its close proximity to Tucson makes an easy commute to work in downtown.





# COCHISE COUNTY

Cochise County in Southeast Arizona is home to a diverse geography that includes mountain ranges, grass lands and high-desert terrain, and two major rivers, the Santa Cruz and the San Pedro, helped contribute to the area's development as a cattle and agriculture region.

The history of Cochise County dates back to archeological finds along the San Pedro River. The county was named after the renowned Apache chief in 1881, and many Cochise County towns began as mining towns during the area's mining boom, settling in along the Santa Cruz and San Pedro rivers. Forty percent of the county land is owned by individual and corporate entities, while the State of Arizona owns 35 percent of the area, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management accounts for 32 percent, and the remaining three percent are owned by other public land entities.

Sierra Vista is the largest city in the county, and maintains a close relationship with nearby Huachuca City. Fort Huachuca is the largest civilian employer in southern Arizona,

and is noted for its major economic impact on the southern cities and towns of Arizona.

Douglas, the second largest city in Cochise County, is located 118 miles southeast of Tucson at the U.S.-Mexico border. International commerce is crucial to the area's economy.

Bisbee, located close to the Mexican border in the southeastern corner of the state, is 205 miles southeast of Phoenix and 94 miles southeast of Tucson. The weather is moderate, and at an altitude at 5,300 feet above sea level, the air quality is always clear and clean.

Benson, located 45 miles southeast of Tucson, was founded in the late 1880's and became the transportation hub between the Eastern U.S., California and Mexico. Benson shipped copper and silver from Tombstone and Bisbee via its Southern Pacific station.

Willcox was an important cattle shipping and supply point for the military forts and miners in the late 1880's and today is a large cattle and agricultural community.

Tombstone, known as "the town too tough to die," served as the area's county seat until 1929, when it was moved to Bisbee. Both communities were mining towns and enjoyed their heyday during the early 20th Century.

## Sierra Vista

**City of Sierra Vista:**

520-458-3315

[www.sierravistaaz.gov](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov)

**Sierra Vista Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-458-6940

[www.sierravistachamber.org](http://www.sierravistachamber.org)

Sierra Vista means "Mountain View" in Spanish, and is aptly named for the breathtaking background of mountain ranges surrounding the area. At an elevation of 4,523 feet, Sierra Vista has outstanding views of the Mule, Huachuca, and Whetstone mountains, and is accessible via I-10

and SR 90. Located in the southeastern corner of Arizona, the Sierra Vista is noted for its natural beauty, wild life and bird watching, with hundreds of species of birds flying to or through the Sierra Vista area during their seasonal migration.

One of the fastest growing cities in Arizona as well as the largest city in Cochise County, Sierra Vista is located 190 miles southeast of Phoenix and 70 miles southeast of Tucson.

Fort Huachuca was established in 1877 when the 6th United States Cavalry established a camp along the mouth of Huachuca Canyon in order to protect settlers from Apache raiding parties. Initially, the areas around the fort were sparsely populated with a few small ranches along the San Pedro River. Between World War II and 1954 the fort was inactive, and then was reopened for testing electronic and communications equipment, becoming an active army post and a vital contributor to national defense.

A small community began to grow east of the fort, named Sierra Vista, and was incorporated in 1956. With the annexation of Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista's area now covers more than 130 square miles.

Fort Huachuca's 11,000 military and civilian employees make a major contribution to Sierra Vista's economy. Other major employers here include Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, Aegis Communications, KE&G Construction, Ilex systems and Wal-Mart. Major public employers include the City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County, the Sierra Vista Unified School District, the U.S. Army, Fort Huachuca, and the U.S. Border Patrol.

The weather in Sierra Vista is moderate, with winter temperatures ranging from the mid 30's to the 50's in the winter with a small amount of snow. Summer temperatures range from the 60's to the mid 90's, with an average rainfall of about 15.00 inches per year.

The area's great weather, booming economy and good schools offer opportunities for a high quality of life. The Sierra Vista Unified School District #38 has six elementary

schools, two middle schools, one high school, and a community college. Add to this the rich historical background an abundance of recreational and cultural activities amid beautiful scenery and newcomers to this area find Southern Arizona is a beautiful place to live and raise a family.

In the 1999 the first major mall in southeastern Arizona was built in Sierra Vista. Dillard's and Sears are the two anchor stores with more shopping and dining facilities around the perimeter of the mall, including Best Buy and Home Depot.

## Benson

**City of Benson:**

520-586-4293

[www.cityofbenison.com](http://www.cityofbenison.com)

**Benson Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-265-8031

[www.benson-chamber.com](http://www.benson-chamber.com)

Known as the "Home of the Kartchner Caverns State Park," the city of Benson was founded in 1880, when the Southern Pacific Railroad opened lines into the area for the transportation of copper and silver from the areas mining towns. The use of railroads to the West Coast port cities allowed shipment of goods via the Pacific Ocean, rather than overland. When mining declined and the railroading hub was moved to Tucson, cattle ranching and the opening of the Apache Powder Company became the community's major economic boosters.

With its close proximity to Interstate 10, Benson benefits from the services and amenities it provides travelers as well as the large winter population of retired people who enjoy the rural atmosphere and the moderate temperatures. Nearby is the world famous "Kartchner Caverns State Park," Tombstone and other attractions that bring tourists as well as residents to this beautiful area of southeastern Arizona.

Residents of Benson regularly commute to both Tucson and Sierra Vista for shopping and for work. Benson enjoys a relatively stable economy thanks in part to its retirement community, the steady tourist and winter visitor trade and steady employment opportunities in the greater Southern Arizona area.

Benson major private employers include AEPCO, Benson Hospital, SEABHS, Apache Nitrogen and Gas City, the Benson Unified School District and the City of Benson.

## Bisbee

**City of Bisbee:**

520-432-3554

[www.cityofbisbee.com](http://www.cityofbisbee.com)

**Bisbee Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-432-5421

[www.bisbeearizona.com](http://www.bisbeearizona.com)

Founded in 1880, Bisbee was once known as the "Queen of the Copper Camps" in tribute to its rich mineral deposits. At its peak, Bisbee was producing nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight billion pounds of copper, not to mention the silver, lead and zinc that came from the Mule Mountains. By the early 1900s, the Bisbee community was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco, and in 1929, the county seat was relocated from Tombstone to Bisbee. In the mid-1970's the mines had been depleted of ore and were deemed unprofitable, officially putting an end to a once thriving area industry. However, beginning in 2007 with the purchase of Phelps Dodge by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, preliminary steps have been made to bring mining back to the area.

Today, Bisbee is known for its artist colony, retirement community, and many attractions. The city has maintained its architectural and historic heritage and has





become one of Arizona's most visited cities. Many of the old office buildings, saloons, and landmarks still stand and most of the town is a registered National Historic District. The visitor as well as residents can enjoy art galleries, antique stores, museums, the Queen Mine tours and the Bisbee Mining & Historical museum.

In addition to Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, major employers include Arizona Southern Distributors, Copper Queen Community Hospital, Copper Queen Hotel (which was featured on an episode of the SyFy Channel's "Ghost Hunters"), Safeway, Bisbee Unified School District, City of Bisbee and Cochise County.

## Douglas

**City of Douglas:**

520-364-7501

[www.douglasaz.gov](http://www.douglasaz.gov)

**Douglas Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-364-2477

[www.douglasazchamber.org](http://www.douglasazchamber.org)

Nestled along the U.S.-Mexico border, Douglas is a captivating cultural crossroads

where Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures have mixed for hundreds of years. Dubbed the "Premier Southwestern Border Community" of the Southwest, Douglas has been named one of the "Top 100 Places to Live in America" by Bizjournals.com.

Originally named "Black Water," (a name that lives on in Agua Prieta, its sister city across the border in Mexico) Douglas was founded in 1901 and was incorporated in 1905. In the early 1900's, the smelter in the town of Bisbee could not handle the large amounts of ore coming from Mexico. To handle the overflow, the Phelps Dodge Company opened a new smelter site in Sulphur Springs Valley, which eventually became the town of Douglas, named after the president of the company. In 1987, the Phelps Dodge smelter was closed, however, and Douglas diversified into other industries that still make a large economic impact on both sides of the border.

Cattle ranches and agriculture are still major contributors to the Douglas area economy. Economic diversity has been increased with shopping, sightseeing, tourism, retirement and the ease of crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. The city has been named as one of the nation's best "micropolitan areas" with its growing economics and moderate costs of living. Construction has been completed on a new Advance Call Center

Technologies (ACT) call center, which has brought new jobs and economic opportunities to the city. New home developments in the area include Rancho Perilla Estates, a 500-acre gated community featuring more than 1,000 homes, a gas station, and retail stores. Another area home development is the Coronado Hills currently with about 60 houses.

Major private employers in the area include Safeway, Wal-Mart, and the Southeastern Arizona Medical Clinic. Major public employers are Arizona State Prison, the City of Douglas, Cochise College, the U.S. Border Patrol, and the Douglas Unified School District.

The Douglas Unified School District #27 is one of the larger school districts in Southern Arizona. The district is comprised of five elementary, one pre-kindergarten, two middle schools and one high school. Other educational facilities include a community college and a number of private schools.

Douglas boasts several nationally registered historic landmarks, including the Southern Pacific Depot, the opulent Gadsden Hotel, and the Downtown historical District. Nearby attractions include the town of Tombstone, historic Old Fort Bowie, and Texas Canyon.



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## Tombstone

**City of Tombstone:**

520-457-3929

[www.cityoftombstone.com](http://www.cityoftombstone.com)

**Tombstone Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-457-9317

[www.tombstonechamber.com](http://www.tombstonechamber.com)

The most renowned of Arizona's old mining camps, "The Town Too Tough To Die" got its name from a prospector who was told by his comrades that he'd find his tombstone rather than silver. He named his first claim the Tombstone, the rush of prospectors arrived, and the boomtown named the settlement Tombstone.

The infamous Earp-Clanton gunfight, known in popular culture as "The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral," was fought in 1881. For the next seven years the mines produced millions of dollars in silver and gold. In 1888, rising underground water forced the suspension of all mining activity.

During World Wars I and II, Tombstone produced manganese and lead for the

government. As time went by, the town's dependence on mining faded and it was decided the town would invest in restoration and tourism efforts.

Tombstone today is known as a Historical American Landmark, and America's best example of the country's western heritage. Many of the 1880's original buildings have been preserved and old artifacts can be seen in a number of museums.

Tombstone is open year round and is probably one of the most visited attractions in all of Arizona. Tombstone's residents are primarily employed in support of its tourist industry and a small retirement community.

## Willcox

**City of Willcox:**

520-384-4271

[www.cityofwillcox.org](http://www.cityofwillcox.org)

**Willcox Chamber of  
Commerce & Agriculture:**

520-384-2272

[www.willcoxchamber.com](http://www.willcoxchamber.com)

In 1854, railroad surveyors, trying to find the easiest rail route to the West, discovered

the road could be routed around the Dos Cabezas Mountains near the present location of Willcox. In 1880, the railroad arrived and became an important cattle shipping and supply point for the military forts and miners in the area, and 1915 Willcox became an incorporated city. By 1936 Willcox shipped more cattle by railroad than any other shipping point in the nation.

Today, with the abundance of grazing land and water, Willcox remains one of the largest ranching and agricultural towns in southeastern Arizona, while still retaining and preserving its railroad heritage. The 1881 Southern Pacific Depot is now the Willcox City Hall and houses a railroad exhibit in the lobby. The renovated downtown area and the Chiricahua Regional Museum, with its many artifacts and exhibits from the era of the great Apache Chief Cochise, attract many visitors and tourists to Willcox.

Willcox was a major player in the cotton and grain industry of Arizona. In recent years the area's agriculture has undergone a diversification with crops such as apples, pistachios, pecans and grape vineyards. Other public sector employers include Eurofresh Farms, Simflow Manufacturing, the Rip Griffin Trucking Center and normal retail and services businesses.





# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Bordering Mexico in South Central Arizona, Santa Cruz County serves as an important North America port of entry from Nogales, Mexico. Although it is the smallest county in Arizona, its cultural diversity makes it one of the most interesting areas of the state in which to live in and visit. The area offers artist colonies, historical monuments and the twin border towns of Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico. Arizona's growing wine country is centered around the Sonoita and Elgin area.

The abundance of water from the Santa Cruz River, Harshaw Creek and Sonoita Creek has always attracted settlers, beginning with the Hohokam, who established their agricultural communities here. In the 1600s the Spanish came to the region with the intention of establishing missions to spread the Catholic faith, while teaching farming techniques and mapping the territory for Spain. In 1853, the Gadsden Purchase made the area a territory of the United States. In 1899, Santa Cruz County was established and named after the Santa Cruz River.

Nogales, founded in 1880, is the established business center of Santa Cruz County. Early settlers included the Hohokam and Pima Indians, Spanish missionaries, prospectors, ranchers and soldiers. Today, Nogales and its sister city in Mexico join together in an effort to boost the dual economies of both cities.

Rio Rico is a 39,000-acre luxury resort community founded in 1969 on land that was originally a land grant from Spain. Surrounded by mountains, Sonoran landscapes and pleasant year round weather, this community has become a haven for both residents and visitors.

Tubac, like Nogales, was first inhabited by Indian nations, the Hohokam in 300 AD and the Tohono O'odham in the 1500's. When the mining industry faded, Tubac diversified its economy by encouraging artistic communities and launching a heritage preservation effort, earning the motto, "Where Art and History Meet."

Patagonia, with its higher elevation and abundance of rainfall, has become one of the most profitable cattle ranching areas in the

southwest. The area is very popular with bird watchers, with many visitors stopping by to see more than 200 species of rare and exotic birds during their annual migration from Mexico.

Sonoita & Elgin, were founded in 1882 as the result of the emergence of the Santa Fe Railroad between Benson and Nogales. The area is sometimes called Arizona's Wine country, with a reputation of having the best wines outside of France.

## Nogales

**City of Nogales:**

520-287-6571

[www.cityofnogales.net](http://www.cityofnogales.net)

**Nogales Chamber  
of Commerce:**

520-287-3685

[www.thenogaleschamber.org](http://www.thenogaleschamber.org)

## “In the summer months many Tucson and Phoenix residents escape to Rio Rico to enjoy horseback riding, hiking, [and ] the mountain views...”

For several thousand years, Nogales Pass was used by the Hohokam Indians as migration and trade routes on the way to the Gulf of California. The Pima Indians, believed to be descendants of the Hohokam, settled in the Santa Cruz River Valley area after 1500.

Spanish missionaries, prospectors, ranchers, soldiers and Apache raiding parties used the pass as a means to travel through the valley. Spanish traders called the area Los Nogales, due to the abundance of walnut trees in the Valley. One year after the Gadsden Purchase in 1884, a survey team marked the international boundary line between the twin towns of Nogales.

The City of Nogales was founded in 1880 and serves as the both the county seat and the economic center of the county. In 1882, Nogales was the site of the first rail connection between Mexico and the United States. International commerce with its sister city Nogales in Sonora, Mexico provided both cities with favorable operating costs expanding their rail and distribution services.

Today, Nogales is one of the busiest port of entry cities in the southern United States. Serving as one of the major entry points between the U.S. and Mexico, the North American Free Trade Agreement was a further economic boost for the area. Nogales Arizona and Nogales Sonora are home to a large cooperative manufacturing cluster. Manufacturing plants located in both cities take advantage of favorable operating costs and excellent distribution connections. The Nogales airport is classified as an international airport with a 7,200-foot runway.

By the mid 1940s, tourism was making its contribution to the mutual economy of the two Nogales cities. As a natural gateway

between the United States and Mexico, tourists from both countries travel through the sister cities as they visit other U.S. or Mexico destinations. The area offers its own attractions with more than 200 Nogales and Santa Cruz County properties listed in the National Register of Historic Sites.

### Rio Rico

City of Rio Rico:  
520-377-9336  
[www.rioricochamberofcommerce.com](http://www.rioricochamberofcommerce.com)

Rio Rico is a 39,000-acre planned community that was once part of a 100,000-acre land grant from the King of Spain. The community was founded in 1969 as a luxury planned community with a resort lifestyle, affordable housing and a close proximity to Mexico. The Rio Rico Resort and Country Club is surrounded by gorgeous views of the mountains and Sonoran Desert, with panoramic views of the Santa Cruz River Valley.

In the summer months many Tucson and Phoenix residents escape to Rio Rico to enjoy horseback riding, hiking, the mountain views, a few rounds of golf and best of all, the chance for a reprieve from the summer heat. The higher altitude and late summer monsoons provide temperatures 10-20 degrees below those in larger Arizona cities.

Rio Rico's 256-acre South Industrial Park is home to distribution and produce warehouses, with some light manufacturing. A commercial center offers a supermarket, restaurants, specialty shops and services such

as insurance and travel agencies. Recreation facilities include parks, sports courts, ball fields, riding stables and swimming pools.

The Rio Rico community has grown from a population of 1,400 in 1990 to nearly 20,000 residents as of the 2010 census. This controlled growth provides the resources for affordable services and facilities, while maintaining a high quality of life and preservation of the area's natural beauty.

### Tubac

City of Tubac:  
520-398-2704

[www.tubacarizona.com](http://www.tubacarizona.com)

Located just 40 minutes south of Tucson and 20 minutes from Nogales, Tubac became a center for art and history in 1948 with the creation of its Artists School. In 1959, the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park was established and in 1964 the Tubac Museum opened. The first Tubac Festival of the Arts took place in 1960, and the Tubac Center of the Arts opened its doors in 1972. The Festival, a nine day affair held in February, is the oldest art fair in Arizona.

Resident artists, a small retirement community and tourism drives Tubac's economy and culture. Listed as a census designated place (CDP) by the U.S. Census Bureau and located near the well-traveled I-19 corridor between Tucson and Mexico, Tubac offers a unique experience to travelers visiting the natural and historic attractions in Southern Arizona, and lives up to its motto, "Where Art and History Meet."

Founded in 1898, Patagonia is a hamlet nestled in the foothills between the Santa Rita and the Patagonia Mountains. In its earlier years, Patagonia's rich ore deposits attracted the mining industry, while its abundance of grasslands made it a paradise for cattle ranching. At an elevation of 4,044 feet and with some of Arizona's highest summer



monsoon activity providing abundant rain fall, the area is home to some of the finest ranches in the Southwest.

## Patagonia

**City of Patagonia:**  
888-794-0060  
[www.patagoinaaz.com](http://www.patagoinaaz.com)

Located approximately 61 miles south of Tucson and 18 miles north of Nogales. Patagonia is a paradise for “birdwatching” enthusiasts from around the world, with more than 200 species of rare and exotic birds passing through the area during their annual migration from Mexico. The historic Arizona Trail winds through Patagonia, connecting to hiking paths in the Santa Rita Mountains. Patagonia’s outdoor paradise also offers great fishing, biking and four-wheel drive off-road trails for a day of adventuring.

## Sonoita & Elgin

**City of Sonoita and Elgin:**  
[www.sonoitaelginchamber.org](http://www.sonoitaelginchamber.org)  
[www.sonoitaaz.com](http://www.sonoitaaz.com)

The settlements of Sonoita and Elgin were founded in 1882, when the 88 mile long rail line of the Santa Fe Railroad was built between Benson and Nogales. Located approximately 60 miles south of Tucson, the area is considered one of the most beautiful in Southern Arizona, surrounded by mountains, canyons and the dominating presence of Mount Wrightson, one of the highest peaks in Arizona.

Sonoita has several wineries and a reputation for producing award-winning wines. After four decades in the Sonoita Valley, these vineyards have become a growing industry. Students attend the Elgin Elementary School and Patagonia Union High School. ●

### ESTIMATED POPULATION FOR INCORPORATED CITIES

#### Cochise County Population 131,346

Benson	4,934
Bisbee	6,177
Douglas	20,316
Huachuca City	1,890
Sierra Vista	43,044
Tombstone	1,562
Willcox	3,769

#### Maricopa County Population 2,817,117

Avondale	76,238
Buckeye	50,876
Carefree	3,799
Cave Creek	4,951
Chandler	236,123
El Mirage	31,767
Fountain Hills	24,669
Gila Bend	2,055
Gilbert	208,453
Glendale	226,721
Goodyear	65,275
Guadalupe	5,258
Litchfield Park	5,476
Mesa	439,041
Paradise Valley	14,558
Peoria	154,065
Phoenix	1,445,632
Scottsdale	217,385
Surprise	117,517
Tempe	161,719
Tolleson	6,812
Youngtown	6,522
Maricopa City	43,482

#### Pima County Population: 980,263

Marana	34,961
Oro Valley	43,223
South Tucson	5,562
Tucson	520,116
Sahuarita	25,259

#### Pinal County Population 375,770

Apache Junction	32,776
Casa Grande	48,571
Coolidge	8,154
Eloy	10,855
Florence	23,685

#### Santa Cruz County Population 47,420

Nogales	20,833
Patagonia	913

Source: US Census Bureau

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# LEISURE & RECREATION

With an average of almost 300 days of sunshine in the state of Arizona, it's not hard to find something wonderful to do outdoors; however, if nature is not your calling, there's lots to do indoors as well.

Hiking, biking, cycling and golfing are just the tip of the iceberg. Between Phoenix and Tucson, you can take part in more than 250 organized races that bring the community together for either a cause or just for the fun of it.

Both cities are plentifully bestrewn with mountains and buttes, trails and parks perfect for hikes, biking and for outdoor events. Resorts abound in both cities, boasting acres of rolling greens for golfing aficionados. If golfing, hiking or biking are not your scene, hit the luxurious spas that offer a plethora of pampering from simple facials, manis and pedis, to opulent all-day getaways. Once you've finished your day, get out at night to attend one of the many arts and entertainment venues that sprinkle both cities. If arts are not your thing, you could attend a sporting event, with Phoenix home to professional basketball, football, hockey and baseball teams. Off season, there are Spring Training games to attend, allowing you see teams you may otherwise not be able to watch. Other great activities

for families include exploring the various museums, from science, technology, art to children's museums where kids can be kids and adults can be, well, kids too! No matter what you're in the mood for, there is always something to do in the two major metros of Arizona.

## PHOENIX

Sometimes it seems the most difficult choice residents in Phoenix have to make when it comes to answering that age-old question of "What to do?" is simply "Where to begin?" Factor in the city's revitalized downtown, and it can become problematic trying to decide how to schedule in all of the exciting activities Phoenix has to offer. Outdoors or indoors, a sporting event or an evening at the ballet, it's obvious that Phoenix and its surrounding communities have more than enough choices to satisfy everyone.

Start, perhaps, with a day of doing some shopping, or maybe even spend the day at the Phoenix Zoo. Go for a day of biking

along the numerous trails criss-crossing the area, or take a scenic drive around the area and do a little exploring. Cap off the evening with dinner and drinks at one of Phoenix's top restaurants.

Phoenix offers golf enthusiasts a rich paradise to discover, with lush, green fairways and landscaping featuring native desert plants and grasses to create beautiful settings in which to play a round of golf. Well over 100 private and public courses and country clubs, most of which are nationally certified, make the area a Mecca that many golfers visit again and again.

Phoenix is known for its numerous museums, theaters and galleries, and has long been home to a diverse and thriving cultural scene that has devoted itself to celebrating the different cultures found both at home and around the world. A lively music scene supports everything from traditional and classical to jazz and rock. From home-grown productions to touring professional companies, Phoenix supports its arts in a big

way. Check out the listings that follow for just a small sampling of what Phoenix and the surrounding communities have to offer.

And for those who find pleasure in the culinary arts, Phoenix possesses a veritable treasure trove of foodie destinations. From the neighborhood eatery specializing in classic comfort food to the very best of ethnic cuisine to high-end avant-garde bistros presenting the latest in gastronomic art, the Valley of the Sun provides for every taste imaginable.

Phoenix can also satisfy the tastes of hardcore sports fans. The area provides residents with year-round spectator opportunities, including nationally ranked college and professional teams that run the full gambit of sports, as well as being one of only two areas in the country for professional baseball spring training.

Every week something is going on in the Phoenix area. Special events focused on the arts, sports, automotive technology, food, wine and the holidays, to name just a few subjects, guarantee something to do no matter what a person's interests and tastes are. Read on, and see just what you can experience as a resident of Phoenix. Then, move here and enjoy!

## TUCSON

It doesn't take long to realize that Tucson is a city of delightful opposites, and that couldn't make the residents here happier. Consider, for example, that while Tucson is the largest city in Southern Arizona, it has made a point of keeping its small town charm and friendliness.

Consider that this is a city known as "The Old Pueblo" for its deeply rooted sense of

history and heritage while keeping its finger on the pulse of the future with its fiber optics business, thus earning another nickname, "Optics Valley."

While Tucson is one of the oldest cities in the United States, it has a youthful take on living life to the fullest, with no lack of activities from which to choose.

The cultural scene is alive and kicking as well, with dance, drama, comedy and music performances that bring the world to Tucson's doorstep.

Music lovers have their choice of everything from classical, jazz, mariachi, pops, opera and rock. Looking for a chance to learn more about Tucson's past, or perhaps explore its future?

Check out Tucson's history and science museums, which offer world-class exhibits, displays and the opportunity for interactive learning. And Tucson shows off its good taste, literally, with an outstanding restaurant scene featuring a wide array of dining guaranteed to delight the palate.

There's also a deep love of what the area's natural bounty has to offer. Tucson is located in the Sonoran Desert, but is a virtual oasis for golf. Golfing enthusiasts are thrilled to discover that Tucson is home to a number of golf courses featuring gorgeous, green fairways, many of which are landscaped using native Arizona plants and grasses to create naturally beautiful settings for a round of play.

Tucson has a virtual love affair with recreational and team sports. Hiking and biking trails abound in Tucson, and tennis courts are plentiful. The University of Arizona's Wildcats bring exciting baseball, basketball and football action to the city.

So, get up, get out and go explore! Discover what makes people fall in love with this warm and welcoming city that is at once old and new, homey and worldly, and combines casual with classy to create its own unique identity. Enjoy this sampling of things to do and places to visit in this incredibly rich and diverse city. ●

## COMMENCE AU FESTIVAL

As the major metropolitan area in Arizona, not a week goes by in the Valley of the Sun that some kind of annual festival or event doesn't occur. From art to antiques, classical music to classic cars, home improvement to brewing, Phoenix-area festivals run the gambit of interests and entertainment.

But where can you find such grand events? That's the easy part:

**[www.phoenix.about.com/cs/events/a/festivals12.htm](http://www.phoenix.about.com/cs/events/a/festivals12.htm)** | About.com, with its extensive and dynamic databases of subjects obscure to banal, offers a comprehensive listing of events and festivals throughout the region. Grouped by month, it is easy to search and provides a short description of each event, along with designated events dates and a links to the given event's Web site for more information.

**[www.arizonaguide.com/events-calendar](http://www.arizonaguide.com/events-calendar)** | An announcement vehicle of the Arizona Department of Tourism, Arizonaguide.com offers its own listing of events. In addition to activities in and around the Phoenix area, it also highlights festivals and events throughout the width and breadth of the state. It also breaks its list down by month.

**[www.phoenixconventioncenter.com/extranet/pccd/ecalmain.html](http://www.phoenixconventioncenter.com/extranet/pccd/ecalmain.html)** | If conventions, expos, grand musical concerts or similar events are more your cup of tea, The Phoenix Convention Center maintains a calendar database profiling events it is hosting over the year. Thanks to a multi-million dollar expansion program in 2008, the Convention Center and its subsidiary venues offer visitors, exhibitors and attendees more than 900,000 square feet of floor space that can be tailored for any kind of event.

**[www.phoenixasap.com/phoenix-events.html](http://www.phoenixasap.com/phoenix-events.html)** | Too much from which to choose? Phoenixasap.com focuses its list on the major and more traditional festivals in the area, such as the ISCA's World of Wheels, the Arizona Renaissance Festival, the Safeway Classic LPGA Tournament, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival and of course the Arizona State Fair, to name a few.





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# ARTS & culture



Arizona is filled with fascinating museums and exciting attractions. Historic districts, art galleries, botanical gardens and zoos provide hours (and even days) of fun and learning in both Phoenix and Tucson. The following is a list of must-sees as you make your way through the arts and culture of Arizona. Before visiting the museums and attractions listed, call ahead for hours and fees.



# PHOENIX

## MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

Arizona Science Center

600 East Washington St., Phoenix 85004  
603-716-2000; [www.azscience.org](http://www.azscience.org)

More than 300 hands-on exhibits are waiting to be explored in this popular four-story museum designed by Antoine Predock. The center's planetarium has undergone major renovation and has a new seamless dome, while the IMAX theatre with its giant screen is the perfect setting for the latest 3D movie.

### Arizona State Capitol Museum and Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza

1700 West Washington St., Phoenix 85007  
602-542-4581; [www.lib.az.us/museum/](http://www.lib.az.us/museum/)

Check out the old home of the Arizona Legislature, and view memorials to veterans of different wars as well as the extraordinary murals depicting Arizona's history and its progress from a U.S. territory to a state.

### Deer Valley Rock Art Center

3711 West Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix 85308  
623-582-8007  
[www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac](http://www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac)

Managed by the Arizona State University School of Human Evolution and Social Change, visitors are allowed public access to the Hedgpeth Hills site that is home to more than 1,500 ancient petroglyphs made by the Hohokam and Patayan who were the first inhabitants here.

### Desert Botanical Garden

Papago Park  
1201 North Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix 85008  
480-941-1225; [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org)

The Desert Botanical Garden reveals that the Sonoran Desert is home to its own kind of Eden, with native trees, succulents, cacti, grasses, shrubs and flowers. Walk along one of the four trails that cross these gardens dedicated to the flora of the Southwest, and explore a new world of desert beauty. Rare desert plants, endangered desert plants and threatened desert plant species are on display.

### Fountain Hills Botanical Garden

Fountain Hills Blvd. at Kingstree Ave.  
480-816-5100  
[www.fh.az.gov/botanical-garden.aspx](http://www.fh.az.gov/botanical-garden.aspx)

The Fountain Hills Botanical Garden was founded by Jane Haynes in 1975 as a wild-life preserve and garden. The Garden is 8 acres with elevation from 1696 to 1800 feet. Twenty-nine Sonoran Desert plants are identified along the half mile meandering trail that has been constructed on the desert slopes. The trail allows for interesting views of rock formations, desert flora, animal life and an abandoned P-Bar Ranch campsite next to the April 25, 1941 constructed dam wall. Free Admission.

### Goldfield Ghost Town & Mine Tours

4650 North Mammoth Mine Road  
Apache Junction 85219; 480-983-0333  
[www.goldfieldghosttown.com](http://www.goldfieldghosttown.com)

Revisit the boomtown days of Goldfield during the 1890s, when a gold strike made Goldfield a lively mining town. Visitors can explore shops and historic buildings, tour the Mammoth Gold Mine, pan for gold, and ride the state's only operating narrow-gauge railroad for a short tour of the area. Staged gunfights on the weekends complete the picture of life in the Old West.

### Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

6101 East Van Buren St., Phoenix 85008  
602-275-3473; [www.hallofflame.org](http://www.hallofflame.org)

The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is the world's largest museum dedicated to firefighters. Housed in a warehouse building and sponsored by the National Historical Fire Foundation, the museum features five large exhibit galleries of restored and vintage firefighting equipment and history from 1725 to 1969.

### Heard Museum

2301 North Central Ave., Phoenix 85004  
[www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org)

The Heard Museum is internationally acclaimed for its collection of Native American fine arts, artifacts and crafts, with special emphasis on the people of the

Southwest. The museum also features an Education Pavilion, as well as three new galleries and an auditorium.

### Heritage Square

115 North Sixth St., Phoenix 85004  
602-732-2624; [www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/heritagepk.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/heritagepk.html)

A trip downtown offers the chance to step back in time. Visit the pedestrian-only block of restored Victorian homes that comprise the only residential structures left of the original town of Phoenix. The homes themselves are open to the public. The Stevens House is home to the Arizona Doll and Toy Museum, and the Teeter House Victorian Tea Room is a popular stop.

### L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum

12901 N. La Montana Blvd.  
Fountain Hills 85268; 480-837-2612  
[www.riveroftimemuseum.org](http://www.riveroftimemuseum.org)

The River of Time Museum leads visitors through creative, informative exhibits that recount the captivating past of the Lower Verde Valley, to depict the importance of water in the Sonoran Desert and illustrate how water determines the course of history.

### Mystery Castle

800 East Mineral Rd., Phoenix 85042  
602-268-1581

Built in the foothills of South Mountain Park in the 1930's from bottles, old bricks and pieces of granite, the Mystery Castle has been named as a Phoenix Point of Pride. Visitors can explore the 18 rooms of this bizarre structure created as an expression of a father's love for his abandoned daughter.

### Out of Africa Wildlife Park

Verde Valley Justice Court Rd.  
Camp Verde 86322  
928-567-2840; [www.outofafricapark.com](http://www.outofafricapark.com)

Nine animal shows, tours and more await visitors here at Out of Africa Wildlife Park, where animals may be seen in a garden-like setting. View big cats such as rare white tigers, lions and cougars, while

other park inhabitants include coatis, foxes, bears, wolves and exotic birds. Family friendly activities include safari jeep tours for up close and personal viewing of exotic animals.

#### **Phoenix Art Museum**

1625 North Central Ave., Phoenix 85004  
602-257-1222; [www.phxart.org](http://www.phxart.org)

The Phoenix Art Museum boasts of an intriguing collection 17,000 pieces of art from several centuries and representing important art eras and styles, all housed within the museum's acclaimed galleries featuring exciting and groundbreaking exhibitions from the four corners of the world.

#### **Phoenix Police Museum**

17 South Second Ave., Phoenix 85004  
602-534-7278  
[www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com](http://www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com)

The Phoenix Police Museum features an amazing array of displays and equipment used to keep the peace by police officers, from a 1919 police car to a three-wheeled motorcycle used by meter readers. A recent museum acquisition is a crossbeam from one of the towers of the World Trade Center attacked on Sept. 11, 2001 and on permanent display as part of the museum's 9-11 memorial.

#### **Phoenix Zoo**

Papago Park  
455 North Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix 85008  
602-273-1341; [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org)

Come spend the day at Papago Park, home of the Phoenix Zoo, voted one of the nation's top five zoos for kids. At 152 acres and more than 7,600 animals, the Phoenix Zoo is the largest privately owned not-for-profit zoo in the country with exhibits designed to closely recreate the animals' natural habitats. Of special note are the zoo's four trails: the Tropics Trail offers fantastic birdwatching, the Africa Trail with its tigers, lions and elephants, the Children's Discovery Trail and Harmony Farm with farm animals and butterfly garden and the Arizona Trail featuring Arizona native animals.

#### **Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park**

4619 East Washington St., Phoenix 85034  
602-495-0901; [www.pueblogrande.com](http://www.pueblogrande.com)

Visit the world of the Hohokam Indians, the first residents of this area of the Southwest, who mysteriously disappeared in the mid-15th century. Check out the indoor displays that detail the Hohokam's agricultural system and daily life, then follow the trails around the ruins of an actual excavated Hohokam village.

#### **Taliesin West**

12621 Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.  
Scottsdale 85259  
480-860-2700; [www.franklloydwright.org](http://www.franklloydwright.org)

Taliesin West was the winter home of Frank Lloyd Wright from 1937 until his death in 1959, and is a perfect example of Wright's ability to create living space that meshes naturally with its surroundings. Surrounded by suburban development, Taliesin West is one of the few estates in the Phoenix metropolitan area that has preserved desert, mountain and open space for the benefit of its undergraduate and graduate programs in Architecture, K-12 students, scholars and visitors. Guided tours are available to those who want to experience Wright's genius of architectural design.

### **MUSIC**

#### **Arizona Opera**

4600 N. 12th St., Phoenix 85014  
602-266-7464; [www.azopera.com](http://www.azopera.com)

Now in its 37th season, the Arizona Opera produces five lush grand opera performances a year throughout the state of Arizona and is one of only three companies in the United States to perform in two cities.

#### **Phoenix Boys Choir**

1131 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix 85014  
602-264-5328; [www.boyschoir.org](http://www.boyschoir.org)

The internationally famous Phoenix Boys Choir sing from a songbook that includes English Choral, sacred, folk, and jazz music, as well as other audience favorites.

#### **Phoenix Symphony**

1 N. 1st St., Suite 200, Phoenix 85004  
602-495-1117; [www.phoenixsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixsymphony.org)

Founded in 1947, the Phoenix Symphony is Arizona's only full-time, professional orchestra, serving the citizens of the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, central Arizona, and the southwestern United States. The 76-member symphony's season runs from September to May, with classical, chamber orchestra and pops performances as well as youth outreach and community programs.

#### **Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra**

8524 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale 85251  
480-945-8071; [www.scotsymph.org](http://www.scotsymph.org)

This year marks the 34th season for the 60-member Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra, known for its wide spectrum of symphony, pops, opera and musical productions. The Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra entertains Scottsdale and surrounding areas from November to June at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts.

#### **Symphony of the Southwest**

56 South Center St., Mesa 85210  
480-827-2143  
[www.symphonyofthesouthwest.org](http://www.symphonyofthesouthwest.org)

Founded originally as the Sun Valley Orchestra in 1956 by music educators in the Mesa Public School system, the Symphony of the Southwest has grown to become one of the premier symphonic music groups in the Valley, and performs in a variety of venues as it serves the community of Mesa and surrounding areas.

### **THEATRE**

#### **Actors Theatre of Phoenix**

Herberger Theater Center  
222 E Monroe St., Phoenix 85004  
602-253-6701; [www.atphx.org](http://www.atphx.org)

Actors Theatre of Phoenix is a professional theater company presenting contemporary theatre pieces with powerful themes, timely subjects and the occasional surprise to create meaningful social dialogue within the Phoenix community.





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### **The Arizona Theatre Company**

502 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix  
602-256-6995; [www.aztheatreco.org](http://www.aztheatreco.org)

Arizona's premier leading professional resident company, the Arizona Theatre Company offers a wide range of productions from classic to contemporary, including Broadway hits. The company's performance calendar runs from October to the end of May.

### **Black Theatre Troupe**

512 West Roosevelt St., Phoenix 85003  
602-258-8128; [www.blacktheatretroupe.org](http://www.blacktheatretroupe.org)

Since its grassroots beginnings in 1970 as a creative outlet for talented youth, the Black Theatre Troupe has grown to become a nationally recognized theatre troupe producing quality plays reflecting the African-American experience. The Black Theatre Troupe conducts educational workshops, outreach programs and produces quality plays, remaining true to its original mission to produce excellent performances while serving inner city neighborhoods, the Valley at large as well as communities throughout the State of Arizona.

### **Mesa Encore Theatre**

1207 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa 85201  
480-834-9500; [www.mesaencoretheatre.com](http://www.mesaencoretheatre.com)

Mesa Encore Theatre brings the fun and excitement of live theatre to Mesa's arts scene, and is committed to contributing to the community's cultural experience. Since 1937, the MET has brought together members of the community to act, sing, stage manage, work back stage or front of the house in a true celebration of the "can do" spirit that community theatre is all about.

### **Fountain Hills Theater**

11445 N Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills  
480-837-9661; [www.fhct.org](http://www.fhct.org)

The theater started 26 years ago as a fledgling group of hard-working, dedicated volunteers producing 2 to 3 shows per year and has grown to two full-time theaters with 6 main-stage shows, 4 youth theater shows, 1 holiday show, a full season of summer stock, daily theater workshops and the summer teen camp. Twenty-six years and still growing! Please accept this as an invitation to join the fun.

### **Phoenix Theatre**

100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix 85004  
602-254-2151; [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com)

The oldest, continuously operated community theatre in the United States, the Arizona Theatre Company has been producing comedies, dramas, musicals and children's

theatre since 1920. The Phoenix Theatre is considered an integral part of Arizona's arts community, providing entertainment and educational opportunities to all ages. Major programs include Mainstage, a professional theatre for adult audiences, the Cookie Company, a theatre group for youth and families, and PT Connections, an off-site education and outreach program.

### **Queen Creek Performing Arts Center**

22149 Ocotillo Rd., Queen Creek 85242  
480-987-5964; [www.qcpac.com](http://www.qcpac.com)

The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center brings quality professional theatre to the community through education outreach and children's theatre programs while nurturing and developing emerging talent. In addition to Queen Creek's Main Theatre series, the company also presents a Family Theatre series and a Community Theatre series, and offers spring and summer theatre camps for children.

### **Stagebrush Theatre**

7020 E. Second St., Scottsdale 85251  
480-990-7405

The Stagebrush Theatre is home to two theatre companies: the Scottsdale Community Players and the Greasepaint Scottsdale Youtheatre. The Stagebrush has been the permanent home of the Scottsdale

Community Theatre since it first opened its doors in 1951. The Greasepaint Scottsdale Youtheatre offers theatrical training to children between the ages of six to 18. Both programs provided a means for artists and audience members of all ages in the greater Scottsdale area to connect through productions, workshops and educational outreach programs.

#### **Tempe Performing Arts Center**

Tempe Little Theatre  
700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe 85281  
480-350-8388; [www.tempe.gov/TCA/](http://www.tempe.gov/TCA/)

Located in downtown Tempe, the Tempe Little Theatre is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has produced community theatre productions in the East Valley for more than 35 years. TLT offers a friendly, professional environment in which to learn more about theatre either on stage or behind the scenes. The company's all-volunteer cast and crew are known for their high-quality productions that entertain and benefit the entire community.

### **PERFORMANCE VENUES**

#### **Chandler Center for the Arts**

250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler 85225  
480-782-2680; [www.chandlercenter.org](http://www.chandlercenter.org)

Since 1989, the Chandler Center for the Arts has been committed to supporting artistic excellence with many artistic programs to challenge and entertain. The Chandler Center for the Arts is a turn-table-divisible auditorium allowing for seating to be divided into three separate theaters: Main Stage, the 350-seat Little Theatre and the 250-seat Recital Hall. Shows include a variety of performing artists and entertainers, where for the past twenty years, audiences have been delighted with intimate performances of jazz, classical and other special music events.

#### **Cricket Wireless Pavilion**

2121 N. 83rd Ave., Phoenix 85035  
602-254-7599

Open year-round, the Cricket Wireless Pavilion is an outdoor amphitheater with 8,000 seats under a pavilion roof, with room

for 12,000 more on its expansive hillside. Large video screens broadcast the onstage action that features everything from Broadway musicals and concerts to dance and comedy.

#### **Evelyn Smith Music Theater**

Arizona State University at Tempe  
40 E. Gammage Pkwy., Tempe 85282  
480-965-2856; [www.music.asu.edu/facilities/smith.php](http://www.music.asu.edu/facilities/smith.php)

The Evelyn Smith Music Theater hosts the Lyric Opera Theater's productions, plus recitals, chamber groups and other guest performances.

#### **Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium**

Arizona State University in Tempe  
1200 S Forest Ave., Tempe 85281  
480-965-3434; [www.asugammage.com](http://www.asugammage.com)

Designed by the world famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium is considered by many to be the highlight of ASU's Tempe campus. Wright designed the building to be as acoustically perfect as possible, ensuring that each of the seats in the 3,000 seat auditorium is a perfect one from which to enjoy a performance. The Gammage hosts many Broadway touring companies, as well as other performing arts groups throughout the year, and is the location for many university traditions and special graduation celebrations at the close of each semester. Constructed in 1964, the building is named for Dr. Grady Gammage, the legendary ASU president who led Arizona State College's victorious campaign in the state legislature for a name change to Arizona State University in 1958.

#### **Herberger Theater Center**

222 E Monroe St., Phoenix 85004  
602-254-7399; [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org)

The Herberger Theater Center is a premier performance venue, arts incubator and advocate, established in 1989 to support and foster the growth of performing arts in Phoenix as a performance venue and arts incubator, the Herberger Theater Center has contributed to the cultural and educational development of the Valley. Each year,

approximately 175,000 patrons, including 30,000 school-aged children share the unique experience of live performing arts.

The Herberger Theater includes two separate theaters, Center Stage and Stage West. Center Stage has seating for 827, and is designed in such a way that no seat is farther than sixty-six feet from the stage. The 350-seat Stage West can be designed to accommodate theater-in-the-round, cabaret or traditional proscenium theater. Herberger Theater is home to the Arizona Theater Company, Ballet Arizona and Actors Theater of Phoenix and is often used as a performance space for touring productions.

#### **Kerr Cultural Center**

Arizona State University  
6110 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85253  
480-596-2660; [www.asukerr.com](http://www.asukerr.com)

An adobe concert hall in Scottsdale, the Kerr Cultural Center hosts concerts, jazz festivals and a wide array of entertainment.

#### **Lyceum Theatre in the Galvin Playhouse**

Arizona State University in Tempe  
901 S. Forest Mall, Tempe 85281  
480-965-5337  
[www.asu.edu/tour/tempe/lyc.html](http://www.asu.edu/tour/tempe/lyc.html)

The Lyceum Theatre is home to the School of Theatre and Film's second proscenium theatre performance space, and provides an intimate theater space perfect for hosting small professional and student productions.

#### **Orpheum Theatre**

203 West Adams St., Phoenix 85003  
602-257-4300  
[www.friendsoftheorpheumtheatre.org](http://www.friendsoftheorpheumtheatre.org)

The Orpheum Theatre has been restored to its former Art Deco glory as part of Phoenix's downtown revitalization, and has played host to international ballet and regional theatrical productions.

#### **Maricopa County Events Center**

Arizona State University  
19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd.  
Sun City West 85375; 623-975-1900



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#### **Veteran's Memorial Coliseum**

1326 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix 85007  
602-252-6771

The Veterans Memorial Coliseum is a 14,870 seat multi-purpose indoor arena facility featuring a unique, saddle-shaped roof, and is located on the grounds of the Arizona State Fair, and is frequently referred to by Phoenix residents as simply "The Coliseum."

#### **Wells Fargo Arena**

600 E Veterans Way, Tempe 85281  
480-965-3434

The Wells Fargo Arena is a multi-purpose facility with 14,198 seats. Originally known as the Arizona State University Activity Center, the facility was renamed after an

\$8 million refurbishing effort sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and has hosted a variety of concerts and events.

## **DANCE**

### **Ballet Arizona**

3645 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85018  
602-381-1096; [www.balletaz.org](http://www.balletaz.org)

Ballet Arizona is one of Arizona's largest performing arts companies, and boasts more than 250 students. The company's repertoire includes classical ballet as well as new modern works featuring stunning choreography. Ballet Arizona's holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*, draws thousands for its annual performance.

### **Southwest Arts & Entertainment**

2248 East Christy Dr., Phoenix 85032  
602-482-6410

Southwest Dance attracts diverse music and dance companies from around the world, bringing a wealth of world cultures to Arizona.

# **TUCSON**

## **MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS**

### **Arizona Historical Society Museum**

949 E. 2nd St., Tucson 85719  
(near entrance to the University of Arizona)  
520-628-5774; 520-628-5695  
[www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org)

The Arizona Historical Society Museum focuses on state history from Spanish times to the present. In addition to the Arizona mining hall (complete with a walk-in mine shaft) the museum features fascinating exhibits that bring to life the history of Tucson and southern Arizona. Gift shops and a research library are also part of the museum's offerings.

### **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

2021 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson 85735  
520-883-1380; [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org)

A living museum, the 12-acre Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum displays over 1,300

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The bright glint of the hot noonday sun off the barrel of a Peacemaker. The acrid stench and billowing smoke of gunpowder as the shooting iron is discharged. The confident strut of John Wayne, *The Duke*, making his way through tumbleweeds and clouds of dust.

Out of any other film genre, these and so many other iconic images of the great American Western have been seared into the very soul of our culture. Magnificent vistas, muscled horses, mobs of cattle being driven across the expanse of the wilderness all clearly speak to what it means to be free, to be an American.

And where did many of these brilliant images originate? Right here in the Old Pueblo's backyard, at Old Tucson Studios.

Since first being built in 1938 to serve as the backdrop for the film *Arizona*, Old Tucson has become the cornerstone for the movie industry in Southern Arizona. More than 300 movies and television productions—of both Western and non-Western genres—have been filmed in and around the facilities, just some of which include *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral*, *Rio Lobo*, *McLintock!*, *Death Wish*, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, *Cannonball Run*, *Tombstone* and

*Little House on the Prairie*. Still a working film location, it continues to host year-round cinema production.

Yet what makes Old Tucson really great to Tucson-area communities is that, beginning in 1960, it began a second career as an open-to-the-public western theme park that provides visitors with live-action entertainment from its ensemble cast of actors and stunt men, historical tours and services and support for special events, including such widely popular seasonal events as *Nightfall*, and annual month-long Halloween event for the public.

Despite a tragic fire in 1995 that destroyed many important cinematic artifacts and sound stages of great historical value, Old Tucson rebounded with an ambitious rebuilding plan and continues to improve upon itself. The most recent of these renovations is its Heritage Square, a 5,000-square-foot section at the center of its old west town area that will feature three new street and 12 new buildings.

Old Tucson Studios is located on 201 S. Kinney Road, Tucson, 85735. It can be reached via phone 520-883-0100 or [www.oldtucson.com](http://www.oldtucson.com).



kinds of plants and 300 animal species native to the Sonoran Desert. Underground limestone cave galleries exhibit subterranean life and geology. There are two gift shops and restaurants on the grounds.

#### **Arizona State Museum**

1013 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85721  
520-621-6302  
[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

Emphasizing the archaeology and ethnology of Arizona, the Arizona State Museum's anthropology collections illustrate the cultures of the Southwest and are considered the most comprehensive in existence. Dioramas depict ancient and modern Indian lifestyles.

#### **Center for Creative Photography**

1030 N. Olive Rd., Tucson 85719  
520-621-7968; [www.creativephotography.org](http://www.creativephotography.org)

Located on the campus of the University of Arizona, the Center for Creative Photography is home to one of the most comprehensive collections in the world. The center features changing photographic exhibits drawn from its archives of major 20th-century photographers, as well as traveling exhibitions.

#### **DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun**

6300 N. Swan Rd., Tucson 85718  
520-299-9191; [www.degrazia.org](http://www.degrazia.org)

DeGrazia Chapel in the Sun is a memorial to Tucson artist Ted DeGrazia. His paintings, bronzes and ceramics are displayed in the unique adobe building which he designed. The chapel, dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a "don't miss." Works of local artists are also on display.

#### **Downtown Museum**

140 N. Stone Ave.; Tucson 85701  
(in the Wells Fargo Bank building)  
520-770-1473  
[www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org)

The Downtown Museum depicts a Tucson of times gone by, with exhibits of early Tucson homes and businesses that include a drugstore, police and fire departments, and the Romero barbershop.

#### **Fort Lowell Museum**

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712  
520-318-0219; [www.oflna.org](http://www.oflna.org)

Established in 1866 on the then-outskirts of Tucson, Fort Lowell Museum is a branch of the Arizona Historical Society's museum system and is located in Old Fort Lowell Park. The museum is a reconstruction of the commanding officer's quarters and features three rooms that are furnished as they were in 1885. It is surrounded by the ruins of the fort's hospital and enlisted men's barracks.

#### **The International Wildlife Museum**

4800 W. Gates Pass Rd., Tucson 85745  
(off Speedway Boulevard)  
520-629-0100; [www.thewildlifemuseum.org](http://www.thewildlifemuseum.org)

Housed in a replica of a French Foreign Legion Fort in Africa's Sahara Desert, the 38,000-square-foot museum features dioramas depicting more than 400 species of animals and birds from around the world in their natural habitats. Wildlife films are shown and guided tours are offered.

#### **Pima Air and Space Museum**

6000 E. Valencia Rd., Tucson 85756  
520-574-0462; [www.pimaair.org](http://www.pimaair.org)

The Pima Air and Space Museum is where "history takes flight." Take a tour of this facility featuring more than 275 aircraft and spacecraft located within the largest non-government funded aviation museum, and one of the most significant air and space museums in the world. Experience up close the museum's collection of display aircraft, or arrange for a visit to the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group's aircraft "Boneyard," located adjacent to the museum at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Pima Air & Space Museum displays over 200 vintage aircraft representing the nation's aviation history. A full-scale replica of the Wright Brothers' 1903 plane plus several rare planes.

#### **Reid Park Zoo**

1100 S. Randolph Way, Tucson 85716  
520-791-3204; [www.tucsonzoo.org](http://www.tucsonzoo.org)

Seventeen acres of the 160-acre Gene C. Reid Park are devoted to Tucson's Reid Park

Zoo. Over 350 exotic animals, fish, reptiles and birds from all around the world can be observed in naturalistic settings.

#### **Sosa-Carrillo-Fremont House Museum**

151 S. Granada Ave., Tucson 85701  
(in the Tucson Convention Center complex)  
520-622-0956

Built in 1870, the Arizona Historical Society's Sosa-Carrillo Fremont House has been restored to its appearance in 1880 when it was occupied by Territorial Governor Fremont. Featured exhibits include period furniture, memorabilia and period room settings

#### **The Titan Missile Museum**

1580 W. Duval Mine Rd., Sahuarita 85629  
520-625-7736; [www.titanmissilemuseum.org](http://www.titanmissilemuseum.org)

Experience a simulated launch at the Titan Missile Museum, the world's only ballistic missile complex that has been preserved as a museum. Guided tours of the facility, which is the only publicly accessible Titan II missile site in the nation, are conducted daily, complete with an opportunity to see the 3-ton blast doors, the 8-foot thick silo walls and an actual Titan II missile in the launch duct.

#### **Tohono Chul Park**

7366 N. Paseo del Norte, Tucson 85704  
520-742-6455; [www.tohonochulpark.org](http://www.tohonochulpark.org)

Tohono Chul Park is another site where cacti and other succulents can be observed in a natural desert environment. This private park has ramadas, various gardens, a stream and nature trails. There is also an exhibition hall, museum and tea room, and guided tours are offered.

#### **Tucson Botanical Gardens**

2150 Alvernon Way, Tucson 85712  
520-326-9686; [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

Tucson Botanical Gardens has over 500 different native desert plants, herbs and flowers. Over five acres are covered with a collection of gardens including a tropical exhibit, herb garden, cactus garden, spring wildflower garden and an iris

garden, among others. Also, there is a tropical greenhouse and lecture tours are available.

#### **Tucson Children's Museum**

200 S. 6th Ave., Tucson 85701  
520-792-9985  
[www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org)

It's hands-on learning at the Tucson Children's Museum, with activities and programs focused on the arts, math, science, health and technology. Check out the interactive exhibits, which includes everything from a doctor's office to a Newton's Cradle (in the Science and Mathematics Gallery) illustrating the laws of motion, can be found here. A Natural History Gallery and the Kidspace play area add to the fun along with a children's theater and special programs.

#### **Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block**

140 N. Main Ave., Tucson 85701  
520-624-2333; [www.tucsonmuseumofart.org](http://www.tucsonmuseumofart.org)

Pre-Columbian artifacts and Western American art can be viewed at the Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block along with Spanish Colonial and twentieth-century European and American art. A gallery of folk art can also be seen as well as visiting exhibitions. In addition to the main museum building is the John K. Goodman Pavilion, devoted to Western American and related art.

#### **University of Arizona Mineral Museum**

North Campus Drive, Tucson 85721  
520-621-4227; [www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

Located on the campus of The University of Arizona in the Geology Building, the Mineral Museum is well known for exhibits that emphasize the vast variety of Arizona's minerals plus their displays of fine gem stones and fossils from around the world.

#### **University of Arizona Museum of Art & Archive of Visual Arts**

1031 N. Olive Rd., Tucson 85721  
520-621-7567; [www.artmuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.artmuseum.arizona.edu)

The University of Arizona Museum of Art houses the Kress Collection of more than fifty European paintings from the Renaissance through the seventeenth century, including the twenty-six gilded, fifteenth-century Spanish paintings by Fernando Gallego that make up the "Retablo of the Cathedral of Ciudad Rodrigo." The museum's twentieth-century collection of art and sculpture features models by Jacques Lipchitz and works by Picasso, Rodin, Henry Moore and Andrew Wyeth. Visiting exhibits are also on view.

### **PERFORMANCE SPACES**

#### **Centennial Hall**

The University of Arizona  
1020 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85721  
520-621-3341; [www.uapresents.org](http://www.uapresents.org)

This lovely 70-year-old theater pulses with the vibrancy of Tucson's cultural scene as it brings entertainment from all around the globe to Tucson

#### **Demeester Outdoor Performance Center**

Gene C. Reid Park  
22nd Street and Country Club Road  
520-791-4873; [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/specialplaces.php](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/specialplaces.php)

Spring through fall performances take place at De Meester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park, featuring everything from blues and classical to dance and Shakespeare.

#### **Fox Theatre**

17 W. Congress, Tucson 85701  
520-624-1515; [www.foxtucsontheatre.org](http://www.foxtucsontheatre.org)

Making its debut in 1930, the Fox Theatre is in the midst of renovation work to restore it to its former glory by a group of dedicated arts patrons.

#### **Pima Community College Center for the Arts**

2202 W. Anklam Rd., Tucson 85745  
520-206-6988; [www.pima.edu/cfa/](http://www.pima.edu/cfa/)

This state-of-the-art entertainment venue features an arts complex consisting of the 425-seat Proscenium Theatre, the 75-plus-seat Black Box Theatre, the 75-plus-seat Recital Hall and the Louis Carlos Bernal Gallery.

Student, faculty, community and professional productions are presented year-round.

#### **The Temple of Music and Art**

330 S. Scott Ave., Tucson 85701  
602-884-4875

The Temple of Music and Art, a renovated Spanish Colonial-style building built in 1927, is host to a variety of Tucson events.

#### **Tucson Convention Center Hall**

260 S. Church Ave., Tucson 85701  
520-791-4101; [www.ci.tucson.az.us](http://www.ci.tucson.az.us)

Home of the University of Arizona Icecats, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show and featuring other trade shows, musical performances, theatre productions and more throughout the year.

#### **Tucson Expo Center**

3750 E. Irvington Rd., Tucson 85714  
520-750-8000; [www.tucsonexpocenter.com](http://www.tucsonexpocenter.com)

Strategically located near the Tucson International Airport and minutes from downtown, the Tucson Expo Center is a multi-purpose, 17 acre property featuring 155,000 sq. ft. of newly renovated exhibit space perfect for trade shows, conferences, and special events.

### **DANCE**

#### **Ballet Arizona**

3645 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85018  
602-882-5022

Based in Phoenix, Ballet Arizona also performs classical and contemporary dance in Tucson in the Music Hall at the Tucson Convention Center, Centennial Hall at the University of Arizona and Pima Community College Center for the Arts.

#### **Southwest Dance**

Music Hall at the Tucson Convention Center  
602-482-6410; [www.orts.org](http://www.orts.org)

O-T-O Dance, Inc. is a flying modern dance company created by Annie Bunker in 1985. O-T-O is the performance wing of the full company, Orts Theatre of Dance, and is known for its adventurous physicality and visually compelling performances



**Tucson-Pima Arts Council**

10 E. Broadway, Tucson 85701

520-624-0595

[www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org](http://www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org)

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As the designated local arts agency for the City of Tucson and Pima County, the Tucson Pima Arts Council provides arts and cultural development services through direct funding, technical assistance, and commissions and contracts to artists and arts organizations and selective special cultural project and cultural development studies facilitation. Contact them for more information about other arts groups in the Tucson area.

**THEATER****Borderlands Theater**

40 W. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85701

520-882-8607; [www.borderlandstheater.org](http://www.borderlandstheater.org)

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Recognized nationally and internationally over the past 20 years for the development and production of theater and educational programs that reflects the diversity of the voices of the Southwest border region, Borderlands Theater is known for nurturing artists of the border to produce riveting production.

**Desert Players Theater**

*(Tucson Center for Performing Arts)*

330 S. Scott Ave., Tucson

733-1076 or 733-0733

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The Desert Players is dedicated to providing high quality live theater. Performances in the Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott Ave., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. At 2 p.m., perform several plays throughout the year.

**Gaslight Theatre**

7010 E. Broadway, Tucson 85710

520-886-9428; [www.thegaslighttheatre.com](http://www.thegaslighttheatre.com)

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Fun family entertainment, musical comedy and melodramas have been on tap at the Gaslight Theatre for more than 25 years, where audience participation is encouraged.

**Invisible Theatre**

1400 N. 1st Ave., Tucson 85719

520-882-9721; [www.invisibletheatre.com](http://www.invisibletheatre.com)

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Patrons of the Invisible Theatre have been coming for more than 33 years to see

Off-Broadway shows and musicals as well as contemporary comedy, drama and music productions.

**Pima Community College Center for the Arts**

2202 W. Anklam Rd., Tucson 85745

520-206-6988; [www.pima.edu/cfa/](http://www.pima.edu/cfa/)

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The Pima Community College presents a variety of musicals, dramas, comedies, concerts and dance programs throughout the year highlighting the college's many talented students.

**Professional Arizona Theatre Company**

Temple of Music and Art

330 S. Scott Ave., Tucson 85701

520-884-8210; [www.aztheatreco.org](http://www.aztheatreco.org)

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Headquartered in Tucson, the ATC performs in both Tucson and Phoenix. Their September to May season includes musicals, classics, poetry slams and contemporary plays.

**The University of Arizona**

1020 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85721

520-621-3341; [www.uapresents.org](http://www.uapresents.org)

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Dedicated to bringing universal themes of classical dramas, comedies, musical theater and contemporary plays to Tucson, the Arizona Repertory Theatre educates and entertains while serving as a showcase for the University's professional theater training programs.

**MUSIC****Arizona Opera Company**

3501 N. Mountain Ave., Tucson 85719

520-293-4336; [www.azopera.com](http://www.azopera.com)

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Arizona Opera – now in its 38th Season – produces grand opera throughout the state of Arizona and is one of only three companies in the US that performs in two cities: Tucson and Phoenix. The professional company produces five classical operas at the Tucson Convention Center from October to March.

**Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus**

5770 E. Pima St., Tucson 85712

520-296-6277; [www.boyschorus.org](http://www.boyschorus.org)

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Since 1939, the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus has been dedicated to providing boys

ages 7 to 15 an enriched educational experience through the study and performance of choral music. The chorus has toured the United States, Europe and Australia, with the chorus performing locally from October through May.

**Tucson International Mariachi Conference**

502 W. 29th St., Tucson 85713

520-838-3913

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The Tucson International Mariachi Conference is held every April and brings the best mariachis and baile folklórico dancers to the Southwest.

**Tucson Jazz Society**

6262 N. Swan Rd. # 185, Tucson 85718

520-903-1265; [www.tucsonjazz.org](http://www.tucsonjazz.org)

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The Tucson Jazz Society is dedicated to promoting and preserving America's original music: jazz. The Society is committed to nurturing local talent, bringing outstanding national and international artists to southern Arizona, and providing for the young generation via its arts in education program.

**Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra**

166 W. Alameda St., Tucson 85701

520-623-1500; [www.tpyo.org](http://www.tpyo.org)

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The Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra is made up of musicians aged 12 to 19. Concerts are performed in the Music Hall at the Tucson Convention Center and throughout the state.

**The Tucson Pops Orchestra**

6349 E. Paseo San Andres, Tucson 85710

520-722-5853; [www.tucsonpops.org](http://www.tucsonpops.org)

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The Tucson Pops Orchestra has been bringing the magic of popular music via a full orchestra for more than 50 years.

**The Tucson Symphony**

2175 N 6th Ave, Tucson 85705

520-792-9155; [www.tucsonsymphony.org](http://www.tucsonsymphony.org)

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The Tucson Symphony Orchestra is the oldest continuing professional performing arts organization in the state of Arizona, presenting classical, chamber and pops concerts. ●

# SPORTS & ATHLETICS

Arizona offers a wide variety of sports and recreational activities to please everyone: couch potatoes, weekend warriors, full-on athletes and die-hard fans love the Phoenix and Tucson sports scenes. With year-round mild temperatures, getting up and getting out has become a way of life.



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## PHOENIX

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

#### BASEBALL

##### Arizona Diamondbacks

401 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004  
602-514-8400  
[www.arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com](http://www.arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com)

Buy some peanuts and crackerjack, and get in on the pro-baseball action with the Arizona Diamondbacks when they play in Chase Field. The Arizona Diamondbacks franchise began in 1998, and had won their first World Series in 2001, when the D-Backs defeated the Yankees in seven games.

##### Cactus League Baseball

120 North Center St., Mesa 85201  
[www.cactusleague.com](http://www.cactusleague.com)

An Arizona springtime tradition for more than 50 years, the Cactus League has grown to include twelve teams playing in seven cities throughout the state during baseball training season. Games are scheduled every day during the month of March. See the Cactus League Spring Training chart for more details regarding teams and locations, and visit the Cactus League website for game information.

#### BASKETBALL

##### Phoenix Suns

US Airways Center  
201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004  
602-379-7900; [www.nba.com/suns](http://www.nba.com/suns)

From a rocky start when the franchise first began in 1968, the Phoenix Suns have since assembled a top notch roster that over the years has included Shaquille O'Neal, Charles Barkley and Steve Nash.

The Phoenix Suns are part of the Pacific Division of the Western Conference in the National Basketball Association.

The US Airways Center in downtown Phoenix is the Home of the Phoenix Suns' NBA team. 602-379-7867. Part of the new WNBA, the Phoenix Mercury play from the end of June through August.

##### Phoenix Mercury

502 E. Monroe St., Phoenix 85004  
602-252-96221 [www.wnba.com](http://www.wnba.com)

Named for the closest planet to the sun, the Phoenix Mercury began in 1997 as one of the original teams of the Women's National Basketball Association.

##### Arizona Scorpions

Phoenix College  
623-882-2016; [www.arizonascorpions.com](http://www.arizonascorpions.com)

# BATTER UP!

## Phoenix's Cactus League brings pro ball to Arizona

Arizona's temperate spring weather has made the Valley of the Sun a veritable nexus for Major League Baseball's (MLB) spring training program since 1908. Currently, the region's spring training season, known locally as the Cactus League, generates more than \$300 million in regional economic impact. It is one of just two such "leagues" in the United States, the other being the Grapefruit League in Florida.

For Valley baseball fans, the Cactus League is the perfect way to watch the MLB teams they idolize play the National Pastime without travelling to the teams' home cities or purchasing expensive regular season tickets. It also means being immersed in one of America's great athletic traditions: the seventh-inning stretch, hotdogs, roasted peanuts and rally hats. Attendance in 2011 broke all previous attendance records, with some 1.6 million people enjoying their favorite teams.

Fifteen MLB teams frequent the area: Phoenix's Arizona Diamondbacks, as well as the Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, San Francisco

Giants, Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Socks and Cincinnati Reds.

Two Cactus League teams, the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants, went on to play in the 2010 World Series. The Rangers then returned to the World Series in 2011.

Recent Cactus League improvements in the Phoenix area include eight new stadiums and renovations to two more totaling some \$500 million. Cactus League venues are dispersed throughout the Valley: Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, HoHoKam Park, Camelback Ranch, Goodyear Park, Surprise Stadium, Tempe Diablo Stadium, Maryvale Baseball Park, Phoenix Municipal Stadium, Peoria Sports Complex and Scottsdale Stadium.

The latest, biggest addition to Cactus League venues is the new, \$99 million spring training center in Mesa for the venerable Chicago Cubs. Recently approved by Mesa voters, the facility will serve as the ballclub's western headquarters, as well as the focal point for player development, drafting and other operations. Tentative plans also include an entertainment/retail complex next to the facility to open in 2013. For more, visit [www.cactusleague.com](http://www.cactusleague.com).

The Arizona Scorpions are an expansion franchise of the American Basketball Association that play home games on the campus of Phoenix College.

#### **Arizona State University Sun Devils**

Wells Fargo Arena

600 E. Veterans Way, Tempe 85281

480-955-3482; [www.thesundevils.cstv.com](http://www.thesundevils.cstv.com)

Put on that maroon and gold t-shirt, and get out to the Wells Fargo Arena to support the Arizona State Sun Devils as both the men's and women's basketball teams compete in the Pacific 10 Conference Division.

#### **FOOTBALL**

##### **Arizona Cardinals**

University of Phoenix Stadium

One Cardinals Drive, Glendale 85305

480-505-0533; [www.azcardinals.com](http://www.azcardinals.com)

The Arizona Cardinals are the oldest, continuously operated pro sports franchise (established in 1898!), and are members of the Western Division of the National Football Conference in the National Football League. The Cardinals hosted and won their first NFC Championship game in 2009 against the Philadelphia Eagles, going on to play in Super Bowl XLIII.

##### **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl**

University of Phoenix Stadium

One Cardinals Drive, Glendale 85305

480-350-0911; [www.tostitosfiestabowl.com](http://www.tostitosfiestabowl.com)

Since 1971, college football teams have competed in the Fiesta Bowl, originally held in Tempe, Arizona before moving to its current home at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale in 2006.

#### **Arizona State University Sun Devils**

Sun Devils Stadium

500 E Veterans Way, Tempe 85281

480-727-0000

Get in on the Pacific 10 Conference action with the Arizona State University's Sun Devils football team as they compete in the NCAA Division I-A. Home games are played in the Sun Devils Stadium.

#### **Arizona Rattlers – Arena Football**

US Airways Center

201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004

602-379-2333; [www.azrattlers.com](http://www.azrattlers.com)

Now entering their 19th year, the Arizona Rattlers are one of the premier teams of the Arena Football League.

#### **SOCCER**

##### **Arizona Sahuaros**

Grand Canyon University

3300 W Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85086

623-516-2133; [www.azsahuaros.com](http://www.azsahuaros.com)

The Arizona Sahuaros are an outdoor soccer club operating at the highest amateur level of play, and are sanctioned by the United States Soccer Federation. The Sahuaros

play at the Brazell Field on the campus of Grand Canyon University from April to August.

#### **Phoenix Monsoon**

Tolleson Union High School Stadium

Tolleson

[www.phoenixmonsoon.com](http://www.phoenixmonsoon.com)

Founded in 2010, the Phoenix Monsoon is a semi-pro soccer team affiliated with the National Premiere Soccer League. The 2012 season is their first full regular season of play.

#### **Arizona Storm**

Phoenix Sports Center

3839 W. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 8501

602-269-6766; [www.azstormfc.com](http://www.azstormfc.com)

Arizona Storm is an Professional Indoor Soccer team founded in 2011. They play in the Western Division of the Professional Arena Soccer League.

#### **HOCKEY**

##### **Phoenix Coyotes**

Jobing.com Arena

9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale 85305

480-563-7825; [www.coyotes.nhl.com](http://www.coyotes.nhl.com)

Hockey fans can catch all the action with the Phoenix Coyotes at Jobing.com Arena, a multi-purpose sports and entertainment center. The Phoenix Coyotes compete in the National Hockey League.

#### **CACTUS LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING**

Surprise Stadium	623-594-5600	Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers
Peoria Sports Complex	623-878-4337	San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners
Maryvale Baseball Park	623-245-5500	Milwaukee Brewers
Scottsdale Stadium	480-990-7972	San Francisco Giants
Phoenix Municipal Stadium	602-392-0074	Oakland Athletics
Hohokam Park	480-964-4467	Chicago Cubs
Tempe Diablo Stadium	480-796-4250	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim
Salt River Fields at Talking Stick	480-270-5000	Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies
Camelback Ranch	623-302-5000	Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers
Goodyear Ballpark	800-745-3000	Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians



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## HORSE RACING

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### **Turf Paradise**

1501 West Bell Rd., Phoenix 85023  
602-942-1101; [www.turfparadise.com](http://www.turfparadise.com)

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September through May catch live thoroughbred racing and betting on simulcast races are featured at Turf Paradise, one of the Southwest's premier racing facilities including a clubhouse, dining and a picnic area complete with a playground. In addition to the racing action, visitors can enjoy the tranquil beauty of the track's olive grove, floral gardens, lakes and waterfall.

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## GREYHOUND RACING

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### **Phoenix Greyhound Park**

3801 East Washington St., Phoenix 85034  
602-273-7181  
[www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com](http://www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com)

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Year-round racing can be enjoyed from the climate-controlled comfort of the glass-enclosed grandstand with a great view of the action at the Phoenix Greyhound Park. This track has clubhouse dining and several lounges where spectators can relax.

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## AUTO RACING

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### **Wild Horse Pass Raceway**

20000 Maricopa Rd., Chandler 85226  
520-796-5601; [www.racewildhorse.com](http://www.racewildhorse.com)

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On most Friday nights, the sound of drag racing, funny cars and jet dragsters can be heard at one or another of the three tracks at Wild Horse Pass Raceway. The Wild Horse Pass Raceway hosts National Hot Rod Association drag races.

### **Phoenix International Raceway**

7602 South 115th Ave., Phoenix 85323  
623-463-5613; [www.phoenixintlraceway.com](http://www.phoenixintlraceway.com)

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The Phoenix International Raceway has been described as the fastest one-mile oval in the world, and is THE place to be for excitement during the Indy Car Races and NASCAR NEXTEL Cup held every spring and fall.

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## GOLF AND TENNIS

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### **FBR Open**

Tournament Players Club  
17020 North Hayden Rd., Scottsdale 85255  
602-870-0163; [www.fbropen.com](http://www.fbropen.com)

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One of the top draw events of the year, the FBR Open usually attracts 500,000

spectators annually in late January/early February. The stadium course located next to the Scottsdale Princess Resort offers excellent opportunities for catching the action, with pre-tournament events including a celebrity shoot-out, a junior golf clinic, and four Pro-Am events.

# GAMING & CASINOS

### **Apache Gold Casino**

Hwy. 70, 5 miles east of Globe  
San Carlos; 800-272-2438

### **Blue Water Casino**

11222 Resort Drive, Parker  
888-243-3360

### **Bucky's Casino**

1505 E. Hwy. 69, Prescott  
800-756-8744

### **Casino Arizona at Salt River**

524 N. 92nd St., Scottsdale  
480-850-7777

### **Casino Arizona at Talking Stick**

9700 E. Indian Bend, Scottsdale  
480-850-7777

### **Cliff Castle Casino**

555 Middle Verde Rd.  
Campe Verde; 800-381-7568

### **Cocopah Casino**

15136 S. Avenue B, Somerton  
800-237-5687

### **Desert Diamond Casino**

7350 S. Nogales Hwy., Tucson  
520-294-7777

### **Desert Diamond II**

1100 W. Pima Mine Road  
Sahuarita; 866-332-9467

### **Fort McDowell Casino**

Fort McDowell Road & Hwy. 87  
Fountain Hills; 800-843-3678

### **Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino**

15406 Maricopa Rd., Maricopa  
800-427-7247

### **Hon Dah Casino**

777 Highway 260, Pinetop  
800-929-8744

### **Lone Butte Casino-Gila River**

1200 S. 56th, Chandler  
800-946-4452

### **Mazatzal Casino**

Hwy. 87, Mile Marker #252  
Payson; 800-777-7529

### **Paradise Casino**

540 Quechan Drive, Yuma  
888-777-4946

### **Vee Quiva Casino-Gila River**

6443 N. Komatke Lane, Laveen  
800-946-4452

### **Wild Horse Pass Casino-Gila River**

5550 W. Wild Horse Pass  
Chandler; 800-946-4452

### **Yavapai Gaming Center**

1505 E. Hwy. 69, Prescott  
800-756-8744



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## FOR THE PARTICIPANT

### GOLF

The Valley of the Sun has more than 150 golf courses: some of the best in the country. (See the golf course directory within this article for more information.)

### TENNIS

Tennis is also a popular pastime with over a thousand courts across the Valley. Call area city parks department for the location of public, school and park courts. Listed below are a few of the top rated Tennis Centers in the Valley.

#### Phoenix Tennis

6330 N. 21st Ave, Phoenix  
602-249-3712

#### Mt. View Tennis

1104 E. Grovers, Phoenix  
602-534-2500

#### Kiwanis Park Tennis

6111 S. All-American Way, Tempe  
480-350-5201

#### Scottsdale Athletic Club

8225 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale  
480-991-1571

#### Gene Autry Sports Complex

4125 E. McKellips Road, Mesa  
602-644-2149

### SOARING AND BALLOONING

Experience the thrill of soaring over the desert and mountains in a glider held up by the strong thermals that form in the Valley of the Sun. Or, sip champagne and enjoy the varied scenery while leisurely drifting across the Valley in a brightly colored hot air balloon.

#### Thunderbird Balloon Classic

Glendale Municipal Airport (GEU)  
6801 N Glen Harbor Blvd., Glendale 85307  
602-840-9005; [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com)

Held annually every October for the past thirty years, the Thunderbird Balloon Classic has been drawing more than 60,000 visitors to watch the best ballooning has to offer.

### SWIMMING

#### Big Surf

1500 N. McClintock Dr., Tempe 85281  
480-947-2477; [www.golfland.com](http://www.golfland.com)

Although much of Arizona is considered arid or semi-arid, the Metro Phoenix area has a 2.5-acre "ocean." Big Surf offers swimming, a 300-foot twisting surf slide, a rampageous water toboggan ride and rafting.

#### Waterworld Safari

4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., Phoenix 85310  
623-581-1947; [www.golfland.com](http://www.golfland.com)

One of Arizona's largest water parks, Waterworld Safari is situated on 20 acres. The tallest waterslide, the Avalanche Slide, is an awe-inspiring 6.5 stories tall. Visitors can also check out is the Breaker Beach Wave Pool and Tom Sawyer's Landing.

#### Golfland/Sunsplash

155 W. Hampton Ave., Mesa 85210  
480-834-8319; [www.golfland.com](http://www.golfland.com)

Sunsplash is a twelve-acre family action park featuring water slides, a giant wave pool, a kiddie pool and a river for rafting and tubing. In addition to the fun on the water, three miniature golf courses, bumper boats, race cars and a video arcade with 220 games provide a full day of amusement.

#### Kiwanis Recreation Center

6111 S. All America Way, Tempe 85283  
480-350-5777

Open year-round, the Kiwanis Recreation Center has an indoor heated wave pool with a giant water slide. Tennis courts and a gymnasium are also part of the complex.

#### Salt River Tubing and Recreation

Mesa; 480-984-3305  
[www.saltwatertubing.com](http://www.saltwatertubing.com)

To spend a relaxing day, enjoying the sun and floating down the Salt River, head for Salt River Tubing and Recreation in Mesa. Tube rentals and shuttle bus service are available in May.



PRIVATE GOLF COURSES - GREATER PHOENIX				HOLES/ PAR	USGA RTG/ SLOPE	LENGTH (YARDS)
Alta Mesa C. C.	Mesa	480-832-3257	www.altamesagolf.com	18/72	73.5/130	7,132
Ancala C. C.	Scottsdale	480-391-1000	www.ancalacc.com	18/72	73.6/152	6,841
Apache Wells C. C.	Mesa	480-830-4725	www.apachewellsgolfclub.com	18/71	67.9/114	6,038
Arizona C. C.	Phoenix	480-946-4565	www.azcountryclub.com	18/72	72.3/133	6,735
Arrowhead C. C.	Chandler	623-561-1902	www.eaglegolf.com	18/72	73.2/124	7,001
Briarwood C. C.	Sun City West	623-584-5301	www.briarwoodcc.com	18/72	71.5/128	6,576
Cottonwood C. C.	Sun Lakes	480-895-9449	www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com	18/72	71.7/129	6,737
Desert Forest G.C.	Carefree	480-488-3527	www.desertforestgolfclub.com	18/72	73.8/149	7,011
Desert Highlands G.C.	Scottsdale	480-585-7444	www.deserthighlandsscottsdale.com	18/72	73.9/151	7,072
Desert Mountain G.C.	Scottsdale	480-488-1363	www.desertmountain.com	18/72	73.9/137	7,211
Echo Mesa G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6014	www.rcscw.com	18/60	60.6/95	4,145
Estancia Club	Scottsdale	480-473-4415	www.estanciaclub.com	18/72	73.7/137	7,146
FireRock C. C.	Fountain Hills	480-836-8100	www.firerockcc.com	18/72	72.9/134	6,984
Fountain of the Sun	Mesa	480-986-3128	www.fountainofthesun.org	18/62	60.2/93	4,224
Gainey Ranch Golf Club	Phoenix	480-483-2582	www.gaineyranchcc.com	9/36		3,376
Grandview G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6013	www.suncitywestgolf.com/	18/72	72.0/128	6,775
Hillcrest G.C.	Sun City West	623-584-1500	www.hillcrestgolfclub.com		72.7/126	7,002
Leisure World C. C.	Mesa	480-832-0003		18/73	69.2/115	6,434
Mesa C. C.	Mesa	480-964-1797	www.mesacountryclub.com	18/72	70.7/125	6,594
Moon Valley C. C.	Phoenix	602-942-1278	www.moonvalleycc.com	18/72	74.3/131	7,210
Palmbrook C. C.	Sun City	623-977-8583	www.palmbrookgolf.com	18/72	70.2/122	6,529
Palo Verde C. C.	Sun Lakes	480-895-0300	www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com	18/62	59.7/94	4,060
Paradise Valley C. C.	Paradise Valley	602-840-8100	www.paradisevalleycc.com	18/72	72.0/132	6,802
Pebblebrook G.C.	Sun City West	623-547-6010	www.rcscw.com	18/72	70.1/119	6,460
Phoenix C. C.	Phoenix	602-263-5208	www.phoenixcc.org	18/71	72.0/130	6,500
Pinnacle Peak Golf & C. C.	Scottsdale	480-585-6992	www.pp-cc.com	18/72	73.5/136	7,030
Quail Run G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3035	www.sunaz.com	9/31	59.0/90	2,092
Red Mountain Ranch C. C.	Mesa	480-985-0285	www.rmrc.com	18/72	73.8/144	6,797
Rio Verde C. C.	Rio Verde	480-471-9420	www.rioverdecc.com	18/71	69.7/117	6,464
Riverview G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3025	www.sunaz.com	18/72	71.7/118	6,729
Sheraton San Marcos C. C.	Chandler	480-963-6655	www.sanmarcosresort.com	18/72	70.0/117	6,541
Stardust G.C.	Sun City West	623-584-2916	www.rcscw.com	18/60	60.5/96	4,265
Sun City C. C.	Sun City	623-933-1353	www.subcitycountryclub.org	18/72	68.4/115	6,223
Sun City Lakes East (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3023		18/72		
Sun City Lakes West (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3020		18/72	69.1/118	6,195
Sun City North G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3010	www.sunaz.com	18/72	70.0/116	6,434
Sun City South G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3015	www.sunaz.com	18/72	70.5/118	6,729
Sun Lakes C. C.	Chandler	480-895-5497		18/60	55.1/99	3,811
Tatum Ranch G.C.	Cave Creek	480-585-2399	www.tatumranchgc.com	18/72	71.8/127	6,856
Terravita	Scottsdale	480-488-7962	www.terravitascottsdale.org	18/72	74.4/139	7,186
Trail Ridge G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6015	www.rcscw.com	18/72	71.3/127	6,618
Troon Golf & C. C.	Scottsdale	480-585-0540	www.trooncc.com	18/72	73.7/148	7,041
Union Hills C. C.	Sun City	623-977-4281	www.unionhillsgolf.com	18/72	72.4/129	6,827
Willowcreek G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3030	www.sunaz.com	18		

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The 500 Club	Glendale	623-492-9500	www.the500club.com	18/72	71.5/121	6,867
Adobe Dam Family G.C.	Glendale	623-581-2800	www.adobedamfamilygolfcenter.com	9/31	45.0/86	1,757
Ahwatukee C. C. (SP)	Phoenix	480-893-1161	www.ahwatukeegc.com	18/72	71.5/126	6,713
Arizona Biltmore C. C. (R)	Phoenix	602-955-9655	www.azbiltmoregc.com	18/71	66.6/115	5,726
Arizona Golf Resort (R)	Mesa	480-832-1661	www.azgolfresort.com	18/71	71.2/124	6,574
ASU-Karsten G.C.	Tempe	480-921-8070	www.asukarsten.com	18/72	73.7/132	7,026
AZ Traditions G. C.	Surprise	623-584-4000	www.arizonatraditionsgolfclub.com	18/70	68.7/115	6,235
Bear Creek G. C.	Chandler	480-883-8200	www.bearcreekaz.com	18/71	72.1/120	6,832
Bellair Golf Course	Glendale	602-978-0330		18/59	28.1/90	3,493
The Boulders Club (R)	Carefree	480-488-9028	www.thebouldersclub.com	18/71	72.0/140	6,073
Camelback Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-596-7050	www.camelbackinn.com	18/72	71.1/125	6,868
Cave Creek Golf Course	Phoenix	602-866-8076	www.phoenix.gov/golf	18/72	71.1/122	6,876
Club West	Phoenix	480-460-4400	www.clubwestgolf.com	18/72	73.1/129	7,142
Continental Golf Course	Phoenix	480-941-1585	www.continentalgc.com	18/60	57.5/78	3,766
Coronado Golf Course	Scottsdale	480-947-8364	www.coronadogolfscottsdale.com	9/31	28.4/80	1,850
Coyote Lakes G. C.	Surprise	623-566-2323	www.coyotelakesgolfclub.com	18/71	69.2/117	6,159
Cimarron Golf Club	Surprise	623-975-5654	www.grandinfo.com	18/72	71.3/123	6,809
Desert Canyon Golf Club	Fountain Hills	480-837-1173	www.desertcanyongolf.com	18/71	69.9/126	6,415
Desert Sands Golf Course	Mesa	480-832-0210	www.desertsandsgc.com	18/65	58.9/89	4,029
Dobson Ranch Golf Course	Mesa	480-644-2291	www.dobsonranchgolfcourse.com	18/72	71.1/123	6,630
Dove Valley	Cave Creek	480-488-0009	www.dovevalleyranch.com	18/72	72.7/131	7,011
Eagle's Nest Golf Club	Goodyear	623-935-6750		18/72	72.6/130	6,790
Encanto Nine Golf Course	Phoenix	602-262-6870	www.phoenix.gov/golf	9/30	29.0/79	1,730
Estrella Mountain G. C.	Goodyear	623-932-3714	www.estralla-golf.com	18/71	70.9/118	6,866
Dreamland Villa G. C.	Mesa	480-985-6591	www.dreamlandvilla.com	9/31	1,936	
Encanto Park Golf Course	Phoenix	602-253-3963	www.phoenix.gov/golf	18/70	69.0/111	6,386
Fiesta Lakes Golf Course	Mesa	480-969-0377		9/29	35.0/113	1,503
Foothills Golf Club	Phoenix	480-460-4653	www.thefoothillsgc.com	18/72	73.2/132	6,968
Glen Lakes Golf Course	Glendale	623-939-7541	www.playglenlakesgolf.com	9/33	31.0/98	2,403
The G.C. at Eagle Mountain	Fountain Hills	480-816-1234	www.eaglemtn.com	18/71	71.7/139	6,800
Grayhawk Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-502-1800	www.grayhawkgolf.com	18/72	74.3/141	6,973
Ironwood C. C.	Chandler	480-895-0614	www.robson.com	18/67	64.1/99	5,500
Johnson Ranch Golf Club	Queen Creek	480-987-9800	www.johnsonranch.com	18/72	73.3/137	7,141
Ken McDonald Golf Course	Tempe	480-350-5250	www.tempegolf.net	18/72	71.5/125	6,743
Kierland Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-922-9283	www.kirlandgolf.com	27/108	10,452	
Kokopelli Golf Resort (R)	Gilbert	480-926-3589	www.kokopelligc.com	18/72	72.2/132	6,716
Lakes At Ahwatukee G. C.	Phoenix	480-893-3004		18/60	62.6/99	4,019
The Lakes at Westbrook Village	Peoria	623-566-3439	www.westbrookvillagegolfclub.org	18/71	68.2/114	6,016
Las Colinas Golf Club	Queen Creek	480-987-3633	www.lascolinasgolfclub.com	18/71	70.7/122	6,655
Las Sendas Golf Club	Mesa	480-396-4000	www.lassendas.com	18/71	73.8/149	6,836
The Links at Queen Creek	Queen Creek	480-987-1910	www.linksqueencreekgolfclub.com	18/70	67.4/100	6,061
Lone Tree G. C.	Chandler	480-219-0830	www.lonetreegolf18.com	18/71	71.7/120	6,894
Longbow G. C.	Mesa	480-807-5400	www.longbowgolf.com	18/70	71.8/128	6,750
Legacy Golf Resort (R)	Phoenix	602-305-5550	www.legacygolfresort.com	18/72	72.1/128	6,816
Legend Trail Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-488-7434	www.legendtrailgc.com	18/72	72.3/135	6,845
Legends At Arrowhead	Glendale	623-561-1902	www.legendatarrowhead.com	18/72	73.0/129	7,005
Marriott's Wildfire G.C. (R)	Phoenix	480-473-0205	www.wildfiregolf.com	18/71	71.2/125	6,846
Maryvale Golf Course	Phoenix	623-846-4022	www.phoenix.gov/golf	18/72	69.8/115	6,500



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McCormick Ranch Golf Club (R)	Scottsdale	480-948-0260	www.mccormickranchgolf.com	18/72	75.9/131	7,044
Mountain Shadows Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-951-5427	www.mountainshadowsgolf.com	18/56	56.9/87	3,081
Oakwood C. C.	Sun Lakes	480-895-1159	www.robson.com	9		
Ocotillo Golf Club	Chandler	480-917-6660	www.ocotilogolf.com	18/36		3,497
Orange Tree Golf Club (R)	Scottsdale	480-948-3730	www.orangetree.com	18/72	71.4/122	6,762
Painted Mountain Golf Course	Mesa	480-832-0156	www.paintedmountaingolf.com	18/70	67.2/104	6,021
Palm Valley Golf Course	Goodyear	623-935-2500	www.palmvalleygolf.com	18/72	73.4/133	7,015
Palo Verde Golf Course	Phoenix	602-249-9930	www.phoenix.gov/golf	9/30	57.1/78	1,820
Papago Golf Course	Phoenix	602-275-8428	www.phoenix.gov/golf	18/72	73.3/132	7,068
Paradise Valley Park GC	Phoenix	602-992-7190		18/61	59.2/88	4,082
Pavilion Lakes Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-948-3370		18/71	70.1/120	6,515
Peoria Pines	Peoria	623-972-1364	www.peoriapines.com	18/63	59.4/88	4,292
The Phoenician Golf Club (R)	Scottsdale	480-423-2449	www.thephoenician.com	18/35		2,559
Pointe at Lookout Mountain (R)	Phoenix	602-866-6356	www.pointehilton.com	18/72	71.2/135	6,617
Rancho Mañana Golf Club (R)	Cave Creek	480-488-0398	www.ranchomanana.com	18/70	67.8/125	6,004
The Raven G.C. at S. Mountain	Phoenix	602-243-3636	www.theravensouthmoountain.com	18/72	73.3/130	7,078
Rio Salado Golf Course	Tempe	480-990-1233	www.allgolf.com	9/34	61.6/105	2,358
Riverview Golf Course	Mesa	480-644-3515	riverviewgolfcourse.com/Home.aspx	9/36	35.0/114	3,200
Rolling Hills Golf Course	Tempe	480-350-5275	www.tempegolf.net	18/62	58.9/93	3,828
Royal Palms Golf Course	Mesa	480-964-1709		9/30	26.1/98	1,453
Sanctuary G. C.	Scottsdale	480-502-8200	www.sanctuarygolf.com	18/71	71.7/135	6,624
Scottsdale Silverado	Scottsdale	480-778-0100	www.scottsdalsilveradogolfclub.com	18/70	73.7/119	6,313
Shalimar Golf Course	Tempe	480-838-0488	www.shalimarcountryclub.com	9/33	61.7/95	2,417
Sheraton San Marcos C. C. (R)	Chandler	480-963-3358	www.sanmarcosresort.com	18/72	70.0/117	6,541
Starfire C. C. at Scottsdale	Scottsdale	480-948-6000	www.starfiregolfclub.com	18/35		3,021
SunBird Golf Resort (R)	Chandler	480-883-0820		18/66	61.3/96	4,350
Sunland Village Golf Club	Mesa	480-832-3691	www.sunlandvillagegolf.com	18/62	56.5/80	3,623
Sunland Village East Golf Club	Mesa	480-986-4079		18/62	56.6/80	3,579
SunRidge Canyon G.C.	Fountain Hills	480-837-5100	www.sunridgegolf.com	18/71	73.4/140	6,823
Sun Village Resort & Golf Club	Surprise	623-584-5774	www.sunvillage.org	18/54	50.8/64	2,019
Superstition Springs Golf Club	Mesa	480-985-5622	www.superstitionspringsgc.com	18/72	74.1/135	7,005
Tonto Verde Golf Club	Rio Verde	480-471-2710	www.tontoverde.org	18/72	71.8/133	6,744
Talking Stick G.C.	Scottsdale	480-860-2221	www.talkingstickgolfclub.com	18/70	73.8/125	7,133
Toka Sticks Golf Course	Mesa	480-988-9405	www.tokasticksgolf.com	18/72	71.1/119	6,685
TPC of Scottsdale	Scottsdale	480-585-4334	www.tpc.com/scottsdale/	18/72	71.0/124	7,100
Trilogy GC	Gilbert	480-988-0004	www.trilogygolfclub.com	18/71	71.5/126	6,730
Troon North G. C.	Scottsdale	480-585-5300	www.troonnorthgolf.com	18/72	73.4/137	7,070
Viewpoint Golf Resort (R)	Mesa	480-373-5555	www.viewpointgolfresort.com	18/71	68.8/116	6,224
Villa Monterey Golf Course	Scottsdale	480-990-7100		9/30	56.7/86	2,035
Villa de Paz Golf Course	Phoenix	623-877-1172	www.villadepazgolf.com	18/72	68.6/114	6,140
Vistal Golf Club	Phoenix	602-305-7755	www.vistalgolfclub.com	18/71	72.6/126	7,013
Vista Verde Golf Course	Rio Verde	800-898-5768	www.theverdes.com	18/72		7,219
The Vistas Golf Club	Peoria	623-566-1633	www.westbrookvillagegolfclub.org	18/72	70.3/121	6,544
We Ko Pa Golf Course	Fountain Hills	480-836-9000	www.wekopa.com	18/72	72.5/130	7,225
Western Skies Golf Club	Gilbert	480-545-8542	www.westernskiesgolf.com	18/72	70.3/123	6,744
Whirlwind G. C.	Chandler	480-940-1500	www.whirlwindgolf.com	18/72	72.8/131	7,017
Wigwam Golf Resort (R)	Litchfield Park	623-536-9227	www.wigwamresort.com	18/72	74.1/133	7,600

(SP) Semi-Private (R) Resort; All Others are Public

## TUCSON

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

#### AUTO RACING

##### Tucson Raceway Park

11955 S. Harrison Rd., Tucson 85747  
520-762-8772; [www.tucsonracewaypark.com](http://www.tucsonracewaypark.com)

Experience some of the most exciting stock car racing in the southwest and head for Tucson Raceway Park. Races take place every Saturday night. March through November.

#### BASEBALL

##### Tucson Padres

2500 E. Ajo Way, Tucson 85713  
520-434-1361; [www.tucsonpadres.com](http://www.tucsonpadres.com)

The Tucson Padres are a minor league baseball team, representing Tucson in the Pacific Coast League. They are the Triple-A affiliate for the San Diego Padres, having moved from Portland, Oregon where they were known as the Portland Beavers, to the Old Pueblo in 2010. The team plays its home games at Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium at least until 2013, pending the suspended development of their permanent home in Escondido, California.

##### Tucson Toros

3400 E. Camino Campestre, Tucson 85716  
520-325-1010; [www.tucsonoros.com](http://www.tucsonoros.com)

A mainstay of Tucson athletics, the Tucson Toros will take the field at Hi Corbett Field in late May to play 40 home games and 40 games on the road for an exciting season of baseball play. The Tucson Toros have become associated with an Independent Professional Baseball League. The Golden Baseball League (GBL) is now beginning their fifth season hosting Independent League teams in California, Utah and Canada, and has been stated by officials in the baseball industry to be consistent with that of AA Minor League Baseball. The Toros have taken 2011 off due to the Triple A Tucson Padres playing across town during the season. They are expected to return to play and join the new North American League as early as 2012.

##### University of Arizona Wildcats

Jerry Kindall Field at Frank Sancet Stadium  
640 N. National Championship Dr.  
Tucson 85719; 520-621-2287  
[www.arizonaathletics.com](http://www.arizonaathletics.com)

Collegiate baseball is also an exciting sport with the University of Arizona's Wildcats at Sancett Field. The Arizona Wildcats baseball team competes in the Pacific Ten Conference of NCAA Division I.

#### BASKETBALL

##### University of Arizona Wildcats "The Basket Cats"

McKale Memorial Center  
1721 E. Enke Dr., Tucson 85721  
520-621-2287; [www.arizonaathletics.com](http://www.arizonaathletics.com)

Arizona Men's Basketball fills the need for those who enjoy watching a good game of hoops. Tucson fans are completely devoted to their Wildcats, who slam dunk their way under coach Lute Olson. The team won the NCAA championship in 1997. Games take place at the McKale Memorial Center on campus.

#### FOOTBALL

##### University of Arizona Wildcats

University of Arizona Stadium  
1721 E. Enke Dr., Tucson 85721  
520-621-2287; [www.arizonaathletics.com](http://www.arizonaathletics.com)

For up close and personal football excitement, catch the Wildcats for intercollegiate football at the University of Arizona Stadium as they play in the Pacific 10 Conference.

#### GOLF

##### The WGC/Accenture Match Play Championship

The Gallery Golf Club  
14000 N. Dove Mountain Blvd.  
Marana 85658  
520-744-2555; [www.gallerygolf.com](http://www.gallerygolf.com)

Featuring flash-faced bunkers and gorgeous views of the Santa Catalina, Tortolita and Tucson Mountain ranges, the Gallery was the home to the WGC/Accenture Match Play Championship (PGA) for the last two

years. Last years winner was the number one golfer in the world Tiger Woods. This year the top 64 players in the world will move just a couple miles down the road and compete at the new Ritz Carlton at Dove Mountain.

#### GREYHOUND RACING

##### Tucson Greyhound Park

2601 S. 3rd Ave., Tucson 85713  
520-917-3647; [www.tucdogtrak.com](http://www.tucdogtrak.com)

Year-round greyhound racing can be enjoyed in climate-controlled comfort at the Tucson Greyhound Park inside its climate-controlled clubhouse with dining plus a grandstand.

#### HOCKEY

##### University of Arizona Icecats

Games at Tucson Convention Center  
at 260 S. Church  
8987 E. Tanque Verde #246, Tucson 85749  
520-791-4266; [www.uaicecats.com](http://www.uaicecats.com)

Hockey fans can catch all the action with the University of Arizona's Icecats at the Tucson Convention Center. The University of Arizona Icecats compete as a D-I Team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

#### RODEOS

##### La Fiesta de los Vaqueros

4823 S. 6th Ave., Tucson 85714  
520-741-2233 or 1-800-964-5662  
[www.tucsonrodeo.com](http://www.tucsonrodeo.com)

One of the largest mid-winter outdoor rodeos in the United States is hosted by Tucson Rodeo Administration, and is a not-to-be-missed event. draws some of the best riders and ropers on the circuit.

### FOR THE PARTICIPANT

#### BALLOONING

Sip champagne and enjoy the scenery while leisurely drifting across the desert in a brightly-colored hot air balloon at sunrise or sunset. There are a number of companies that offer the opportunity to take flight via this exhilarating sport.



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## BICYCLING

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There are many bicycle paths in the Tucson area. Bicycling Magazine lists Tucson as the third best cycling city in the U.S. Check out the Tucson chapter of the Greater Arizona Bicycling Association's website at [www.bikegaba.org](http://www.bikegaba.org) for more information about local rides and routes.

### Fort Lowell Park

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712  
520-235-3986

### Randolph Center Complex

200 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85711  
520-791-4896

### Rillito River Park

4200 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson 85719  
520-293-5011

### Santa Cruz River Park

839 W. Congress St., Tucson 85745  
520-670-3888

### Spanish Trail Bike Path

Old Spanish Trail and Broadway Blvd.

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## GOLF

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Unique and breathtakingly beautiful, the panoramic vistas of Tucson and Southern Arizona golf courses set against the

breathtaking backdrop of mountains are more than enough to inspire a great round of golf. In Tucson, there's a course that offers the perfect challenge for every skill level – from beginner to pro. These exciting and challenging courses designed by some of the best golf course architects in the business can be counted on to bring out the best in a player's game, and make it especially difficult to choose a favorite. With 350 sunny days per year, Tucson is a perfect destination for golfers of all abilities. There are more than forty courses – public and private – either in Tucson or within a short driving distance. See golf course listings on the following pages.

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## HIKING

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Hiking is a great way to enjoy the desert environment. Trails are abundant in Tucson Mountain Park. The Santa Catalina, Rincon and Santa Rita mountains also offer hundreds of miles of hiking trails.

### Coronado National Forest Office

300 W. Congress St., Tucson 85701  
520-388-8300

### Santa Catalina Ranger

District Office  
5700 N. Sabino Canyon Rd.,  
Tucson 85750; 520-749-8700

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## HORSEBACK RIDING

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Riding into the mountains or desert countryside is a sport enjoyed by many and is another way to enjoy the beauty surrounding Tucson. Horse rentals and trail rides with guides can be arranged through numerous stables.

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## HUNTING

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Deer season opens in mid-October, while quail and dove hunting starts September 1. For information on permits and required licenses, call 520-628-5376.

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## LAKES

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Tucson has several lakes nearby for boating, fishing and water sports.

**Lake Patagonia** is located about four miles north of Highway 82 halfway between Patagonia and Nogales. Camping and fishing are the attractions, especially in the winter when the lake is stocked with trout.

**Parker Canyon Lake** is east of Nogales and is also stocked with trout. Other catch include bass, catfish and sunfish. Camping sites and boat rentals are available.

**Peña Blanca Lake and Arivaca Lake** are other popular spots, as well as Rose Canyon Lake on Mount Lemmon.

PRIVATE GOLF COURSES - GREATER TUCSON					HOLES/ PAR	USGA RTG/ SLOPE	LENGTH (YARDS)
Country Club of Green Valley	Green Valley	520-625-8831	<a href="http://www.countryclubofgreenvally.com">www.countryclubofgreenvally.com</a>		18/72	71.5/124	6,738
Desert Hills Golf Club	Green Valley	520-625-5090	<a href="http://www.deserthillsgolfclub.org">www.deserthillsgolfclub.org</a>		18/72	70.5/128	6,445
The Gallery Golf Club	Marana	888-802-6300	<a href="http://www.gallerygolf.com">www.gallerygolf.com</a>		18/72	74.6/138	7,412
Forty Niner Golf & C.C.	Tucson	520-749-4001	<a href="http://www.fortyninercc.com">www.fortyninercc.com</a>		18/72	71.3/124	6,630
La Paloma C.C. Resort	Tucson	520-299-1500	<a href="http://www.lapalomacc.com">www.lapalomacc.com</a>		18/36		3,534
Oro Valley C.C.	Tucson	520-297-1121	<a href="http://www.orovalleycountryclub.com">www.orovalleycountryclub.com</a>		18/72	73.6/129	6,964
Rolling Hills Golf Course	Tucson	520-298-2401			18/63	58.4/84	4,146
Saddlebrooke C.C.	Tucson	520-825-2505	<a href="http://www.saddlebrooke.org">www.saddlebrooke.org</a>		18/35		3,237
Skyline C.C.	Tucson	520-299-1111	<a href="http://www.skylinecountryclub.com">www.skylinecountryclub.com</a>		18/71	68.9/124	6,137
The Stone Canyon G.C.	Tucson	520-219-1500	<a href="http://www.stonecanyon.com">www.stonecanyon.com</a>		18/72	72.0/135	6,704
Sun City Vistoso Golf Club	Tucson	520-825-3110	<a href="http://www.suncity-vistoso.com">www.suncity-vistoso.com</a>		18/72	71.8/137	6,723
Tucson C.C.	Tucson	520-298-2381	<a href="http://www.tucsoncountryclub.com">www.tucsoncountryclub.com</a>		18/72	73.1/132	6,833
Tucson Estates Golf Cours	Tucson	520-883-5566	<a href="http://www.tucsonestates.com">www.tucsonestates.com</a>		18/57	70.0/113	2,584

**RUNNING**

There are four park-courses in the city open daily to the public for running in the area. For more details regarding city running paths, call Tucson Parks and Recreation Department at 520-791-4873.

**Fort Lowell Park Tennis Center**

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712  
520-235-3986

**McCormick Park**

2950 N. Columbus Blvd.

**Santa Cruz River Park**

Speedway Blvd. and Mission Rd.

**University of Arizona**

between Park and Campbell Avenues

**Southern Arizona Roadrunners Club**

4625 E. Broadway Blvd. #102  
Tucson 85711; 520-326-9383

The 10K Cinco de Mayo is a popular running event in Tucson, and one of many running events in Southern Arizona sponsored by the Southern Arizona Roadrunners Club.

**SKIING****Mount Lemmon Ski Valley**

10300 Ski Run Rd., Mt. Lemmon 85619  
520-576-1400, 520-885-1181  
[www.visittucson.org](http://www.visittucson.org)

“Unique and breathtakingly beautiful, the panoramic vistas of Tucson and Southern Arizona golf courses set against the breathtaking backdrop of mountains are more than enough to inspire a great round of golf.”

Thirty-five miles north of Tucson is the Mount Lemmon Ski Valley, the southern-most ski area in North America. Located in the Santa Catalina Mountains, Mt. Lemmon offers a variety of runs, along with snowboarding and cross-country skiing. The season usually begins in late December and runs to early April. Off season, a sky ride on the ski lift is offered. Ski conditions are available 24-hours a day.

**SWIMMING****The Breakers Waterpark**

8555 W. Tangerine Rd., Marana 85658  
520-682-2304

Marana is the site of The Breakers Waterpark which includes a large wave-pool, playground and video arcade. Situated on twenty acres, this is the Tucson area's largest waterpark. There are picnic

facilities and ongoing volleyball and basketball games, plus water balloon fights.

**Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation**

520-791-4225

The Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation has over twenty swimming pools. For locations call the department for locations and schedules.

**TENNIS**

The Tucson area is dotted with courts—lighted, hard surface and clay. There are public courts at the University of Arizona, Pima Community College and high schools. The city of Tucson oversees three public tennis centers:

**Fort Lowell Park Tennis and Racquetball Center**

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712  
520-235-3986

**Himmel Park**

1000 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson 85716  
520-791-3276

**Randolph Tennis Center**

50 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85711  
520-791-4896  
[www.randolphtenniscenter.com](http://www.randolphtenniscenter.com)

Courts can also be found at the Pima County parks as well as private tennis clubs in the area. Tennis leagues in a range of categories (mens, womens, mixed, juniors, and seniors) are sponsored by the city Parks and Recreation Department. ●



Ventana Canyon Golf Course. Photo courtesy of Visit Tucson



PUBLIC GOLF COURSES - GREATER TUCSON				HOLES/ PAR	USGA RTG/ SLOPE	LENGTH (YARDS)
Arizona National Golf Course	Tucson	520-749-3636	www.arizonanationalgolfclub.com	18/71	73.2/144	6,785
Arthur Pack Desert Course	Tucson	520-744-3322	www.pima.gov	18		
Canoa Hills Golf Course	Green Valley	520-648-1880	www.wildcattrail.com	18/72	70.9/130	6,610
El Conquistador C.C.	Tucson	520-544-5000	www.elconquistadorcc.com	18/72	69.7/132	6,288
Crooked Tree G.C.	Tucson	520-744-3322	www.crookedtreegolfcourse.net	18/72	71.8/130	6,895
Del Lago Golf Club	Vail	520-647-1100	www.dellagogolf.com	18/72	73.9/135	7,206
Dell Ulrich	Tucson	520-791-4161	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/70	68.1/101	6,663
Dorado C.C.	Tucson	520-885-6751	www.doradogolf.com	18/62	58.9/88	3,751
El Rio Golf Course	Tucson	520-791-4229	www.tucsoncitygolf.com/elrio.html	18.72	68.8/124	6,000
Fred Enke Municipal	Tucson	520-791-2539	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/72	71.3/135	6,809
The Golf Club at Vistoso	Tucson	520-797-9900	www.vistosogolf.com	18/72	72.1/145	6,935
Haven Golf Club	Green Valley	520-625-4281	www.havengolf.com	18/72	72.0/123	6,905
Heritage Highlands	Marana	520-579-7000	www.heritagehighlands.com	18/72	72.5/136	6,904
Kino Springs C.C.	Nogales	800-732-5751	www.kinospringsgc.com	18/72	70.1/126	6,445
Lodge & Club at Ventana Canyon	Tucson	520-577-4061	thelodgeatventanacanyon.com	18/72	73.0/147	6,898
Mountain View Golf Club	Tucson	520-818-1100	www.mountainviewgolf.com	18/72	71.3/127	6,728
Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa	Tucson	520-297-2271	www.tucsonnational.com	18/70		6,552
Palo Duro Creek G.C.	Nogales	877-752-9732		18/72	72.7/133	6,923
The Pines G.C. at Marana	Tucson	866-746-3718	www.thepinesgolfclub.com	18/72	72.1/123	6,854
Preserve G.C.	Tucson	520-825-9022	www.robson.com	18/72		7,006
Pueblo Del Sol Golf Course	Sierra Vista	520-378-6444	www.pdscountryclub.com	18/72	73.1/128	7,074
Quail Canyon Golf Course	Tucson	520-887-6161	www.quailcanyongolf.com	18/54	52.0/99	2,311
Quail Creek C.C.	Green Valley	520-393-5802		9	73.0/133	
Randolph North Municipal	Tucson	520-791-4161	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/72	72.5/128	6,863
Rio Rico Resort & Country Club	Rio Rico	520-281-8567	www.hhandr.com/golf.php	18/72	72.9/128	7,119
The Ritz Carlton G.C., Dove Mountain	Marana	888-603-7600	www.dovemountain.com	9/36		3,894
San Ignacio Golf Club	Green Valley	520-648-3468	www.sanignaciogolfclub.com	18/71	72.0/135	6,704
Santa Rita Golf Club	Corona de Tucson	520-762-5620	www.santaritagolf.com	18/72	70.2/125	6,523
Sheraton Pusch Ridge Resort	Tucson	520-544-1770	www.elconquistadorcc.com	18		
Silverbell Municipal	Tucson	520-791-5235	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/70	72.2/123	6,936
Starr Pass Golf Club	Tucson	800-503-2898	www.jwmarrriottstarpass.com	9/36	74.8/144	3,512
Torres Blancas Golf Club	Green Valley	520-625-5200	www.torresblancasgolf.com	18/72	71.6/125	6,894
Trini Alvarez El Rio G.C.	Tucson	520-791-4229	www.tucsoncitygolf.com/elrio.html	18/70	72.3/123	6,418
Tubac Golf Resort	Tubac	800-848-7893	www.tubacgolfresort	9/71	70.5/129	6,533
Voyager G.C.	Tucson	520-574-5700	www.voyagerrv.com	9/27		1,003



# PARKS & RECREATION

## NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

The Grand Canyon is in the northern part of the state and fifteen other national monuments are scattered throughout the state. Plus, there are over 14.6 million acres of national forests, parks and recreation areas.

**Canyon de Chelly National Monument** is near Chinle on the Navajo Reservation. Five periods of Indian culture are represented in these fascinating cliff dwellers' ruins situated within red sandstone walls. From Phoenix: 313 miles northeast. From Tucson: 429 miles northeast. 928-674-5500.

**Casa Grande Ruins National Monument** is off AZ 87 near Coolidge. A four-story structure, built by the Hohokam Indians over 650 years ago, represents the best of Hohokam architecture. Village sites and irrigation canals are evident. From Phoenix: 50 miles southeast. From Tucson: 70 miles northwest. 520-723-3172.

**Chiricahua National Monument**, I-10 to AZ 186, features the "Wonderland of Rocks" – giant formations carved by nature from volcanic rock. This is land once controlled by Apaches under Cochise. From Phoenix: 228 miles southeast. From Tucson: 115 miles east. 520-824-3560 ext. 302.

**The Grand Canyon National Park and Monument** is one of the seven wonders of the world and is absolutely breathtaking. The Colorado River runs through the canyon which is 277 miles long and averages 10 miles in width. The South Rim is open year-round while heavy snows close the North Rim during late October until mid-May. There are numerous nature trails and viewing points plus the Tusayan Ruin and Museum (a small prehistoric pueblo), the Yavapai Museum which offers regional, geological exhibits, and the Visitor Center. From Phoenix: 225 miles north. From Tucson: 341 miles north. 928-638-7888



**Marble Canyon National Monument** is on the Colorado River and has nearly vertical walls, some 3,000 feet high. From Phoenix: 270 miles north. From Tucson: 386 miles north. 928-638-7888

**Montezuma Castle National Monument**, off I-17, is a five-story cliff dwelling with 20 rooms, built by the Sinagua Indians in the thirteenth century. It is considered to be one of the best preserved dwellings of its kind in the country. A Visitor Center displays artifacts found in the area. From Phoenix: 110 miles north. From Tucson: 226 miles north. 928-567-3322

**Navajo National Monument**, off US 160, is the site of the largest of Arizona's cliff dwellings which are the remains of the Anasazi Indian Culture from the thirteenth century. Located on the Navajo Reservation, the most accessible ruin – Betatakin – had 150 rooms. From Phoenix: 280 miles northeast. From Tucson: 396 miles north. 928-672-2700

**Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument** is off AZ 85. This section of the Sonoran Desert is the primary location of the organ pipe cactus. Other varieties of cactus and desert plants also contribute to the beauty of this monument. From Phoenix: 125 miles southwest. From Tucson: 120 miles west. 520-387-6849

**Petrified Forest National Park**, off I-40, has the largest concentration of colorful petrified wood. There are five separate areas within the park for viewing the agatized wood. Special points of interest are: Agate Bridge – a petrified log that spans a forty-foot-wide ravine; Newspaper Rock – bears Indian petroglyphs; Puerco Ruin – remains of an Anasazi pueblo; and Rainbow Forest Museum – contains polished petrified wood, crystals, minerals and fossils plus exhibits about the forest. A drive through the park offers scenic overlooks to view the Painted Desert – an area of sand and stone that displays colors at various elevations. From Phoenix: 217 miles northeast. From Tucson: 270 miles north. 928-524-3567

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Pipe Spring National Monument is on the Kaibab-Paiute Indian Reservation off AZ 389. A preserved, 1870s Mormon fort and other structures can be found here. Costumed personnel reenact western nineteenth-century living. From Phoenix: 355 miles northwest. From Tucson: 471 miles northwest. 928-643-7105

**Saguaro National Monument** comprises two areas – The Rincon Mountain District east of Tucson and the Tucson Mountain Unit west of Tucson. Over 54,000 acres are covered with stands of saguaro cacti. This area is beautiful in April and May when the cacti bloom. A Visitor Center contains plant and animal exhibits. From Phoenix: 120 miles southeast. From Tucson: 13 miles west. 520-733-5153

**Sunset Crater National Monument**, off US 89, is a volcanic cone – 1,000 feet high with shades of red, orange and yellow cinders leading to its summit – resembling a sunset. From Phoenix: 162 miles north. From Tucson: 278 miles north. 928-526-0502

**Tonto National Monument**, off AZ 88, is a fourteenth-century Salado Indian pueblo, visible from the Visitor Center. This two-story cliff dwelling is well preserved and a second forty-room dwelling is also accessible by a ranger conducted tour. From Phoenix: 80 miles east. From Tucson: 133 miles north. 928-476-2241

**Tumacacori National Monument**, off I-19, was once a Pima Indian village which became a Spanish mission in 1697 when Jesuit Father Kino arrived. The ruins of

a massive adobe church which was never completed are here, along with a museum. From Phoenix: 160 miles southeast. From Tucson: 42 miles south. 520-398-2341

**Tuzigoot National Monument** is north off AZ 279. The ruins of a 110-room pueblo are situated here on top of a barren knoll. The Visitor Center displays the artifacts excavated from the site. From Phoenix: 106 miles north. From Tucson: 222 miles north. 928-634-5564

**Walnut Canyon National Monument** is north off I-40. More than 300 Sinagua Indian cliff dwelling ruins from 1120 AD are on ledges in a 400-foot-deep gorge. These single-family dwellings are visible from the Visitor Center and a self-guiding trail leads past twenty five of them. From Phoenix: 155 miles north. From Tucson: 271 miles north. 928-526-3367

**Wupatki National Monument** is north off US 89. Hundreds of ruins, from the eleventh to the thirteenth centuries, are located in this large settlement built by ancestors of the Hopi Indians. The area was a farming community and was one of the most densely populated areas of northern Arizona. Self-guiding trails run through this 35,693-acre monument. From Phoenix: 180 miles north. From Tucson: 296 miles north. 928-679-2349

## STATE PARKS

Arizona's parks feature everything from swimming, fishing and boating to camping and picnicking, and from prehistoric Indian writings and century-old military posts to beautiful desert scenery.



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### HISTORICAL PARKS

**Fort Verde State Historic Park** is in Camp Verde, on I-17. Three furnished officers' quarters and the administration building of this fort along with historical military exhibits are on view. From Phoenix: 92 miles north. From Tucson: 208 miles north. 520-567-3275

**Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park** is in the city of Yuma, off I-8. From 1876 to 1909 this historic prison housed some of the West's worst criminals. Strap iron cells, crude bunk beds, ball and chains, and the "hole" can be viewed inside the prison along with displays of the criminals' histories. From Phoenix: 181 miles southwest. From Tucson: 237 miles west. 928-783-4771.

**Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park** is in the town of Tombstone, off US 80. Built in 1882, during the wild west days of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday and surrounded by saloons, the O.K. Corral and Boot Hill, the courthouse is now a museum exhibiting artifacts of Tombstone's lively past. From Phoenix: 185 miles southeast. From Tucson: 73 miles southeast. 520-457-3311.

**Jerome State Historic Park** is off US 89A in Jerome, a one-time copper mining town which has been restored. The park museum was a mansion designed to house visiting mine officials. Antique mining equipment

and exhibits, as well as the mansion, are on view. From Phoenix: 110 miles north. From Tucson: 226 miles north. 928-634-5381

**Riordan Mission State Historic Park** is in Flagstaff at 1300 Riordan Ranch Street. This lavish 40-room mansion was home to the Riordan brothers, lumber and railroad tycoons. Original furnishings, period antiques and personal family items can be viewed during a guided tour. From Phoenix: 145 miles north. From Tucson: 261 miles north. 928-779-4395.

**McFarland Historical State Park** is in Florence, off US 89 and AZ 287. Named after former U.S. Senator, Arizona Governor and State Supreme Court Justice Ernest W. McFarland, the park features the first Pinal County courthouse which was later used as a hospital. Displays include a replica courtroom, hospital artifacts and historical exhibits. From Phoenix: 65 miles southeast. From Tucson: 67 miles northwest. 520-868-5216.

**Tubac Presidio State Historic Park** is in Tubac, off I-19. In 1752, the Spaniards established a presidio (fort) and mission in Tubac. The park encompasses the old presidio site and features a restored 1880 schoolhouse, Indian and Spanish artifacts and an underground exhibit of the fort's foundation. From Phoenix: 156 miles southeast. From Tucson: 45 miles south. 520-398-2252.

### DESERT PARKS

**Lost Dutchman State Park** is at the base of the Superstition Mountains, on AZ 88, the Apache Trail. The park serves as a base for campers and hikers who are exploring the mountains – the site of the supposed Lost Dutchman gold mine. From Phoenix: 36 miles east. From Tucson: 100 miles north. 480-982-4485.

**Catalina State Park** is at the base of the Catalina Mountains, on US 89. With 5,511 acres, this park is the third largest in the state and has campgrounds and picnic areas. A special birding trail for viewing over 150 species runs through the park. From Phoenix: 119 miles southeast. From Tucson: 12 miles north. 520-628-5797

**Picacho Peak State Park**, on I-10, is the site of Arizona's only Civil War battle. The peak can be seen 40 miles in any direction. There are picnic and camping facilities. From Phoenix: 80 miles south. From Tucson: 38 miles northwest. 520-466-3183

### EDUCATIONAL PARKS

**Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum**, on US 60, has self-guided tours on trails through 420 acres of a variety of semi-desert plants collected from around the world. A Visitor Center and two greenhouses are



available. Also, there is a large picnic area. From Phoenix: 65 miles east. From Tucson: 84 miles north. 520-689-2723

**Homolovi Ruins State Park** is off I-40 near Winslow. The name means “place of the mounds.” This area is one of the last prehistoric stopping places of the Hopi Indians. There are a series of six archaeological sites forming the focus of this unique park. Educational research tours are available. From Phoenix: 206 miles northeast. From Tucson: 322 miles north. 928-289-4106

**Oracle State Park** is off the old Mt. Lemmon Road. Set within the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, this wildlife refuge is an environmental education center open to accredited educational groups for nature study, bird watching, hiking and picnicking. From Phoenix: 110 miles southeast. From Tucson: 6 miles north. 520-896-2425

**Red Rock State Park** is off Red Rock Loop Road near Sedona. It sits next to Oak Creek among red cliffs and is a photographer's delight. From Phoenix: 120 miles north. From Tucson: 236 miles north. 928-282-6907

**Kartchner Caverns State Park** is located off I-10 near Benson. Tours of the 2.5-mile-long, beautiful cavern are available. From Phoenix: 160 miles southeast. From Tucson: 46 miles southeast. 520-586-2283

## WATER BASED PARKS

**Dead Horse Ranch State Park**, off US 89A, is set in the Verde Valley. There is camping, picnicking, fishing and canoeing. From Phoenix: 90 miles north. From Tucson: 206 miles north. 928-634-5283

**Slide Rock State Park**, off US 89A, is located in Oak Creek Canyon. A natural water slide provides plenty of entertainment. Picnicking, fishing and just relaxing are favorite pastimes here. From Phoenix: 125 miles north. From Tucson: 241 miles north. 928-282-3034

**Buckskin Mountain State Park** is just north of Parker on AZ 95 and is on the Colorado River. Waterfront cabanas, tent

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sites and trailer areas are available at this popular park for water sports and fishing. Hiking trails wind into the Buckskin range and provide panoramic overlooks. From Phoenix: 169 miles northwest. From Tucson: 285 miles northwest. 928-855-2784

**Lake Havasu State Park** has two recreational areas. Cattail Cove is on AZ 95 and Windsor Beach is in Lake Havasu City. Lake Havasu was formed by Parker Dam and is forty-five miles long offering plenty of space for all water sports. Both areas have quiet campsites, some only accessible by boat, and the fishing is excellent. The London Bridge is alive and well in Lake Havasu. From Phoenix: Cattail Cove – 190 miles northwest; Windsor Beach – 105 miles northwest. From Tucson: Cattail Cove – 306 miles northwest; Windsor Beach – 221 miles northwest. 928-855-2784

**Roper Lake State Park** is one-half mile off US 191 near Safford. Located at the foot of Mt. Graham, the park has camping and picnicking facilities. The lake is stocked seasonally and is off limits to gasoline-powered boats. From Phoenix: 170 miles southeast. From Tucson: 128 miles northeast. 520-428-6760

**Painted Rocks State Park** is off I-8 on Painted Rock Road. There are two diverse areas – one historic, one lake. In the historic part, an outstanding collection of rocks covered with ancient Indian writings known as petroglyphs can be viewed. Most

water activities, as well as bird watching, are available at the lake area. Both units have campgrounds, shelters and picnic areas. From Phoenix: 91 miles southwest. From Tucson: 125 miles northwest. 406-542-5500

**Lyman Lake State Park** is off US 191 near St. Johns in the plateau country. A 1,500-acre lake, at an elevation of over 6,000 feet, offers boating, canoeing, swimming and fishing. Hiking, rockhounding and camping are also popular activities. From Phoenix: 225 miles northeast. From Tucson: 260 miles northeast. 928-337-4441

**Patagonia Lake State Park**, off AZ 82, is situated in the hills of the Sonoita Creek area. The park features modern campsites and good fishing – the lake is stocked with trout, but also has bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie. Swimming, a beach marina, launching ramp and boat rentals are also here. From Phoenix: 175 miles southeast. From Tucson: 59 miles south. 520-287-6965

**Alamo Lake State Park** is on Cumingham Pass Road off US 60 at Wenden. Camping, swimming, boating, hiking, canoeing and bass fishing can be enjoyed at this large reservoir set on 5,642 acres. There are 400 campsites, a trailer park, amphitheater, picnic area and two boat ramps. From Phoenix: 140 miles northwest. From Tucson: 256 miles northwest. 928-669-2088. ●

# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

ARIZONA EVENTS  
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS





## JANUARY

### PHOENIX

#### **Barrett-Jackson Antique Auto Auction**

*Westworld of Scottsdale • 480-663-6697*

*www.barrett-jackson.com/events/scottsdale/*

Six days of high energy auctions featuring vintage and rare cars. Begun in 1971 in Scottsdale and celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2011, Barrett-Jackson Auction Company specializes in providing products and services to collector car owners, astute collectors and automotive enthusiasts worldwide. Named one of the top 100 "World's Most Ethical Companies" by Ethisphere Magazine in 2010, Barrett-Jackson produces "The World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions."

#### **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl**

*University of Phoenix Stadium*

*480-350-0911 • www.fiestabowl.org*

The Fiesta Bowl recently celebrated 40 years hosting the top college football teams of the Big 12 Conference, and is commonly regarded as one of the top bowl games in the nation.

#### **PF Chang's Rock'n'Roll Arizona Marathon & 1/2 Marathon**

*Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe*

*800-311-1255 • www.arizona.competitor.com*

More than 30,000 runners participated in 2011 Rock'n'Roll Arizona Marathon. The following rock concert was headlined by hit band Vertical Horizon.

### TUCSON

#### **American Indian Exposition**

*Flamingo Hotel • 520-622-4900*

*www.usaindianinfo.org*

An official event of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (see below), this annual event hosts one of the most comprehensive and finest collection of American Indian art, craftsmanship and food catering to the most exacting collectors of indigenous artifacts.

## FEBRUARY

### PHOENIX

#### **PGA Waste Management Phoenix Open**

*TPC Scottsdale • 602-870-0163*

*www.wastemanagementphoenixopen.com*

Hosted by the Phoenix Thunderbirds, PGA's WM Phoenix Open marked its 76th event play in 2011, making it one of the five oldest non-championship events on the PGA tour. The 2011 WM Phoenix Open champion was Mark Wilson.

#### **World Golf Championships—**

##### **Accenture Match Play Championship**

*Ritz-Carlton GC, Dove Mountain, Marana*

*520-571-0400 • worldgolfchampionships.com*

First launched in 1999 and held in Carlsbad, Calif., the Accenture Match Play Championship moved to sunny Marana, Ariz., just an hour south of Phoenix, in 2007. Now played at the Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain, past winners since moving have included Henrik Stenson, Tiger Woods, Geoff Ogilvy and Ian Poulter.

#### **Arizona Renaissance Festival**

*12601 East Highway 60*

*20-463-2700 • www.royalfaires.com/arizona/*

Relive days gone past at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. This Festival transports visitors to an European-style country fair filled with an agreeable rabble of knights, rogues, royalty and craftsmen, all roaming throughout a 30-acre, charm-filled village with 200 quaint shops, 12 stages of non-stop entertainment, an arena for full-contact armored jousting, kitchens, pubs and people-powered games and rides.

### TUCSON

#### **La Fiesta de los Vaqueros**

*Tucson Rodeo Grounds*

*520-741-2233 • www.tucsonrodeo.com*

Since its inception in 1925, La Fiesta de los Vaqueros has become one of the top 25 professional rodeos in North America, featuring 20 days of rodeo events, kids activities, special meals and meetings and the Tucson Rodeo Parade, the world's longest nonmechanized parade.

#### **Accenture Match Play Championship**

*Ritz-Carlton Golf Club • 520-572-3000*

*www.pgatour.com/tournaments/r470*

Played on the Jack Nicklaus-designed course at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Dove Mountain, the Accenture Match Play Championships is a five-day,

six-match single elimination tournament that has seen the likes of such golf professionals as Tiger Woods, Geoff Ogilvy, Ian Poulter and Luke Donald, and annually hosts some 64 of the top players from the Official World Golf Rankings.

#### **Tucson Gem & Mineral Show**

*Tucson Convention Center*

*520-322-5773 • www.tgms.org*

The acclaimed Tucson Gem and Mineral Show sets the standard for gem and mineral shows around the world, and is now the largest gem and mineral show in the United States. The Show is open to the public and presents retail Dealers only. Proceeds from the Show remain in the Tucson economy and are used to support mineral knowledge and appreciation.

## MARCH

### PHOENIX

#### **Cactus League Baseball**

*Various Venues*

*480-270-5000 • www.cactusleague.com*

For decades, Arizona has hosted Major League Baseball spring training promising an incredible month of sunshine, scenic beauty and warm hospitality paired with America's favorite pastime.

#### **Chandler Chamber Annual Ostrich Festival**

*Tumbleweed Park*

*480-588-8497 • www.ostrichfestival.com*

The Annual Ostrich Festival event promises to be bigger and better than ever with national and local entertainment, amazing acts, great food, beverages and of course ostriches!

#### **Circle K Tempe Music Festival**

*480-970-3378 • www.tempemusicfestival.com*

This annual event features local and nationally acclaimed bands together for two days of live music with food vendors and more on the shores of Tempe Town Lake.

#### **Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affair**

*Fountain Hills • 480-837-5637*

*www.thunderbirdartists.com/festivals.htm*

Presented by Thunderbird Artists and the Sunset Kiwanis of Fountain Hills, the

Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire is three days of fine art, fine wine and fine musical entertainment.

## TUCSON

### Tucson Cine Mexico

*Multiple Venues*

520-626-9825 • [www.tucsoncinemexico.org](http://www.tucsoncinemexico.org)

Tucson Cine Mexico is a premiere film festival in the US focusing entirely on the work of Mexican directors and producers. The festival is dedicated to presenting the best in contemporary Mexican cinema to a diverse audience.

### Tucson Festival of Books

*University of Arizona Campus*

520-721-7964 • [www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org](http://www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org)

This massive, two-day event is a celebration of everything that has to do with books and reading, visitors can meet their favorite authoris, attend panels, participate in activities for all ages and enjoy great food from local vendors. Just some notables who have attended include J.A. Jance, Terry Brooks, Casy Susan and Louis Bayard. Proceeds from this event go to local literacy efforts.

### Arts in the Park

*Canada del Oro Riverfront Park, Oro Valley*

520-797-3959 • [www.orovalleyfestival.org](http://www.orovalleyfestival.org)

Arts in the Park is a free, two-day, fine art festival showcasing over 80 juried artists from all across the United States and Canada. The artists display stunning works in a large variety of mediums, including painting, photography, jewelry, fiber, glass, wood and more.

## APRIL

### PHOENIX

#### Arizona Asian Festival

*Mesa • [www.aaaa-az.org](http://www.aaaa-az.org)*

This festival—which is free and open to the public features ethnic cuisine, arts and crafts, and such diverse entertainment as martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances and music from nearly a dozen Asian countries.

#### Maricopa County Home Shows

*Various Venues • 602-485-1691*

[www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com](http://www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com)

These events show the latest and greatest in home improvement. The largest home shows in the state, they have helped the industry thrive for the past 19 years.

### TUCSON

#### Fourth Avenue Street Fair (Spring)

*Fourth Ave. between Ninth & University Blvd.*

520-624-5004 • [www.fourthavenue.org](http://www.fourthavenue.org)

The first of two Street Fairs happening every year, the Spring Fair is free to the public and brings together more than 400 arts and crafts booths, 35 food vendors, two stages, street musicians, food, jugglers, street performers, the Free SPIKE kids hands-on-art Pavilion, face painting, balloons and tons of other fun activities.

#### Spring Fling

*Rillito Downs, 4502 N. First Avenue*

20-621-5610 • [www.springfling.arizona.edu](http://www.springfling.arizona.edu)

Spring Fling is the largest student run carnival in the nation, with some 30,000 people attending each year and features rides, midway games, food and both amateur and professional entertainment. Spring Fling serves as a fund-raising opportunity for University

of Arizona campus clubs and organizations, with an average gross income of \$80,000 per year.

#### Oracle Artists Studio Tour

*Multiple Locations, Oracle*

520-896-2079 • [www.oraclestudiotour.com](http://www.oraclestudiotour.com)

Just northeast of Tucson, the Oracle Artists Studio Tours features dozens of artists, working in nearly every medium, showcasing their work in their studios, galleries, and historic venues.

## MAY

### PHOENIX

#### Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games

*Various Venues • 602-230-1200*

[www.specialolympicsarizona.org](http://www.specialolympicsarizona.org)

Special Olympics Arizona is made up of passionate, committed individuals from every walk of life, who recognize the value and unique gifts of people with intellectual disabilities. And who, together, share the common belief in dignity, equality and opportunity for ALL people.

#### Queen Creek Peach Festival

480-987-3100 • [www.peachfestival.net](http://www.peachfestival.net)

This annual event, which is free to the public, affords attendees to pick their own peaches, and hosts such activities as a sampling tents, a peach-themed breakfast and a pie-eating contest.

#### Cinco de Mayo

*Various Venues*

This special event, which is a national holiday in Mexico but also is celebrated through the southwestern United States, commemorates the Battle of Pueblo when, on May 5, 1862, Mexican army units defeated a French army twice their size. Independent special events are

## APRIL: Scottsdale Culinary Festival

[www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org](http://www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org)

First begun in 1978, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival is a fabulous opportunity for expanding one's culinary horizons, and also a way to give back to local arts programs and the community at large.





conducted on and around May 5 every year throughout the region.

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## TUCSON

### Music Under the Stars

*DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, Reid Park*  
520-722-5853 • [www.tucsonpops.org](http://www.tucsonpops.org)

Now in its sixth decade of great performances, the Tucson Pops Orchestra continues this tradition by entertaining city residents with this outstanding annual live concert series, which takes place May-June every year and is free and open to the public.

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### Wyatt Earp Days

*Multiple Locations, Tombstone*  
20-457-3291 • [www.wyattearpdays.com](http://www.wyattearpdays.com)

In celebration of the memory of famous frontier lawman Wyatt Earp and his historic impact on the Town to Tough to Die, just some of the great activities included in this three-day event include day-long entertainment, a costume and re-enactment competition and chili cook-off

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### Spring Willcox Wine Country Festival

*Railroad Park, Willcox*  
520-507-2301 • [www.azwinefestival.com](http://www.azwinefestival.com)

The festival is a two-day event that includes food, music and, of course, wine. Wine tasting will be \$10 for patrons over 21 and will include six tasting coupons and a commemorative Arizona Wine glass.

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## JUNE

## PHOENIX

### Grand Canyon State Games

*Tempe* • 480-517-9700 • [www.gscg.org](http://www.gscg.org)

The Grand Canyon State Games is a multi-sport Olympic Festival for Arizona amateur athletes of all ages and abilities. The Games is organized by the Arizona Sports Council and is affiliated with 47 other state games throughout the United States. It is sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee through the National Congress of State Games. The Games seeks to provide Arizonans with an avenue for personal development through sports. In 2010, over 30,000 Arizonans participated.

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### Downtown Chandler Art Walk

*Chandler* • [www.downtownchandlerartwalk.com](http://www.downtownchandlerartwalk.com)

The Art Walk is a monthly event that provides a fun family atmosphere where you can browse the many different types of art available from our talented artists. It's a great opportunity to visit all of the unique establishments in downtown Chandler and hear live music from local talent.

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## TUCSON

### Summer Art Cruise

*Downtown Tucson*  
520-629-9759 • [www.ctgatucson.org](http://www.ctgatucson.org)

The Summer Art Cruise is an opportunity for art lovers to examine first-hand Tucson's wonderful art scene by perusing more than 13 galleries specializing in a wide variety of contemporary art disciplines, including paintings, paper art, photography and performance.

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### Summer Saturday Evenings

*Arizona Sonora Desert Museum*  
520-883-1380 • [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org)

Taking place at the world-renowned Arizona Sonora Desert Museum every Saturday between 6:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. beginning in June, visitors are encouraged to discover the wonders of the desert at night, with its celestial wonders, fluorescent minerals, night pollinators, animal eye shine, Sonoran Desert insects, night sounds, bats, kissing bugs, scorpions, or rattlesnakes.

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### Garlic, Onion & Musical Festival

*Agua Linda Farm, Amado*  
520-398-3218 • [www.agualindafarm.net](http://www.agualindafarm.net)

Stock up on some of the best, home-grown garlic and onion in Southern Arizona while enjoying great food, music, hay rides, a petting zoo and pony rides at the farm that was voted one of the top places to visit in the Tucson area by Tucson Lifestyle Magazine in 2009.

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## JULY

## PHOENIX

### Mighty Mud Mania

*Scottsdale* • 480-312-2771  
[www.scottsdaleaz.gov/MightyMudMania](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/MightyMudMania)

Mighty Mud Mania has been held since then as the culminating activity of all the Scottsdale Parks and Recreation summer programs.

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### Freedom Wireless Phoenix Fourth

[www.phoenix.gov/PARKS/jlymain.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/PARKS/jlymain.html)

Phoenix's premier Independence Day family event, it will feature great local entertainment, a giant misting area to cool off, inflatable rides, three stages of entertainment, a Classic Car exhibit and one of the biggest fireworks displays in the state! Festivalgoers also can enjoy food and beverage vendors.

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## TUCSON

### Tucson International Children's Film Festival

*The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Boulevard*  
520-795-0844 • [www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

Super summer excitement returns to the Old Pueblo with its annual Tucson International Children's Film Festival. Each morning, kids and their parents can experience some of the best children's films of all-time, along with fun games, interactive activities, free giveaways, tons-o-popcorn and crazy surprises. And best of all, it's FREE!

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### Masters of American Photography

*Etherton Gallery, 135 S. Sixth Avenue*  
520-624-7370 • [www.ethertongallery.com](http://www.ethertongallery.com)

The Etherton Gallery presents Masters of American Photography, a salute to some of the greatest photographers in the history of American art. Some of these valuable pieces were only recently acquired from important private collections.

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### La Encantada Summer Concert Series

*La Encantada* • 520-797-3959  
[www.saaca.org/summerconcertseries.html](http://www.saaca.org/summerconcertseries.html)

Normally the center of high-end luxury commerce, the La Encantada outdoor shopping center serves as a perfect backdrop for this free and eclectic jazz concert series which includes local and world-renowned musicians, playing everything from Dixieland to Latin jazz.

## AUGUST

## PHOENIX

**Arizona Home & Building Expo**

602-277-6045 • <http://azbigmedia.com/hbe/arizona-home-building-expo>

Arizona's longest running home and building expo, the two-day event features countless home-related items, such as kitchen amenities, outdoor products, pools, flooring, solar and more.

**Arizona Cardinals Football**

Glendale • 602-379-0102 • [www.azcardinals.com](http://www.azcardinals.com)

August marks the beginning of preseason for the Arizona Cardinals NFL football team. Home games are played at University of Phoenix Stadium.

## TUCSON

**Annual Tammie Awards**

Rialto Theater • 520-295-4221  
[www.tammies.com](http://www.tammies.com)

Put on by the Tucson Weekly, the Old Pueblo's independent weekly newspaper, the Tucson Area Music Awards (Tammies) seek to enhance Tucson's vibrant local music scene by reconizing those musicians and musical groups who made outstanding contributions to the area's unique and varied sound. The selection process culminates in a concert and awards show with a carnival atmosphere featuring great live music.

**Monsoon! Art Exhibit**

Tohono Chul Park • [www.tohonochulpark.org/wordpress/art-exhibits/in-exhibit-hall](http://www.tohonochulpark.org/wordpress/art-exhibits/in-exhibit-hall)

Celebrated by locals and visitors alike, Southern Arizona's monsoon season brings the desert alive with sudden downpours and flashing lightning. This exhibit features creative paintings, textiles, photography and mixed media interpretations and draws on works in the Park's permanent collections that bring attention to the joy of the rainy season.

**Arizona Biennial Art Exhibition**

Tucson Museum of Art • 520-624-2333  
[www.tucsonmuseumofart.org/exhibitions/](http://www.tucsonmuseumofart.org/exhibitions/)

First organized in 1948, the Arizona Biennial Art Exhibition presents paintings, sculpture and crafts to photography and installations.

Works are chosen by a visiting guest curator from outside the area and a new juror is chosen each year to keep the exhibition fresh and to encourage outside curators to become exposed to the incredible range of quality art produced in Arizona.

## SEPTEMBER

## PHOENIX

**CopperCon**

Avondale • [www.casfs.org/cucon/](http://www.casfs.org/cucon/)

For fans of science fiction, fantasy and horror media, as well as hard and speculative science, the CopperCon science fiction convention is the premiere meeting place.

**Ballet Under the Stars**

Various Venues  
602-381-1096 • [www.balletaz.org](http://www.balletaz.org)

Free and open to the public, Ballet Under the Stars allows Arizonans to enjoy dance in a unique outdoor setting complete with a stage, lighting, costumes and beautiful Arizona weather.

**Arizona Fall Frenzy**

Tempe Beach Park • [www.arizonafallfrenzy.com](http://www.arizonafallfrenzy.com)

A three-day event featuring premiere recording artists and musical acts, food vendors and more.

## TUCSON

**Annual Bisbee Blues Festival**

Warren Ballpark, Bisbee  
[www.thebisbeeb bluesfestival.com](http://www.thebisbeeb bluesfestival.com)

Now in its 7th year, the Bisbee Blues Festival continues to feature great talent such as Tab Benoit, Shemekia Copeland, Coco Montoya, Big Daddy D and the Dynamites, as well as other outstanding blues performers from around the United States.

**Saguaro National Park Labor Day Run**

Saguaro National Park East  
520-991-0733 • [www.azroadrunners.org](http://www.azroadrunners.org)

Some 1,200 participants will enjoy this regional favorite that combines beautifully scenic eight-mile and five-k courses along with post-race festivities. Taking place for more than 40 years, this event was featured as a Runner's World Race of the Month.

**Roasted Green Chili Festival**

12500 E. Old Spanish Trail, Vail  
520-591-2276 • [www.rinconinstitute.org](http://www.rinconinstitute.org)

As many as 2,000 people annually visit the Annual Roasted Chile Festival at the Rincon Valley Farmers & Artisans Market in Vail to sample its many fresh roasted green chilies, chile ristas, locally grown pesticide-free and organic fresh produce and fruit, artisans, fresh hot food, kids' activities and games, and a beer garden.

## OCTOBER

## PHOENIX

**Arizona State Fair**

State Fairgrounds  
602-252-6771 • [www.azstatefair.com](http://www.azstatefair.com)

First envisioned in 1884, hundreds of thousands of residents from across the state now flock to the fair each year to enjoy its foods, exhibits, and entertainment.

**The Great Pumpkin Festival**

Desert Botanical Garden  
480-941-1225 • [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org)

Celebrate a fall tradition with Desert Botanical Garden. Take a hayride out to the Pumpkin Patch, where children 12 and under can find a perfect pumpkin! Attempt the hay bale maze, decorate your pumpkin and visit the Community Garden to see how pumpkins and vegetables grow. Test your skills on carnival-style games, dance to folk, country and bluegrass music, and meet adorable farm animals.

**Mesa Storytelling Festival**

480-644-6500 • [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com)

The Mesa Storytelling Festival is considered one of the best in the country. Fun for the whole family, two-day Festival celebrates the art of storytelling, a love of reading and the power of imagination through outdoor storytelling concerts and storytelling workshops.

**Scottsdale Cycling Festival**

480-538-2541 • [www.scottsdalecyclingfestival.com](http://www.scottsdalecyclingfestival.com)

This event includes the Criterium at DC Ranch and El Tour de Scottsdale, and hosts hundreds of professional and amateur cycling enthusiasts from around the world.



## TUCSON

### Nightfall

*Old Tucson Studios*

520-883-0100 • [www.nightfallaz.com](http://www.nightfallaz.com)

An Old Pueblo Halloween staple for more than 20 years, Nightfall provides its visitors with creepy live shows, spooky attractions, grotesque live characters, lethal libations, vicious victuals, and terrifying trinkets. It is a two-time winner of Hauntworld Magazine's Top Ten amusement park Halloween Events in the United States.

### Tucson Meet Yourself

*Multiple Locations*

520-370-0588 • [www.tucsonmeetyourself.org](http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org)

An annual event devoted to celebrate and explore Tucson's myriad cultural diversity, Tucson Meet Yourself continues to grow since its first came into being 30 years ago. Dancing, singing, artwork and food from more than 30 different ethnicities are featured in the downtown area. In fact, the food segment has become so popular that many Tucsonans have come to call the event "Tucson Eat Yourself"!

## NOVEMBER

### PHOENIX

#### Arizona International Car Show

717-671-4300

[www.motortrendautoshow.com/phoenix/](http://www.motortrendautoshow.com/phoenix/)

A display of new-model cars from around the world. Hosted at the Phoenix Convention Center.

#### Fantasy of Lights

*Tempe* • [www.millavenue.com](http://www.millavenue.com)

The Fantasy of Lights is held every year to celebrate the coming holiday season. Festivities include a parade, a tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa Claus.

## TUCSON

### All Souls Procession Weekend

*Multiple Locations*

All Souls Procession is one of the largest festivals in Tucson. Celebrated since 1990, it is held on the first Sunday in November. Modeled on the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, it combines elements of African, Anglo, Celtic, and Latin American culture.

### El Tour de Tucson

*Tucson perimeter* • 520-745-2033

[www.pbba.com/!ETT/ETThome.html](http://www.pbba.com/!ETT/ETThome.html)

Held annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving, El Tour is a fun ride attracting over 9,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities from throughout the United States and beyond, consisting of novice, intermediate, advanced and professional riders.

## DECEMBER

### PHOENIX

#### Zoolights

*Phoenix Zoo*

602-273-1341 • [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org)

ZooLights is one of the largest holiday light shows in the southwest with 2.5 million lights, hundreds of custom lighted animal displays, carousel rides, camel rides, wagon rides and more.

#### Insight Bowl

*Sun Devil Stadium*

[www.fiestabowl.org/index.php/insight/](http://www.fiestabowl.org/index.php/insight/)

The Insight Bowl annual football game, which is played at Sun Devil Stadium, pits the third pick from the Big 12 Conference and the third or fourth pick from the Big Ten Conference. This two-conference face-off features hard-hitting action.

## Holiday Concerts and Shows

*Various Venues*

The Valley of the Sun hosts a huge variety of other entertainment and celebrations during the holiday season.

### Gilbert Art Walk

*Downtown Gilbert*

Local artists set up booths to display their work. Community booths and children's activities. Free admission.

## TUCSON

### Fourth Avenue Street Fair (Fall)

*Fourth Ave. between Ninth and University Blvd.*

520-624-5004 • [www.fourthavenue.org](http://www.fourthavenue.org)

The second of two Street Fairs happening every year, the Fall Fair is free to the public and brings together more than 400 arts and crafts booths, 35 food vendors, two stages, street musicians, food, jugglers, street performers, the Free SPIKE kids hands-on-art Pavilion, face painting, balloons and tons of other fun activities.

### Winterhaven Festival of Lights

*Winterhaven neighborhood, central Tucson*

[www.winterhavenfestival.org](http://www.winterhavenfestival.org)

Now in its sixty-second year of operation, the Winterhaven Festival of Lights is one of Tucson's truly iconic holiday traditions. Every year hundreds of thousands of people from throughout southern Arizona visit the neighborhood to view its many inventive holiday lights displays on foot, by car or via the many hey rides available. It is also a prime contributor to Tucson's Community Food Bank in Tucson. In 2010, over \$27,000 and 44,000 pounds of food were donated to the Food Bank through the Festival.

## DECEMBER: Oro Valley Festival of the Arts

[www.orovalleyfestival.org](http://www.orovalleyfestival.org)

Oro Valley Festival of the Arts is an outdoor art and craft show that features up to 100 artists during a pre-holiday weekend. All types of art will be featured with a special emphasis on holiday fine art and fine craft gifts, complete with a Friday night tree lighting, special appearance by Santa and holiday music all weekend long.





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# SHOPPING & DINING

Bursting with color and alive with life, Arizona's shopping scene is known for variety and vibrancy. Phoenix and Tucson are splendid combinations of old and new, traditional and cutting edge. Whether it's an afternoon of leisurely shopping or venturing out for a weekend of finding the best bargains, take advantage of the wide array of delights to be found in Phoenix and Tucson.

## PHOENIX

### **Antique Gatherings**

3601 East Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85018  
602-956-8203

Several antique dealers have gathered under one roof to display their antiques and collectibles at this tasteful showplace of times gone by.

### **Arizona Center**

455 N. 3rd St., Phoenix 85004  
602-340-9772; [www.arizonacenter.com](http://www.arizonacenter.com)

The Arizona Center is an open-air market of beautiful gardens and retail stores set in the heart of downtown Phoenix. Located within easy walking distance of all major

downtown attractions, the Arizona Center's four acres feature shopping, dining and entertainment options. Enjoy shopping at more than 30 stores, stroll along beautifully landscaped gardens and waterways, dine al fresco at a café or catch a quick bite to eat at a fast food establishment, or even catch a movie at the 24 screen, stadium seating AMC Movie Complex.

### **Biltmore Fashion Park**

24th Street and Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix 85016  
602-955-8400; [www.shopbiltmore.com](http://www.shopbiltmore.com)

Lush and luxurious, Biltmore Fashion Park features one-of-a-kind shops amid the Old World elegance of striking storefronts, fountains and outdoor cafes. The Biltmore's

enchanting gardens make for a perfect place to meet and catch up with friends before beginning a relaxing afternoon of shopping. Major anchor stores are Macy's, Gucci, and Saks Fifth Avenue, in addition to more than sixty stores and boutiques.

### **Brass Armadillo Antique Mall**

12419 North 28th Dr., Phoenix 85029  
602-942-0030; [www.brassarmadillo.com](http://www.brassarmadillo.com)

This antique mall features 39,000 square feet devoted solely to the collections of more than 600 antique dealers. Whether shopping or simply browsing, visitors to the Brass Armadillo will be amazed by the wide variety of goods featured here, ranging from furniture to toys, glassware to fine china, vintage jewelry and clothing to sports cards and memorabilia.



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### Camelback Colonnade

18th Street and Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix 85016; 602-274-7642

The Colonnade is one of Phoenix's oldest open-air shopping centers and has a loyal following of shoppers who remember coming here as children. Old Navy, Best Buy and Famous Footwear are featured stores here in addition to other stores featuring music, appliances, computers and more.

### Cofco Chinese Cultural Center

668 North 44th St., Phoenix 85008  
602-273-7268; [www.phxchinatown.com](http://www.phxchinatown.com)

The Cofco Chinese Cultural Center offers a feast for the eyes with Chinese gardens, replicas of pagodas and beautiful landscaping, not to mention shopping delights such as traditional and difficult-to-find-anywhere-else Asian foods, gifts and a variety of western and traditional Chinese style clothing.

### Desert Sky Mall

75th Ave. and Thomas Rd., Phoenix 85033  
623-245-1400; [www.desertskymall.com](http://www.desertskymall.com)

Two courts featuring huge skylights give a light, airy atmosphere to this community mall located near the popular Cricket Pavilion. Department stores include Dillard's and Sears as well as smaller stores, as well as a movie theater.

### Metrocenter

Interstate 17 between Dunlap and Peoria Ave., Phoenix 85021  
602-997-2641; [www.metrocentermall.com](http://www.metrocentermall.com)

Built in 1971, the Metrocenter has gone through several makeovers through the years to keep pace with current shopping trends. Today, with more than two million square feet of shopping space housing more than 200 shops, a food court and three departments stores, the Metrocenter is one of the largest shopping centers in the Valley of the Sun.

### Outlets at Anthem

I-17 at Anthem Way, Phoenix 85086  
623-465-9500; [www.outletsatanthem.com](http://www.outletsatanthem.com)

Enjoy bargain hunting at this outlet mall featuring more than 90 stores and only 30 minutes from downtown Phoenix. Designer stores include Ann Taylor, Polo Ralph Lauren, Bose Factory Store, and more. A food court and playground allows everyone to take a well-deserved break before picking up the pace once more.

### Phoenix Premium Outlets

4976 Premium Outlets Way, Chandler 85226  
480-639-1766; [www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/phoenix](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/phoenix)

Phoenix Premium Outlets features extraordinary savings of 25% to 65% off

exceptional brands including: Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th, Polo Ralph Lauren, Kate Spade New York, Coach, and Nike. With over 90 stores in one convenient location.

### Town and Country Shopping Center

Camelback Corridor at 20th and Camelback  
Phoenix 85016; 602-955-6850  
[www.townandcountryshops.com](http://www.townandcountryshops.com)

A charming, open air Southwestern styled market invites exploration at the Town and Country Shopping Center, located in the hart of the Camelback Corridor. More than 50 shops ranging from small and eclectic shops and mom and pop cafes to larger retailers and restaurants are set amidst courtyards and fountains.

## EAST VALLEY

### Arizona Mills Mall

5000 Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe 85282  
480-491-7300; [www.arizonamills.com](http://www.arizonamills.com)

Arizona Mills is the state's largest value and entertainment megamall, with more than 175 retail store and restaurants plotted out in a circular pattern and accessible with easy to walk on wooden floors. With outlet stores, theaters and events, the mall is designed around a two-thirds mile long racetrack. Anchor stores include Neiman Marcus and Off 5th-Saks Fifth Avenue.



### **Superstition Springs Center**

U.S. 69 and Power Rd., Mesa 85206  
480-832-0212; [superstitionspringscenter.com](http://superstitionspringscenter.com)

One of the largest regional shopping centers in the East Valley, Superstition Springs Center features more than 150 stores and assorted restaurants in its 1.3 million square feet of space. Anchor stores include Dillard's, J.C. Penney, Macy's and Sears. The mall also features an eight screen Super Saver Cinema. A beautiful carousel with thirty hand-carved horses, a botanical garden and an amphitheater seating 1,500 for concerts and programs are also available. Children visiting the center love to wander through the Play Canyon and the Mining Camp

### **Fiesta Mall**

Superstition Freeway and Alma School Rd  
Mesa 85202; 480-833-4121

With plenty of variety to suit any shopper's needs, Fiesta Mall features more than 135 specialty stores arranged on two floors and with a food court and children's play area. Anchor stores include Macy's, Dillard's and Sears.

### **Mill Avenue**

Downtown Tempe, Tempe 85281  
480-967-4877 [www.downtowntempe.com](http://www.downtowntempe.com)

Galleries, craft shops, boutiques, and jewelry stores flourish along Mill Avenue in downtown Tempe, with its historic buildings and restaurants. College students from Arizona State University make Mill Avenue come alive on the weekends.

## **SOUTHEAST VALLEY**

### **Chandler Fashion Center**

Chandler Boulevard and Loop 101  
Chandler 85226; 480-812-8488  
[www.chandlermall.com](http://www.chandlermall.com)

One of the newest kids on the block, Chandler Fashion Center is spread over 320 acres, and features more than 180 shops and restaurants. Anchor stores include Nordstrom, Dillard's and Macy's, as well as small, eclectic boutiques. More than 50 restaurants and cafes give ample dining choices, while

“Whether it’s an afternoon of leisurely shopping or venturing out for a weekend of finding the best bargains, take advantage of the wide array of delights to be found in Phoenix and Tucson.”

the 20 screen theater makes for great “dinner and a movie” entertainment.

### **SanTan Village**

Williams Field Rd and Loop 202  
Gilbert 85295; 480-282-9500  
[www.shopsantanvillage.com](http://www.shopsantanvillage.com)

Fresh and alive, SanTan Village is one of the newest shopping centers in the area, with 130 shops that include Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Macy's, The Apple Store and Old Navy. Children should enjoy an outdoor stage with a flower mosaic pop-up water fountain and an interactive play area.

## **NORTHEAST VALLEY**

### **The Borgata**

Lincoln Dr. and Scottsdale Rd.  
Scottsdale 85253; 602-953-6311  
[www.borgata.com](http://www.borgata.com)

The 30 stores of this posh shopping paradise are all nestled within a replica of a 14th century Italian village. Choose from upscale children's clothiers, jewelry store and high-end boutiques featuring the latest fashions, visit art galleries or dine at one of the Borgata's exquisite restaurants.

### **Kierland Commons**

1520 South Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale 85254  
480-348-1577; [www.kierlandcommons.com](http://www.kierlandcommons.com)

With a broad plaza and natural colored stone, Kierland Commons has been designed to look like the typical Main Street found in a traditional small town, but actually is quite forward thinking. This mixed-use development is the first urban

village center built in the greater Phoenix area, featuring retail and restaurant spaces, as well as office developments.

### **Fifth Avenue**

Downtown Scottsdale, Scottsdale 85251  
[www.downtownscottsdale.com](http://www.downtownscottsdale.com)

Also known as Old Town Scottsdale, Fifth Avenue is celebrated by both tourists and locals for its unique galleries selling artwork by Southwestern artists as well as its many boutiques and shops featuring goods and crafts that cannot be found anywhere else. Fifth Avenue actually includes much more than its namesake street – it also extends along Marshall Way, Stetson Drive, Third Avenue, Sixth Avenue and Craftmans Court. An open-air shopping area featuring a Southwestern-style garden is enchanting, with shaded walkways and lush landscaping. Plan to spend some time viewing outdoor sculptures, browsing through art galleries, checking out the menus of the different fine restaurants and leisurely exploring Fifth Avenue shops.

### **Scottsdale Pavilions**

Pima and Indian Bend Roads  
Scottsdale 85250  
[www.scottsdalepavilions.com](http://www.scottsdalepavilions.com)

Operated on land owned by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, a portion of store revenues goes to the tribe. The open air mall features a Target, as well as smaller retail stores and several restaurants. Entertainment options include catching a movie or a visit to Fiddlesticks Family Fun Park, located next to the mall.

“Arizona’s shopping scene is known for variety and vibrancy. Phoenix and Tucson are splendid combinations of old and new, traditional and cutting edge.”

#### El Pedregal

34505 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85266  
480-488-1072; [www.elpedregal.com](http://www.elpedregal.com)

El Pedregal is a shopping center nestled in among the rugged foothills of the Sonoran Desert. This colorful, two level retail center resembling an adobe village features upscale galleries, boutiques, restaurants and shops filled with artisan treasures, apparel, jewelry and more. The natural beauty of the area is enhanced with the addition of a courtyard, waterfalls, fountains and pools. A 300-seat amphitheater and the Heard Museum are also located here.

#### The Promenade

16427 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85254  
480-385-2820

Dubbed “The Gateway to Scottsdale,” The Promenade has become one of the Valley’s busiest shopping centers. The center’s one million square feet of space features specialty retailers, restaurants, and nationally recognized brands including the state’s first Great Indoors, Fox Sports Grill, Maggiano’s Little Italy, Benihana and Nordstrom Rack. Visitors to The Promenade will also find a 125-foot spire designed by world famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright at the intersection of Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.

#### WEST VALLEY

##### Arrowhead Towne Center

Bell Rd and 75th Ave., Glendale 85308  
623-979-7720; [www.arrowheadtownecenter.com](http://www.arrowheadtownecenter.com)

This comfortable and upscale shopping center serves the Northwest Valley with 170 top retailers and eateries, and features major

anchor stores such as Macy’s, JC Penney, Sears, and more. Restaurants and a food court, the AMC 14 movie theatre and the close location to the Peoria Sports Complex provide dining and entertainment options.

#### TUCSON

##### The Antique Mall

3130 E. Grant Rd. at Country Club

The Antique Mall is the perfect hunting ground for antique lovers, with more than 100 dealers in the heart of Tucson’s antiquing district.

##### Broadway Village

Southwest corner of Broadway Blvd. and Country Club Rd.

Find everything from the latest in kitchen gadgetry and locally-made jewelry to international clothing and furniture at this Mission-styled shopping complex.

##### Crossroads Festival Shopping Center

Northeast corner of Grant and Swan Roads

An elegant center set in Tucson’s foothills, shoppers will find gift and clothing boutiques as well as gourmet food shops and a six-screen movie theater.

##### El Con Mall

3601 E. Broadway and Alvernon  
[www.shopelcon.com](http://www.shopelcon.com)

El Con Mall is Tucson’s first enclosed shopping mall featuring 1.4 million square feet of retail space that houses Macy’s, Target, JCPenney, and Home Depot, and are joined by more than 120 specialty shops, a six-screen movie theater and restaurants.

#### El Mercado Shoppes

6336 E. Broadway

Shops, galleries, and restaurants line the flow-ered porticos and offer shoppers variety. A custom jeweler and an exclusive art gallery add interest to this unique shopping center.

#### Foothills Mall

7401 N. La Cholla Blvd. (at Ina Rd.)

Tucson’s northernmost shopping center is home to a Saks Fifth Avenue Outlet, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Donna Karan Company Store, Mikasa and Nike factory stores, and many specialty boutiques. The Foothills Mall also features restaurants and a 15-screen movie theater.

#### Fourth Avenue

[www.fourthavenue.org](http://www.fourthavenue.org)

The downtown shopping scene on Fourth Avenue between Congress Street and University Boulevard features a historic shopping and arts district with more than 100 unusual shops featuring everything from vintage and boutique shops, artisans galleries and sidewalk cafes. Get around on one of the trolleys that run on Friday evenings and on weekends.

#### La Encantada Shopping Center

2905 E. Skyline Dr. and Campbell Ave.  
[www.laencantadashoppingcenter.com](http://www.laencantadashoppingcenter.com)

With spacious patios, meandering walk-ways, scenic views of the Catalina Foothills Mountains, and the on-site seven-acre community park, La Encantada blends in with the area’s natural surroundings and invites shoppers to relax and enjoy the experience of this upscale shopping center. Retail stores include Pottery Barn, Williams-Sonoma, Crate & Barrel, Coach, Tommy Bahama, Cole Haan, Adrienne Vittadini, St. John Sport, Anthropologie, and Apple.

#### La Plaza Shoppes

6500 block of East Tanque Verde Rd.

Find specialty craft shops, gift boutiques, and restaurants at this shopping center in East Tucson.





### **Main Gate Square**

University Blvd. between Park and Euclid Avenues; [www.maingatesquare.com](http://www.maingatesquare.com)

More than 50 shops, restaurants, coffee-houses and brew pubs are located in this pedestrian-friendly area near The University of Arizona.

### **Old Town Artisans**

El Presideo Neighborhood  
201 N. Court Ave.  
[www.oldtownartisans.com](http://www.oldtownartisans.com)

Find shops, a café and a marketplace featuring the works of hundreds of local artists and artisans in this restored adobe. Baskets, kachina dolls, jewelry, Pueblo pottery and Navajo rugs are just a few of the items that can be found here.

### **Park Place Mall**

5870 E. Broadway; [www.parkplacemall.com](http://www.parkplacemall.com)

Surrounded by major hotels, resorts and attractions and anchored by Sears, Eddie Bauer, Nordstroms, a newly renovated Dillard's and Macy's, Park Place Mall with its park-like setting is aptly named. The mall has more than 100 specialty shops, restaurants and movie theaters.

### **Plaza Palomino**

2970 N. Swan Rd.

This Southwestern hacienda-style shopping center features a serene setting complete

with fountains, palm trees and courtyard boutiques, creating a relaxing shopping atmosphere for sophisticated fashions, Indian jewelry, art, accessories and fine crystal.

### **The Plaza at Williams Centre**

Craycroft Road and Broadway Blvd.

Located in the heart of Tucson's corporate and financial center, the thirty shops in this outdoor mall setting offer fine arts and upscale clothing.

### **The River Center**

Northeast corner of River and Craycroft Rds.

A palm-lined plaza in the shape of the state of Arizona is the highlight of this shopping center that features specialty shops, craft supplies, a salon and restaurants.

### **St. Philips Plaza**

Corner of N. Campbell Ave. and River Rd.

Complete with an outdoor plaza and courtyards reflecting Tucson's Spanish heritage, St. Philip's Plaza is plush with trending shopping boutiques and superb dining. A variety of art galleries are joined by shops offering women's apparel, leather goods, men's wear and custom-designed jewelry.

### **Santa Fe Square & Galleria**

7000 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

The Pueblo-style architecture and cobblestone features charming walkways to meander around its grounds while visiting the numerous galleries and specialty shops, restaurants and playhouse.

### **Trail Dust Town**

6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

Resembling nothing less than a circa 1880s town straight out of the Old West, Trail Dust Town offers patrons the chance to stroll down the boardwalk, browse through shops, watch craftsmen work and enjoy dining at one of the restaurants.

### **Tucson Mall**

4500 N. Oracle Rd.

With over 200 stores on two levels, Tucson Mall is the city's largest shopping center. Anchored by Macy's, Dillard's, JCPenney and Sears, Tucson Mall features restaurants and a food court, plus high-fashion boutiques, many filled with unique Southwestern merchandise. Hours can be spent roaming through the mall which is beautifully landscaped. Fountains and vaulted ceilings add to the ambience.

### **Unique Antique**

5000 E. Speedway Blvd.

Unique Antique is a mall exclusively dedicated to antiques and collectibles being offered by ninety dealers. ●

# ARIZONA'S *Delicious* DINING SCENE

There's no doubt Phoenix and Tucson have a natural zest for life, and their residents have the hearty appetites to match. It stands to reason, then, that cities possessed of such excellent taste should have thriving restaurant scenes to handle those hungry for a meal that does more than nourish, it satisfies those special cravings.





From spunky upstart bistros to mom and pop eateries to classic haute cuisine dining, Phoenix and Tucson are virtual paradises waiting to be discovered. Arizona's global cuisine allows diners to sip and sample the best of edible delights from around the world without ever leaving. Exotic fare and dishes from faraway Asia, the Pacific Rim, Europe, the Middle East are just a few of the choices on the menu. Those whose tastes run a little closer to home, will find plenty of places to choose from when searching for Sonoran, Mexican, barbecue or even home cooking like mama used to make.

Look around, and find every imaginable fare, and even a few never thought of before. Get out and see what the fuss is all about in Phoenix and Tucson. Allow taste buds the opportunity to explore new culinary delights, and find new favorite dishes while savoring old favorites.

## PHOENIX

### A&J

6102 N. 16th St., Phoenix 85016  
602-241-7519

Featuring the barbecue that keeps them coming back for more, A&J is a Chicago-style barbecue featuring ribs, chicken, ham, pork that more than satisfies. Order either a la carte or a complete meal, and either dine in the modest dining room, or take it to go.

### Barrio Café

2814 N. 16th St., Phoenix 85006  
602-636-0240; [www.barriocafe.com](http://www.barriocafe.com)

Chef Silvana Salcido Esparza's take on exotic Mexican food has caught the attention of Phoenix diners at this cozy little eatery. This definitely is not your abuela's home cooking: Esparza's Mayan-inspired cuisine with influences from the Yucatan has created a menu worth investigating.

### Benihana

3025 W.Chandler Blvd., Chandler 85226  
480-812-4701  
16403 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale 85254  
480-444-0068; [www.benihana.net](http://www.benihana.net)

“From spunky upstart bistros to mom and pop eateries to classic haute cuisine dining, Phoenix and Tucson are virtual paradises waiting to be discovered.”

Where else does dinner come with a show? Masterful chefs prepare your dinner right at the table in this traditional Japanese-style hibachi steakhouse. Diners can choose from a variety of fresh sushi and other Japanese favorites, while the chef performs his culinary art in a way that has to be seen to be believed.

### Carolina's Mexican Food

1202 E. Mohave, Phoenix 85034  
602-252-1503

A landmark in South Central Phoenix, Carolina's excellent tortillas are worth the trip alone. The plain atmosphere in this place totally belies the fabulous foodie find that awaits inside, with delicious tamales, tacos and enchiladas. The salsa here is the real thing – made fresh daily, and residents here know to pick up a pound of chorizo to take home.

### China Chili

3501 North Central Ave., Phoenix  
602-266-4463

China Chili lives up to its name as it serves spicy Chinese that has won the hearts and the taste buds of Phoenix. While the spicy garlic eggplant is definitely a menu favorite, feel free to explore the rest of the menu featuring soups, meat and seafood dishes.

### Cooperstown

101 East Jackson St., Phoenix 85004  
602-253-7337; [www.alicecooperstown.com](http://www.alicecooperstown.com)

Favorite son and famed rocker Alice Cooper has opened his restaurant in a renovated warehouse, featuring American cuisine,

touting it as “the place where jocks and rock meets.” Come hungry when dining at Cooperstown – the fanciful atmosphere featuring rock and sports memorabilia belies the excellent variety of menu choices ranging from ribs, chicken and burgers to hot dogs, steak and Mom's tuna casserole. Live music in this friendly, casual place is a huge draw, but it's the comfort food served up here that keeps them coming back.

### Cheesecake Factory

2502 E. Camelback Rd # 114  
Phoenix 85016; 602-778-6501  
[www.thecheesecakefactory.com](http://www.thecheesecakefactory.com)

The Cheesecake Factory serves so much more than just its world-famous cheesecake desserts. Diners can choose from a wide and varied menu that includes pizza, pastas, fish and seafood, steaks and salads. The Cheesecake Factory also hosts a delicious Sunday Brunch until 2 p.m. that includes such breakfast delights as Belgian Waffles and a Smoked Salmon Platter.

### Don & Charlie's

7501 E. Camelback, Scottsdale 85251  
480-990-0900

Beloved by many, Don & Charlie's has been a fixture in Scottsdale since 1981. Walk into this manly man's restaurant, complete with celebrity caricatures, sports memorabilia and order from their menu featuring Chicago-style ribs, chicken, chops and steaks.

### Eddie V's Edgewater Grill

20715 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale 85255  
480-538-8468; [www.eddiev.com](http://www.eddiev.com)



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Bringing together an award-winning combination of the freshest seafood, prime steaks and live music, Eddie V's is sure to please. Specializing in Gulf Coast Cuisine, Eddie V's is famous for their oysters, gulf snapper, fresh tuna, and lobster. Enjoy live music while you dine.

#### **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**

905 N. 54th St., Chandler 85226  
480-940-1900

20753 N. Pima Road, Building R  
North Scottsdale 85255; 480-538-8000  
9712 W. Northern Ave., Peoria 85345  
623-772-9463

6333 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85250  
480-596-8265

[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

Known for their cooked-to-perfection steaks, Fleming's also offers a superb wine list, boasting more than 100 wines available by the glass, and another 100 available by the bottle. Wine lovers agree that an evening at Fleming's leaves them feeling a little bit like kids in a candy store. The darkly elegant atmosphere makes Fleming's the perfect place to linger over dessert and order an after-dinner cappuccino.

#### **Fogo E Brasa**

4909 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix 85028  
480-783-6060; [www.fogoebra.com](http://www.fogoebra.com)

Quickly becoming a favorite Phoenix destination, Fogo E Brasa is an authentic Southern Brazilian steakhouse that offers a pre-fixe menu. The menu includes an unlimited selection of more than 30 salads, vegetables and cheeses from around the world, several side dishes, as well as the main course: a wide selection of meat served tableside. In addition to exceptional food and service, the restaurant also serves its signature "Caipirinha," a Brazilian cocktail made of sugarcane rum and lime.

#### **Honey Bear's**

5012 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix 85005  
602-273-9148

7670 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85020  
602-279-7911

7670 S. Priest Dr, Tempe 85284  
480-222-2782; [www.honeybearsbbq.com](http://www.honeybearsbbq.com)

For many in Phoenix, the words, "barbecue" and "Honey Bear's" are synonymous. Specialties of the house include pork ribs, chicken, and hot-links with traditional tangy Tennessee-style barbecue sauce.

#### **The Melting Pot**

Multiple Locations  
Ahwatukee, Arrowhead, Scottsdale, Tucson  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)

Whether you're celebrating a birthday, anniversary, a night out on the town or hosting a corporate event- The Melting Pot is the perfect celebration destination for any occasion! Guests enjoy different fondue cooking styles and a variety of unique entrees paired with dipping sauces that they can cook table-side. Savor every minute of your next night out at The Melting Pot, where Arizona goes to celebrate!

#### **MacAlpine's Soda Fountain**

2302 N. Seventh St., Phoenix 85006  
602-262-5545

Go back in time with a visit to MacAlpine's Soda Fountain, which has been serving up hamburgers, tuna sandwiches, homemade pie and cherry and vanilla cokes since 1928. The old-timey drugstore soda fountain and jukebox lend to the atmosphere.

#### **Old Heidelberg Bakery and Euro Market**

2210 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85016  
602-224-9877

For more than 30 years, the Old Heidelberg Bakery has been a local favorite, and with its recent move to a location closer to downtown, it's more popular than ever. Find out why Phoenix loves to shop at this traditional German bakery for favorite sweets such as strudels, Danishes and



cookies, as well as its excellent selection of specialty artisan bread. As a bonus, pick up a German language magazine or newspaper in the Euro Market to read while you munch.

#### **Phoenix City Grill**

5816 N. 16th St., Phoenix 85016  
602-266-3001; [www.phoenixcitygrille.com](http://www.phoenixcitygrille.com)

Set in an adorable adobe building, the Phoenix City Grill offers up great American fare with a Southwestern flair. Try the little appetizers, such as the pork carnitas, or go straight for the enticing entrees, such as the cedar plank salmon or the home-style pot roast.

#### **Pizzeria Bianco**

623 E. Adams St., Phoenix 85004  
602-258-8300

A wood-burning oven is the not-so-secret secret to Pizzeria Bianco's pizza. Chef Chris Bianco's Neapolitan-style pizza has earned rave reviews, as has his menu featuring salads and sandwiches. Expect to find a

crowd here at this popular spot located in a historic downtown building in Heritage Square next to the Arizona Science.

#### **Roy's**

7151 W. Ray Rd., Chandler 85226  
480-705-7697  
5350 E. Marriott Dr., Phoenix 85054  
480-419-7697  
7001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85258  
480-905-1155

Brought to Arizona by Iron Chef Roy Yamaguchi, the founder of Roy's restaurant chain, this large and yet somehow intimate restaurant serves Hawaiian fusion cuisine featuring a perfect mélange of European, Pacific Rim and Hawaiian influences. Savor the difference that fresh ingredients can make, when seasoned with the bolder flavors of the Asian Pacific Rim and served with the sauces and textures of European cooking. Chefs in Roy's kitchen have received special tutelage from the master himself, ensuring that every bite will be absolutely delectable.

#### **Sullivan's Steakhouse**

905 N. 54th St., Chandler 85226  
480-940-1900  
20753 N. Pima Rd # R, Scottsdale 85255  
480-538-8000  
6333 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85250  
480-596-8265; [www.sullivansteakhouse.com](http://www.sullivansteakhouse.com)

The emphasis is on style at this upscale 1940's style steakhouse, known for their warm, relaxed atmosphere, superior food and excellent service. Sullivan's is also the perfect place to take that VIP client, or host that next office party.

#### **Vincent on Camelback**

3930 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85018  
602-224-0225  
[www.vincentoncamelback.com](http://www.vincentoncamelback.com)

Chef Vincent Guerithault won the James Beard Foundation's "Best Chef Southwest" award and is perhaps the most well known and respected chef in Phoenix. He has now opened this small restaurant with an unpretentious exterior in east Phoenix. Step



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(623) 444-4946

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8260 N Hayden Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
(480) 607-1799

#### **TUCSON**

7395 N La Cholla Blvd Ste 302  
Tucson, AZ 85741  
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inside and find out what all the fuss is about, as typically Southwestern fare is prepared in classic French style. Try the duck tamales, or go for the wonderfully prepared lamb or wild boar. Don't forget to order the Jack Daniels pecan pie for dessert.

#### **Vincent's Market Bistro**

3930 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85018  
602-224-3727

Sample the excellent country French cuisine in the intimate, casual elegance of Chef Vincent Guerithault's bistro-style restaurant with its little flower garden. Located just behind its larger sister restaurant, Vincent on Camelback, seating is limited in this smaller establishment to only 10 tables, but consider ordering your gourmet meal to go if Vincent's happens to be a little busy.

## **TUCSON**

#### **Agave Restaurant at Desert Diamond Casino**

1100 W. Pima Mine Rd., Sahuarita 85629  
520-393-2720

Try the famous tortilla soup, known for its rich indulgence of chicken, tomatoes, avocado, cilantro, queso fresco and epazote. Taque-ria-Sonoran cuisine and American favorites round out the Agave's reasonably priced menu.

#### **Arizona Inn**

2200 E. Elm St.; 520-325-1541

Tucson's Arizona Inn features an award-winning classic and contemporary fine dining experience with international flavors served in the Inn's Main Dining Room. The Dining Room features a cathedral-ceiling, fireplace and courtyard, while the Audubon Bar serves lunch and dinner with live piano entertainment nightly.

#### **Doc's Casual Western Grill**

3755 W. Conrads Way  
(inside Saguaro Ranch)  
520-579-2100

From the Argentinian grill to the stone fireplace, Doc's is sure to delight the eye almost as much as it delights the palate with its southwestern fare. Slowly grilled meats, fish and veggies bring together friends, family and loved ones for an incredible meal to remember.

#### **Dolce Vita**

7895 E. Broadway Blvd.; 520-298-3700

Family owned and loved by all, Dolce Vita is known for its excellent Italian fare, featuring traditional pasta dishes and tiramisu. Tucsonians have a special place in their hearts for this warm and welcoming favorite.

#### **El Charro**

Various locations; [www.elcharrocafe.com](http://www.elcharrocafe.com)

Beloved by many, El Charro has been continuously owned by the same family since 1922. El Charro serves Sonoran-Tucson Mexican fare, and has been named a top restaurant by USA Today and Gourmet Magazine.

#### **El Corral**

2201 E. Rover Rd., Tucson 85718  
520-299-6092; [www.elcorraltucson.com](http://www.elcorraltucson.com)

There's a reason why Tucson Culinary Award-winning El Corral has been a Tucson restaurant staple for more than 60 years: great food at a great price! Be it juicy, mesquite-grilled steaks or prime rib that has rightfully been described as "legendary," El Corral is a must for visitors and residents alike. Be sure to try its Adobe Mud Pie, too. It's a right of passage.

#### **The Lookout Bar & Grille**

245 E. Ina Rd. (Westward Look Resort)  
520-917-2930; [www.westwardlook.com](http://www.westwardlook.com)

Anyone who's anyone in the Catalina Foot-hill's neighborhood knows that The Lookout Bar & Grille is the place to get together. Live music every Friday and Saturday in this friendly, casual place is a huge draw, but it's



the comfort food served up here that keeps them coming back.

#### **McClintock's**

3755 W. Conrads Way  
(inside Saguaro Ranch); 520-579-2100

Enjoy spectacular views of the Tortolita Mountains as well as of Tucson and its surroundings while enjoying drinks on McClintock's front porch. Choose from a menu that features organic American Cuisine while dining in the open air of the rooftop terrace, or inside the dining room with its roaring fire in the fireplace. Reservations are required.

#### **McMahon's Prime Steakhouse**

2959 N. Swan Rd., 520-327-7463

Deliberately understated and oh-so-classy, McMahon's is number one on any Tucsonian's list of elegant eateries. USDA prime aged beef is the top item on this incredible menu that includes other classic steakhouse favorites such as fresh salmon and lobster tail. Wine lovers agree that McMahon's wine selection of more than 2,000 wines leave them feeling a little bit like kids in a candy store.

#### **The Melting Pot**

7401 N La Cholla Blvd.  
520-575-6358; [www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)

As Cole Porter would say, "Do do that fondue that you do so well." At The Melting Pot, fondue becomes a memorable, four-course dining experience where patrons can "Dip into something different." Guests enjoy a choice of four different fondue cooking styles and a variety of unique entrees combined with special dipping sauces that they can cook at their own table. Upscale and intimate, The Melting Pot is the perfect location for that romantic date or even a corporate dinner party.

#### **Miss Saigon Bar**

4650 W. Ina Rd., 520-572-6560  
1075 N. Campbell Ave.; 520-320-9511

Authentic Vietnamese and Thai cuisine is flavorful and delectable using fresh spices and ingredients, while the full bar and wine

list offer perfect complements to the dining experience.

#### **Montana Avenue**

6390 E. Grant Rd.; 520-298-2020

This isn't your mother's cooking. Montana Avenue serves comfort food done the way mama never dreamed of, to create those old favorites with a new twist. Dine in the sunny dining room, the wide-open patio with its fireplaces, or opt for the more private dining room.

#### **Old Pueblo Grille**

7401 N. La Cholla; 520-297-1999  
60 N. Alvernon Way (old location)  
520-326-6000; [www.metrorestaurants.com](http://www.metrorestaurants.com)

Bringing together American and South-western flavors, Old Pueblo Grille is a favorite with Tucsonians and visitors. Choose from enchiladas, tacos, seafood, and steaks, or go for one of their world-renown 32-ounce margaritas.

#### **Paradise Bakery & Café**

845 N. Park Ave., #125  
520-219-5003; [www.paradisebakery.com](http://www.paradisebakery.com)

Made from scratch and made with love, muffins, cookies, brownies, and plain and filled croissants are baked to perfection at the Paradise Bakery and Café. Other offerings from the Paradise include soups, salads and sandwiches.

#### **Pinnacle Peak**

6541 E. Tanque Verde  
520-296-0911; [www.pinnaclepeaktucson.com](http://www.pinnaclepeaktucson.com)

When people come to Pinnacle Peak, home of the world famous Cowboy steaks, they should bring their appetites, but not their ties! Nestled near the center of Tucson's historic Trail Dust Town, visitors will discover why mesquite-broiled steaks are the best. Other culinary masterpieces of note are Pinnacles Peak's savory beans, soft bread and mammoth potatoes. But remember: NO TIES ALLOWED!

#### **Sakura Japanese Restaurant**

6534 E. Tanque Verde Rd.  
520-298-7777; [www.sakuratucson.com](http://www.sakuratucson.com)

This authentic Japanese restaurant is sure to please. Enjoy the skillfully prepared and Teppan-style beef, seafood and chicken amid a traditional Japanese setting. An expansive selection of seafood is air freighted from around the world to bring a dining experience as perfect as perfect could be.

#### **Sullivan's Steakhouse**

1785 E River Rd.; 520-299-4275  
[www.sullivansteakhouse.com](http://www.sullivansteakhouse.com)

The emphasis is on style at this upscale 1940's style steakhouse, known for their warm, relaxed atmosphere, superior food and excellent service. Sullivan's is also the perfect place to take that VIP client, or host that next office party.

#### **Tatsu Sushi**

7332 N. Oracle Rd. (Cottonwood Plaza)  
520-219-6989

A sensational and extensive sushi menu combined with a wide array of other authentic Asian dishes delights the palate, while friendly wait staff delight the patrons.

#### **Trattoria Pina**

5541 N. Swan Rd.; 520-577-6992

A wood-burning oven is the not-so-secret secret to Trattoria Pina's pizza. Family owned and operated, Trattoria Pina also features a wide sampling of Italian cuisine, including antipasti, salads, pastas as well as veal, chicken and seafood dishes.

#### **VIN TABLA Restaurant and Wine Market**

2890 E. Skyline Dr. (Plaza Colonial)  
520-577-6210; [www.vintabla.com](http://www.vintabla.com)

Enjoy the casual atmosphere of VIN TABLA and sampling some of the most upscale offerings Tucson has to offer. More than 130 wines by the glass complement a menu featuring New American cuisine.

#### **Wildflower**

7037 N. Oracle Rd., 520-219-4230

The chic and intimate, cool and hip Wildflower serves New American Cuisine faves with just a touch of European and Asian influence to create a unique dining experience. ●

A full-page photograph of an elderly couple standing next to their bicycles. The man, on the left, is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and khaki pants. The woman, on the right, is wearing a pink long-sleeved top. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with trees.

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# ACTIVE ADULTS

## + senior living

The times of aging in America, they are a-changing – and many senior Arizona residents couldn't be happier about it. Long gone are the days of mandatory retirement at age 65, and with it, the idea that one's golden years were to be spent simply sitting quietly on the front porch in a rocking chair as they watch life go by.

To begin with, forget about that rocking chair – how does a morning spent working out in the gym or pedaling along the hike and bike trail sound? As for the front porch, seniors in Arizona find that they have a wide variety of housing options that can accommodate their budget, while enjoying their lifestyle in a community that encourages the development and pursuit of their personal interests, goals and activities.

While aging is inevitable, medical advances, as well as healthy lifestyle choices, are responsible for increasing the number of years a person may live, as well as improving that person's lifestyle. The result is that the demographics of seniors in Arizona have undergone some significant changes: the

term "senior" may describe an active person in her late 50's, or someone in her early 80's. Baby Boomers now entering the senior arena are faced with the responsibility of preparing not only for their own retirement, but with making retirement and housing plans for their elderly parents as well.

Fortunately, both Phoenix and Tucson offer a wide array of options to accommodate the different requirements and lifestyles of its seniors. From upscale retirement communities offering residents a choice of social, cultural, travel and sporting opportunities to active seniors, to full-care facilities specializing in caring for the elderly with mental and physical disabilities, there is a senior citizen living solution to fit every need.

### **TAKING STOCK OF YOURSELF**

When making retirement housing plans, there's no denying that the number and diversity of choices available might make the process feel overwhelming. Begin by taking a personal inventory that takes into account personal living expenses, health, interests and expectations.

**Budget Inventory:** Make a list of monthly expenses, from rental or housing fees to day-to-day living expenses such as dry cleaning and energy bills to current or anticipated medical expenses. The point is to be realistic about everyday expenses now, so there are no rude surprises later.

**Lifestyle Inventory:** Active golf enthusiasts, for example, might want close proximity

to a local golf course. Those who want to use this time for community involvement might want to live close by schools, churches or community centers, while others who want to continue developing and pursuing an active lifestyle might want easy access to hike and bike trails, fitness centers, etc. Again, being realistic on the front end helps determine smart choices that can only benefit later.

## SHOULD YOU STAY OR SHOULD YOU GO?

**Staying Put:** Packing up and selling a loved home with so many memories is a difficult decision for many longtime Arizona residents. One viable option open to senior homeowners is the reverse mortgage, which allows homeowners to turn the value of their home into cash without having to move or repay the loan each month. Guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD offers seniors a federally insured private loan as a means to provide financial security and supplement social security, meet unexpected medical expenses, make home improvements, and more.

The money from a reverse loan may be paid to the borrower in a variety of ways, from a lump sum to a regular monthly cash advance, as a credit line account or in any combination of the above. Typically, borrowers do not have to pay anything back until they permanently move out of the home, sell, or die. Eligibility for most reverse mortgages requires that the home should be owned outright by the applicant, and that the applicant is 62 years of age or older. (Visit AARP's website and use their Reverse Mortgage Calculator: [www.rmaarp.com](http://www.rmaarp.com).)

A reverse mortgage offers retirees a distinct advantage. Since most lenders require that borrowers have some sort of income so they can determine a borrower's ability to pay back the loan, many retired seniors simply cannot qualify for a traditional home equity loan. But a reverse mortgage does not require monthly payments, and therefore no minimum amount of income is required for the loan application. Most reverse mortgages require no repayment as long as the owner, or any co-owner, lives in the home.

The best way to determine if a reverse mortgage is the best fit for one's retirement plan is to honestly assess the following:

- How much would the home sell for on today's market?
- What would the cost be to buy and maintain, or rent, a new home?
- Would there be any money left over from the purchase of a new home that could be safely invested?
- What are the options for downsizing into a less expensive home, renting an apartment, or moving into an assisted living or alternative senior housing situation?

Jumping into borrowing money for a reverse mortgage is not advised until looking into all of these senior living options. By being honest about current needs and housing trends, and exploring all the options, seniors can rest easy that they have selected the best housing choice that custom fits their particular budget and lifestyle needs.

**Pack It Up:** Being realistic about one's life, finances and longevity is a must when deciding to move to another community. Retirees have to think about their health and future, and expand their thinking beyond the average life expectation. They need to consider the need to be close to hospitals and doctors that can provide them with the best care. Acceptance of insurance cannot be overlooked. All this needs to be considered when moving from a current circle of friends and community to a new area. This is where a real estate agent can really help a person or family trying to find a retirement situation, as the real estate agent has access to the most current facts and figures to help make an informed decision.

Many who are making these decisions need to learn to be a little bit selfish, selfish in a good way, moving to a community or area that they enjoy. Many seniors are downsizing their lifestyles and selling a home they've owned for 30 years. They are trading down in price range, want to be in a good area and need to select a home that's a good

investment for them. If their health is good, and they are reasonably active, they will also want an area with residents of a similar age and situation – just like them, their new neighbors have raised their kids, have a lot of interests and a lot to talk about, and can help each other."

**Why Not Both – Be a Snowbird:** A third option is to enjoy nice weather all year long. If you enjoy or have ties to a northern region, that can still be home during that area's best seasons. The ideal climate in Phoenix and Tucson begins in late October and continues into early May. This period has been home to the "Snowbird" lifestyle for years. Many major events and activities occur during this period offering a wide range of options for seniors in the area. Prominent is the Cactus League, the spring training league for 16 major league baseball teams. Play begins in late February with completion in early April.

Senior Snowbirds generally are among the more active of retirees. They face many of the same needs and concerns as a full time residence, but are less likely to be interested in assisted or long term care alternatives. However, many of the facilities and services in place for the permanent senior residents are also available to the part time resident.

Although some retirees are able to maintain multiple full time residences, Phoenix and Tucson offer many options for winter only accommodations. Homes and Condos are available throughout the area under short term lease, usually 1-6 months. Two very popular options are RV/trailer parks and manufactured home parks. RV/trailer parks are plentiful and offer affordable rates for multiple month stays. Manufactured homes are generally an ownership only option, but are much more affordable than the traditional home or condo. Many manufactured home parks offer the amenities associated with apartment or condo living, including facility and yard maintenance.

## SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that private senior care housing can range in cost from \$20,000





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to \$200,000 per year, depending on the services and degree of care offered by a facility. Many senior care housing communities employ medically trained staff, and provide housekeeping and meal preparation services, as well as transportation for shopping, medical visits, and social outings. HUD also notes that as Baby Boomers approach their own retirement years, the trend toward creating active retirement communities where residents are involved and physically active will continue, and seniors are encouraged to live as independently as they are capable of handling.

The time to begin thinking about a retirement community isn't when you have to have it. There are not enough retirement communities to keep up with the demand, and you want to be sure that you know your options and what's available beforehand. The Internet is a good source for families to learn more about retirement communities, check on specific programs and associated costs.

When you're trying to stay within a particular price range match your living requirements with services offered. If you are very independent and don't need assistance – you just want a meal plan, for example – then the associated costs are much less than for someone who requires more care.”

Medicare generally does not pay for long-term care, only for services deemed medically necessary that are provided by a skilled facility

or home health care that meets certain conditions. Medicaid will pay for certain health services and nursing home care for older people with low incomes and limited assets. Optimally, the selected community should have someone on staff familiar with the requirements and criteria of both programs.

### ACTIVE SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITIES

Many seniors find that they simply do not want to worry about the upkeep and maintenance of a home, preferring to spend their leisure time in other ways. Independent seniors in good health may find they need nothing more than a community where they can fully enjoy pursuing their personal interests. For them, moving to an active independent living retirement community might be the best fit for their budget and lifestyle, where options include renting an apartment or the outright purchase of a property in a senior community.

Many active senior communities have information packets that may be requested in advance, and offer tours of the community itself. A personal visit will give valuable, first-hand information and an opportunity to visit with current residents who can offer their own experiences and provide an insider's view on the community. Be sure to determine that personal interests and pursuits are offered, such as health and fitness programs, organized activities, sports, etc. Other day-to-day living arrangements

should also be considered, such as shopping centers and grocery stores within easy walking distance, or are transportation services provided? Where is the community located in proximity to major health care providers? And, what security measures are in place for residents? For ultimate peace of mind, some seniors rent a home under a short-term agreement at first to make sure the community provides for their needs and lives up to their expectations.

### CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

A Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) offers 360-degree care in residential community for seniors, with a full menu of services and living situations. Residents at a CCRC may move between independent living, assisted living and nursing home care, depending on their individual, changing needs. Seniors electing to live in a CCRC (also known as “Continuing Care Retirement Facilities,” “Life-Care Facilities” and “Life-Care Communities”) contract with the community in advance for a lifetime commitment to provide care, regardless of their future health and needs. They then live in the residential community for the remainder of their lives, and are placed within a living situation appropriate to their needs and abilities.

Seniors or family members of seniors who are concerned about future security find CCRCs a safe bet, addressing any worries

about future health problems down the road and alleviating any concerns about hidden costs along the way. A CCRC generally offers seniors a contract or contracts that provide a continuum of care that includes access to housing, services, and health care for more than one year, or the balance of their lives. Usually, it is a wise idea for seniors to move into a CCRC sooner rather than later, as most CCRCs require that new residents be capable of living independently when they first move in.

There are a number of contract options offered by CCRCs to seniors and their families. An extensive care contract is the most expensive, but affords the least risk, providing unlimited long-term nursing care at little or no additional cost for as long as nursing home services are needed by the client. A modified care contract comes with medium financial risk, and provides long-term health or nursing services for a specified period of time, after which, the senior or their guardian is responsible for the additional cost. A fee-for-service contract offers an a la carte approach, requiring that residents pay separately for all health and medical services provided by the facility, as well as long-term care. While a fee-for-service contract is the least expensive contract, it does have the highest risk, as costs can run very high for seniors who require unanticipated extensive care later in life.

The most common element in a CCRC contract is an entrance fee, where regardless of whether the contract is an extensive, modified or fee-for-service contract, the resident pays a lump sum entrance fee, plus monthly fees thereafter. Another CCRC contract option may require an equity agreement where seniors purchase a condominium or co-op apartment on the property instead of paying an entrance fee. Less commonly found are CCRC contracts where residents pay monthly fees only. Seniors and their families are advised to be sure to read the fine print on the contract carefully to ensure that they are signing an agreement that guarantees the lifetime of services and support over an extended period of time that they are looking for. There are so-called copycat senior-care residences that claim to offer all the benefits

of a CCRC, but in reality the services guaranteed by the actual contract fall far short of the claims made by management.

Before signing a contract with a CCRC, seniors should conduct a thorough review of the facility's services, operations and finances, and determine that the CCRC is appropriate to their needs, lifestyle and expectations. It's also a good idea to ask a family attorney or accountant to review the contract as well. If the contract is found agreeable, ask to spend at least one night and two days at the facility, to test drive the community and make sure it is a good fit. Some points to consider include:

- Are pets allowed in your residence?
- What social, recreational and cultural activities are offered?
- Is food prepared onsite? If so, how is it prepared?
- Are there fitness facilities onsite?
- Is the staff friendly and knowledgeable?
- What healthcare and personal care services are available?
- What preparations have been made for handling medical and evacuation emergency situations?

CCRCs are an excellent option for those who are independent and in good health, but might need some assistance with daily living needs or require skilled nursing care. The variety of housing offered by CCRCs is varied as well, ranging from ultra-urban high-rise apartment communities to cottages, townhouses, duplexes or even single-family homes located in a beautiful, natural setting.

### ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES

An Assisted Living Community (ALC) bridges the gap for seniors who need assistance with daily activities as a nursing home might offer, but wish to live as independently as they are capable of living for as long as possible. Residents in an ALC are unable to live by themselves, but do

not require constant supervision. An ALC offers its residents assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, laundry, housekeeping, and keeping track of medications. They often have centers for medical services, but typically do not offer the extensive medical services provided by a nursing home. An ALC is not a substitute for a nursing home, but rather is a stepping stone between complete independence and service provided by a nursing home.

Often, an ALC will create an individualized service plan for seniors upon admission, detailing personal services that will be provided to the resident. This plan is periodically reviewed and updated to provide the correct care each resident receives. Housing in an ALC may be studio or one-bedroom apartments with small kitchen facilities. Typically, ALC housing units have group dining facilities and common areas where residents gather to enjoy social and recreational activities.

The first impression of an Assisted Living Community is the most important. What do you see when you get out of the car? How do they take care of the lawn? What is your first impression of the staff? Are the residents properly dressed? How's the lighting inside the buildings? What activities are available? Are staff members all in the same uniform? Scrubs are not appropriate for an Assisted Living Community, but name tags are important.

### NURSING CARE FACILITIES

A Nursing Care Facility (NCF) is a state licensed, private-care facility that provides 24-hour skilled hospital care for residents who do not require hospitalization but cannot be cared for at home. Also called Long Term Care Facilities, the majority of nursing homes are staffed by caring, trained persons who provide an excellent level of service for their residents.

It pays to shop around when selecting a NCF. Seniors should consult with a trusted doctor or health care practitioner for recommendations of nearby facilities. Plan on visiting at least four or five area facilities, and make an appointment with the administrator or



director of nursing. Check to make sure that information provided is consistent with information gathered during the facility tour. Discrepancies between provided information and your own observations indicate possible problems later on. A nursing care facility should have clean floors, and a clean smell. Facilities with dirty floors and a sour smell do not put a high priority on cleanliness, and should not be considered.

Ask to see the compliance survey report prepared by the State of Arizona on the considered facility. The report will list deficiencies found in resident care during routine inspections, and the facility's effort to correct the problem. Under Arizona law, nursing homes must make this and other survey compliance reports available upon request.

Another option available is to call the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Licensing at 602-364-2690. While state law may prohibit agency employees from recommending one facility over another, they can answer the following recommended questions about any such facility:

- Have there been any proposed license terminations in the past two years?
- How many complaints have been filed in the past year?
- How many complaints in the past year have been found to be valid?
- How many deficiencies have been cited in the past two years?
- How many "quality of care" violations have been cited in the past two years?
- When did ADHS last visit the facility, and what was the purpose of the visit?
- Has the owner of this facility had other facilities recommended for license termination?

The answers to these questions, combined with observations and impressions made during facility tours and staff interviews will ease the task of selecting the right nursing care facility.

## ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA CARE FACILITIES

Residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia need specialized care. Assisted Living Facilities offer services and separate facilities for residents with early onset symptoms, but because of the progressive nature of the disease, it may become necessary to transfer the resident to another facility that can provide more appropriate care.

Facilities specializing in the treatment of Alzheimer's and dementia should provide a treatment plan that takes into account not only the resident's medical needs, but also the needs of the entire family with social services and professional consultations and individualized treatment reviews. Emphasis within the facility should be placed on providing a calming, soothing environment that is sensitive to the needs of the patient.

## PHOENIX

### ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITIES

**Arizona Traditions (D.R. Horton Homes)**  
17212 N. White Tank Vis, Surprise 85374  
623-546-5613

The age restriction is 55+ at this smaller adult community located at the foot of the White Tank Mountains, about 33 miles northeast of Phoenix. While this as a smaller adult community, it enjoys many of the amenities of larger communities, including a golf course and club house, fitness center, swimming pools, clubs and interest groups.

**CantaMia (by Vitalia)**  
17700 West Star Point Drive  
Goodyear 85338; 623-474-6960

Life keeps getting better when you're 55 in Estrella. CantaMia offers 14 single-story home plans, each with three architectural styles that result in a beautifully composed neighborhood. An assortment of customized options will allow you to personalize your home to your comfort. At CantaMia, residents will live in harmony with the greater Estrella community and join the

environmental commitment involving sustainability and personal comfort. Homes from the mid \$100,000s.

**Pebble Creek (a Robson Comm.)**  
3639 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear 85395  
480-895-9200

Pebble Creek is located 17 miles west of downtown Phoenix and Sky Harbor Airport, and is close to shopping, golf and medical facilities. This 55+ adult community offers green spaces, recreational and social activities, tennis and fitness centers as well as energy efficient homes. The Eagle's Nest golf course has received numerous accolades and is friendly to golfers of all levels.

**Solera at Johnson Ranch (by Del Webb)**  
713 W Twin Peaks Pkwy, Queen Creek 85243  
602-957-9191; 866-301-6050

The active adult portion at this gated community is provided a clubhouse and amenities exclusively for the 55+ population. As part of the Johnson Ranch Master plan community, these residents have access to many of the amenities found in larger active adult communities. Homes are comprised of single family, resale only.

**Sun City (by Del Webb)**  
10401 W. Coggins Dr, Sun City 85351  
623-974-4718

Sun City is the original and by far the largest active adult 55+ community in Arizona. There are 46,000 resale only homes in this community, including single family, town homes and duplexes. Amenities located within this city are 8 golf courses, 7 recreation centers, 16 shopping centers, 31 churches, 2 libraries, 2 lakes, a hospital, and over 200 clubs and interest groups.

**Sun City Festival (by Del Webb)**  
26415 W Desert Vista Blvd, Buckeye 85369  
800-341-6121

Located behind the White Tank Mountains, 45 miles northwest of Phoenix, this 45+ community has 7,200 new and resale homes. The Pioneer Golf course is open and another course is planned. Other amenities are indoor and outdoor pools, hobby rooms,

**PHOENIX SENIOR CENTERS****PHOENIX**

Chinese Ctr	734 W. Elm St.	602-262-6411
Deer Valley Ctr	2001 W. Wahalla Lane	602-495-3735
Devonshire Ctr	2808 E. Devonshire Ave	602-256-3130
Jewish Center	1118 W. Glendale Ave	602-242-1999
Luke Kron Ctr	1940 1/2 E. Villa St	602-262-6835
Manzanita Ctr	3581 W. Northern Ave.	602-262-4949
Marcos de Niza Ctr	305 W. Pima Rd	602-262-7249
McDowell Place Ctr	1845 E. McDowell Rd	602-262-1842
Paradise Valley Ctr	17402 N. 40th Street	602-495-3785
Salvation Army Laura Danieli Ctr	613 N. 4th Avenue	602-251-2005
Santa Rosa Ctr	1901 W. Ocotillo Rd.	602-242-2258
Shadow Mountain Ctr	3546 E. Sweetwater Ave	602-534-2303
Squaw Peak Ctr	2802 E. Devonshire Ave	602-262-3130
South Mountain Ctr	212 E. Alta Vista Rd	602-262-4093
Sunnyslope Ctr	802 E. Vogel Ave	602-262-7572
West Senior Ctr	1220 S. Seventh Ave	606-262-6610

**SOUTHEAST PHOENIX**

Ahwatukee Foothills Ctr	5051 E. Elliot	480-893-6835
Senior East Ctr	1818 S. 16th St	602-262-7305
West Phoenix Ctr		
Chicanos por la Causa Ctr	1617 N 45th Ave	602-272-0054
Desert West Ctr	2001 W Wahalla Dr	602-495-3711
Westside Ctr	1220 S. 7th Ave	602-262-6610

**EAST VALLEY**

Chandle Ctr - Chandler	202 E. Boston St	480-782-2720
Civic Ctr - Scottsdale	7375 E 2nd St	480-312-2375
Concord Ctr - Tempe	2600 N. Saratoga St.	480-990-1875
Escalante Ctr - Tempe	2150 E. Orange St	480-350-5870
Fountain Hills Ctr - Fountain Hills	13001 La Montana	480-816-5888
Gilbert Ctr - Gilbert	130 N. Oak St	480-503-6060
Guadalupe Ctr - Guadalupe	9401 S. Avenida del Yaqui	480-730-3092
Mesa Ctr East - Mesa	7550 E. Adobe RD	480-218-2221
Mesa Ctr - Mesa	247 N. Macdonald St	480-962-5612
Via Linda Ctr - Scottsdale	10440 E Via Linda	480-312-5810

**WEST VALLEY**

Avondale Ctr - Avondale	1007 S. 3rd St	623-932-9440
Buckeye Ctr - Buckeye	2101 E Centre Ave	623-386-2588
El Mirage Ctr - El Mirage	1410 N. El Mirage Rd	623-937-0050
Japanese Ctr - Glendale	5414 W Glenn Dr	623-931-7436
Olive Branch Ctr - Sun City	11250 N. 107th Ave	623-974-6797
Peoria Ctr - Peoria	8335 W Jefferson	623-773-7436
Surprise Ctr - Surprise	15832 N. Hollyhock St	623-222-1500
Tolleson Ctr	9555 W Van Buren	623-936-9793
West Valley Ctr - Glendale	8561 N 61st Ave	623-931-7436

tennis courts, ball courts,, biking trails, and an outdoor amphitheater. Single family homes, both new and resale are offered.

**Sun City Grand (by Del Webb )**

19726 N. Remington Dr, Surprise 85374  
800-528-2604; 480-391-6000

Located 32 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix, Sun City Grand, has 9,600 resale only homes, is age restricted at 45+, and amenities include 4 golf courses, 3 club-houses, spas, a variety of social clubs and nearby shopping and restaurants.

**Sun City West (by Del Webb )**

19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd  
Sun City West 85375; 623-214-8629

Sun City West has 16,900 resale only homes, is age restricted at 45+, and one of the largest adult communities in Arizona. Amenities include 9 golf courses, 3 indoor and 3 outdoor pools, fitness center, restaurants, aquatic center and library. Homes are single-family and Patio styles.

**Sunland Springs Village (by Farnsworth)**

2233 S. Springwood Blvd., Mesa 85209  
480-984-4999; 800-777-7358

In Mesa just off the Superstition Freeway, this 2,890 home 55+ community sets among great shopping and restaurants. Amenities include 27 holes of golf, 2 outdoor pools, tennis and volleyball courts, several interest groups and social events. Home styles include single family, townhouse, and golf condos.

**Sunland Village East (by Farnsworth)**

2145 S Farnsworth Dr, Mesa 85209  
480-380-0106

This 55+, 2,435 new and resale single family home and townhouse community is located near the intersection of Hwy 60 and Hwy 202, close to retail outlets, and dining facilities. Residents can enjoy a golf course, 2 club houses, a fitness center, three pools, and lighted tennis courts.

**Trilogy at Power Ranch (by Shea Homes)**

4331 E Chestnut Lane, Gilbert 85297  
480-704-2900



Located south of the San Tan Freeway (202) in Gilbert, this 55+ age 2,035 single family resale only community offers close in shopping and is 5 miles from Mercy Hospital. Amenities in this gated community include the Trilogy Golf Course, a Center for higher learning, a state of the art culinary teaching kitchen, restaurant, and luxury homes

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**Trilogy at Vistancia (by Shea Homes)**

27980 N. Trilogy Blvd., Peoria 85383  
623-215-6315; 866-505-9518

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Surrounding mountain and desert vistas enhance the quality of this 55+, 2,450 single family homes, new and resale, resort style community in Peoria. Amenities include the Trilogy at Vistancia Golf Course, and clubhouse, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center and spa.

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**Westbrook Village (by UDC)**

19281 N Westbrook Pkwy, Peoria 85328  
623-561-0099

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This 3,922 attached and single family home community has a 40+ age restriction. It is located close to Phoenix and benefits from shopping malls and retail outlets in the area. Amenities include access to 2 golf courses, 2 clubhouses, hobby and game rooms, numerous clubs and interest groups.

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**RETIREMENT & ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES**

*(RET) Retirement / Independent Living*

*(SNF) Skilled Nursing Facility*

*(AL) Assisted Living*

*(RSP) Respite Living*

*(ALZ) Alzheimer's Care*

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**Arcadia Estate (AL)**

5825 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85018  
480-949-0006

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This elegant one floor assisted living home provides private bedrooms with call buttons, private bathroom, patio, storage room, and three meals per day. All areas are wheelchair accessible. The home has a library with computers for email and internet access. Also included is a home theater with a wide screen projection TV.

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**Arizona Grand (SNF, AL)**

4602 N. 24th St., Phoenix 85016  
602-954-9178

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Located in the Biltmore corridor, this community is within walking distance from shopping, entertainment, and restaurants, and offers a full range of services and care, including independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing services. Meals and dining are exceptional.

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**Bella Vista Active Senior Living (RET, AL)**

1825 W. Emelita Ave., Mesa 85202  
480-964-0410

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This 200 apartment community enhances independent living with nearby shopping, restaurants, churches, entertainment, and medical facilities. Bring your own furniture to these one or two bedroom apartments with kitchens, patios or balcony. Beautiful courtyards, walkways, and landscaped garden areas make outdoor strolling enjoyable.

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**Bethesda Gardens (SNF, AL)**

13825 Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix 85022  
602-765-4000

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There are six apartment styles ranging from 312 to 589 square feet, to choose from in this 114 apartment unit community. Special services include assistance with personal needs, R.N. supervision and health assessments on site, pharmacy, on-site rehab facilities, and transportation to Med/Dental appointments

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**Brighton Gardens of Scottsdale (SNF, AL, ALZ)**

6001 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale 85251  
480-941-2222

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Apartment style assisted living, with personal care services including assisted living, Alzheimer's care, nursing/rehabilitative care, and hospice care. 3 meals a day, housekeeping, monthly wellness visits by an on staff nurse, medication management, and activities are some of the amenities.

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**Chris Ridge (RET, AL)**

6250 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix 85015  
602-433-6300

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Chris Ridge is a senior living community that prides itself on offering choices that allow you to live as you so choose. The community offers three meals per day, a 24 hour specially trained staff, activities, weekly housekeeping service, emergency call systems in each apartment, and emergency detection systems, and personalized assistance plans.

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**Desert Springs Senior Living (RET, AL)**

350 E. Eva St., Phoenix 85020  
602-997-6224

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At Desert Springs, assisted living is designed for senior adults to engage in an independent lifestyle, but have available personalized assistance plans if needed. Services include 3 meals per day, 24 hour trained staff, activities, apartment maintenance, scheduled transportation, emergency call and protection systems, weekly housekeeping, and all utilities paid.

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**Desert Winds Assisted Living (AL, ALZ)**

20545 N. Lake Pleasant Rd., Peoria 85382  
623-222-0600

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Assisted Living and Memory Loss Care are provided at this separate facility. The highly qualified, licensed staff is available 24 hours a day for these special care residents. For quality resident care, the ratio of care givers is higher in this memory loss facility.

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**Desert Winds Independent Living (RET)**

20554 N. 101st Ave., Peoria 85382  
623-362-1200

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This retirement community bordering Sun City and Peoria and is located near shopping, sports arenas, great restaurants, golf courses, cultural centers, and medical offices. The community offers several floor plans and a variety of amenities for its senior residents.

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**Fiesta Village (AL)**

5602 N. 7th St., Phoenix 85014  
602-279-7705

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This assisted living center is located on 2 acres in Phoenix. Some of the assisted services include 3 meals per day, Diabetic, emergency and inpatient care, medication assistance and management and preventive care.

**Freedom Inn Sun City West (AL)**

13810 W. Sandridge Dr  
Sun City West 85375; 623-584-2338

This Sun City West facility provides residents with respect for individual preferences in housing, services and amenities, by customizing care for individual needs with personal support and accommodating changes in care as needed.

**Maravilla Scottsdale (RET, AL, ALZ)**

7221 E. Princess Blvd., Scottsdale 85255  
480-538-5600

Situated on 25 acres in north Scottsdale, adjacent to the TCP Golf Course, Maravilla Scottsdale is scheduled to open by spring 2011. This 410 unit "Resort" retirement community will feature casitas for retirees', assisted living and Alzheimer residents. Amenities include restaurants, clubhouse, indoor and outdoor pools, chip & putt golf course and more.

**McDowell Village (RET)**

8300 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale 85257  
480-970-6400

When choosing a home in this community, you have access to a large variety of amenities and services. Just a few of these include a restaurant, lounge and game room with billiards and card tables, TV, and a multi-denominational chapel. Some added amenities are a Beauty/barber shop, library, heated pool and spa, nearby shopping, entertainment, retail shops and cultural activities.

**Paradise Valley Retirement****Community (RET, AL)**

11645 N. 25th Place, Phoenix 85028  
602-992-0710

Designed for those seniors wishing to maintain an independent lifestyle, this facility offers trained on-site staff, activities, household maintenance, scheduled transportation, emergency call and fire systems in each apartment

**Sierra Pointe Retirement****Community (RET, AL)**

14500 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.  
Scottsdale 85260; 480-767-9800

Sierra is a luxury community with resort style living, and the availability of assisted living quarters. Apartment homes are available. Amenities include a fitness center, heated pool and spa, movie theatre, library and computer center. Assisted living is available for those needing additional care.

**Sterling House of Peoria (RET, AL)**

8989 W. Greenbrian Dr, Peoria 85382  
623-583-1704

Independence and daily assistance is provided at this facility, enabling a 24 hour staff to individualize residents needs. Amenities include studio and one bedroom apt's, with furnishings, housekeeping, supervision of medication, attention to residents personal needs, and three meals a day.

**Sunrise of Gilbert (RET, AL)**

580 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert 85296  
480-632-9400

Private companion suites, dining, media, TV room, nursing visits, weekly housekeeping, trained staff, three meals a day, social and educational programs and personal services are some of the amenities available.

**Thunderbird Retirement Resort (RET, AL)**

5401 W. Dailey St., Glendale 85306  
602-938-0414

This 62+ senior adult apartment complex is conveniently located within minutes of restaurants, shopping malls, medical offices and hospitals. Several styles of housing are available, from studio, to one bedroom/one bath or two bedroom/two bath units. Amenities and services include restaurant style dining, on site nurse daily scheduled activities, security, medical transportation and pets are welcome.

**Village Oaks at Chandler (RET, AL)**

1919 W. Carla Vista Dr., Chandler 85224  
480-855-6500

The 62 apartments in this assisted living compound is a one story home set on 5 acres, and is accessed from highways 101, 202, 60 and I-10. The at home atmosphere allows residents to enjoy a comforting and homelike environment, and offers help

from a welcoming staff, should you need it. Depending on your health concerns, special services are available.

**TUCSON****ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITIES****Canoa Ranch**

5609 S Acacia Canyon, Green Valley 85622  
520 625-4441; [www.meritageactiveadult.com](http://www.meritageactiveadult.com)

This 55+ adult community has seven distinctive neighborhoods surrounding the Canoa Ranch Golf Course. Residents enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, library, and hobby rooms. Access to 13 recreation centers and 8 additional valley golf courses are also available to residents.

**Casa Del Oro Norte**

8000 N Casas Pl., Tucson 85742

Casas Del Oro Norte in Tucson is an exclusive enclave within the Omni Tucson National Golf Course and Spa. This quiet, gated community consists of 130 attached homes that offer gorgeous views of the lush green fairways of the renowned golf course. The community is an ideal setting for 55+ adults who want age-restricted living in a highly acclaimed golf course community. Even non-golfers will appreciate the splendor of being surrounded by a course that has been home to countless PGA Tour and NCAA events. Casas Del Oro Norte has limited amenities that consist of two outdoor pools and some park space. Although the community is a favorite for golfers, residency in the community does not include membership to the golf course.

**Continental Ranch Sunflower Communities**

9401 N Sunflower Dr, Marana 85743  
520-572-9780; [www.sunflowerliving.com](http://www.sunflowerliving.com)

Residents enjoy this 55+ adult community located 15 miles northwest of Tucson. Single-family, resale-only homes are available. Residents enjoy amenities that include golf at the adjacent Continental Ranch course, clubhouse, fitness center, outdoor pool, tennis courts, and walking/ biking trails.



### **Del Webb at Rancho del Lago**

10260 S Blendu Way, Vail 85641

866-340-932

[www.delwebbhome.com/az/tucson](http://www.delwebbhome.com/az/tucson)

Del Webb is the only 50+ community within Rancho del Lago. The community amenities include golf, swimming pools, spa, tennis and racquetball courts, and walking and jogging trails. The 14,000 sq ft Lodge, with lounge, fitness center, activity rooms and a demo kitchen are available.

### **Heritage Highlands at Dove Mountain**

49498 W. Heritage Club Blvd., Marana 85658

520-579-9574; [www.heritagehighlands.com](http://www.heritagehighlands.com)

Thirty miles north of Tucson, you will find this gated 50+ southern Arizona golf and tennis community. Resale only single-family homes are available. Residents in this 6200-acre master planned community can enjoy a fitness center, heated pool and spa, year-round social activities, and special events. This community provides an affordable and relaxed lifestyle.

### **Mona Lisa Village**

2355 W. Via Di Silvio, Tucson 85741

520-498-1222

Mona Lisa Village is a 45+ age-restricted community ideal for adults who want a quiet, gated setting in a great location. It is ideally situated on Mona Lisa Road just north of Ina Road in walking distance to Foothills Mall, which features over 90 name brand stores.

### **Quail Creek Resort Community**

1100 N Eagle Hollow Rd,

Green Valley 85614

888-648-0332; [www.robson.com](http://www.robson.com)

The 55+ Quail Creek community is located just south of Tucson, in the Green Valley area. New and resale single-family homes are available. Residents enjoy indoor and outdoor activities year-round. Some amenities included are a championship golf course, clubhouse and Pro shop, tennis courts, fitness center, pool, and activity rooms.

### **Saddlebrooke**

59680 E. Robson Cir., Tucson 85623

520-818-1000; [www.robson.com](http://www.robson.com)

New and resale single-family homes and villas are available at this 40+ award winning adult community called Saddlebrooke. A few of the many amenities include golf courses, with pro shop and clubhouse, swimming pools, tennis courts, fitness center, health and wellness program, library, restaurants and lounges and activity rooms.

### **Sun City Oro Valley**

1565 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd.

Oro Valley 85755

520-825-3711; [www.suncity-vistoso.com](http://www.suncity-vistoso.com)

At the foothills of the Catalina Mountains you can find this 45+, 100 acre active adult community. Single-family resale homes are available. An 18-hole golf course is offered.



## **Active Adult Living Arizona Style**

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1565 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley, AZ  
[scovaz.com/retirescov](http://scovaz.com/retirescov)



“Seniors in Arizona find that they have a wide variety of housing options that can accommodate their budget, while enjoying their lifestyle in a community that encourages the development and pursuit of their personal interests...”

Other amenities include miles of side-walks for walking and bicycling, and three recreation facilities. Homes include single family, garden villa and patio homes.

#### **Traditions at Desert Creek**

740 W. Rio Teras, Green Valley 85614  
520-625-2735; [www.DRHorton.com](http://www.DRHorton.com)

This 180 home 55+ adult community is located 20 miles south of Tucson. Single family, new and resale are available. Residents can enjoy the amenities and benefits of the Green Valley Recreation district, which provides recreation services and activities.

#### **Vistoso Village**

13401 N Rancho Vistoso Blvd.  
Oro Valley 85755; 520-219-5320  
[www.suncity-vistoso.com](http://www.suncity-vistoso.com)

Adjacent to Sun City Vistoso, is the smaller 55+ community of Vistoso Village. Homes available are resale only ranch duplexes. Residents have access to the golf club at Sun City Vistoso, but enjoy their own clubhouse featuring a fitness center, outdoor pools, spa, library, hobby and game room, activities and events.

### **RETIREMENT & ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES**

*(RET) Retirement / Independent Living*

*(SNF) Skilled Nursing Facility*

*(AL) Assisted Living*

*(RSP) Respite Living*

*(ALZ) Alzheimer's Care*

#### **The Academy Village (RET)**

13701 E. Langty Ln., Tucson 85747  
520-647-7777; [www.theacademyvillage.com](http://www.theacademyvillage.com)

This active retirement community is located in the Rincon Valley, east of Tucson. Residents own their own single family or town home and relax on their patios. They can take an outdoor swim in January and enjoy the surrounding desert vistas and beautiful sunsets. The Community Center offers activities and events. The Fitness Center offers aerobics, heated pool and spa, and lighted tennis courts. Truly an active facility for the active adult!

#### **Amber Lights (RET, AL)**

6231 N Montebella Rd., Tucson 85704  
520-704-6485

Apartments for retirement and assisted living residents are available. If the need arises for daily living assistance, residents can remain in their apartment and receive care for any special needs. Amenities

include a restaurant, wellness center, library, billiard and card rooms, swimming pool, music room, walking trails and a 24-hour service staff

#### **Atria Campana Del Rio (RET, AL, Memory, RSP)**

1550 W. River Rd., Tucson 85718  
520-299-1941  
[www.atriacampanadelrio.com](http://www.atriacampanadelrio.com)

Atria Campana del Rio is a welcoming and warm senior community with much to offer. Located in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, the community is only minutes away from local amenities and services, and is a vibrant place to live that give seniors companionship, comfort and safety.

#### **Broadway Proper (RET, AL)**

400 S. Broadway Pl., Tucson 85710  
520-296-3238

Broadway Proper is just minutes way from numerous amenities and local attractions in the Tucson area. Residents enjoy many amenities and services in a relaxed community setting. Broadway Proper is managed by Leisure Care, a leader in senior living for over 30 years.

#### **Carestone Assisted Living (RET, AL, ALZ)**

5665 East River Rd., Tucson 85750  
520-529-7100; [www.tucson.hscsal.com](http://www.tucson.hscsal.com)

### **TUCSON SENIOR CENTERS**

Armory Senior citizen Center	220 S 5th Ave	520-791-4865
Casa De Esperanza	780 S Park Centre Ave	520-625-2273
Casa Senior Center	780 S Park Centre Ave	520-382-3485
Catalina Senior Center	3414 E Golder Ranch Dr	520-825-0009
El Pueblo Senior Center	101 W Irvington Rd	520-791-3250
El Rio Neighborhood Senior Center	1390 W Speedway Blvd	520-791-4683
Lioge Senior Center	7601 S Camino Benum	520-883-5180
Marana Senior Center	13250 N Lon Adams Rd	520-382-3485
NW Neighborhood Center	2160 N 6th Ave	520-791-4683
Oracle Comm. & Senior Center	685 E American Ave	520-896-9326
Richey Senior Center	1001 N Richey Blvd	520-795-9671
The Salvation Army Center	7901 E Scarlet St	520-792-1352





Unwavering in its genuine care for residents, Carestone—by Hearthstone senior Services—provides excellent services and amenities including; housekeeping and daily linen services, beauty and barbershop on-site, social events and activities, exercise programs as well as a beautifully landscaped courtyard and a garden view dining room. Carestone employs a compassionate, trained staff 24 hours a day.

**The Court at Tucson (AL, ALZ,)**  
3701 N Swan Rd., Tucson 85718  
520-299-7755

The daily experience at this facility includes restaurant style dining, transportation and activities. Staff assistance is provided for personal issues of the assisted living, memory loss and respite care residents. Activities, clubs and special events foster a community atmosphere.

**Emeritus at Catalina Foothills (AL, RSP, ALZ, Hospice)**  
3701 N. Swan Rd., Tucson 85718  
520-299-7755; [www.emeritus.com/arizona/tucson/emmeritus-catalina-foothills](http://www.emeritus.com/arizona/tucson/emmeritus-catalina-foothills)

Emeritus at Catalina Foothills offers a homelike setting and a cheerful, professional staff who offers the assistance while respecting independence. its peaceful setting, restaurant-style dining experience, activities and beautiful surroundings combine to create a wonderful living environment every day.

**Emeritus at Pantano (RET, RSP, AL, ALZ)**  
8151 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson 85710  
520-722-8400; [www.emeritus.com/arizona/tucson/emmeritus-pantano](http://www.emeritus.com/arizona/tucson/emmeritus-pantano)

The staff at Emeritus at Pantano prides itself on respecting the privacy and individuality of its residents, while at the same time creating a real sense of community. Residents maintain the same independent lifestyle, while connecting with peers and participating in activities and even forming new lifelong friendships.

**Emeritus of Tucson (AL, RSP)**  
2650 W. Ina Rd., Tucson 85741  
520-229-0232; [www.emeritus.com/arizona/tucson/emmeritus-tucson](http://www.emeritus.com/arizona/tucson/emmeritus-tucson)

Emeritus residents maintain an independent lifestyle while having the opportunity to connect with peers, participate in activities and form new friendships. Its customized service care plan offers the right complement of additional services, from assistance with medication to daily help with bathing, dressing, grooming and ambulation.

**Fairwinds—Desert Point**  
10701 N. La Reserve Dr, Oro Valley 85737  
520-498-1111  
[www.fairwindsdesertpoint.com](http://www.fairwindsdesertpoint.com)

A premier independent and assisted living community, Fairwinds-Desert Point provides Oro Valley Seniors with a wide selection of spacious accommodations and resort-like lifestyle options. The elegant community,

which recently completed a series of renovations, is filled with life and activity, from numerous activity programs held every day to many on-site amenities and services available. No matter the lifestyle choice, Fairwinds—Desert Point always has something to offer.

**The Fountains at La Cholla (AL, ALZ, RSP)**  
2001 W Rudasill Rd., Tucson 85704  
520-777-1413  
[www.watermarkcommunities.com/lacholla/](http://www.watermarkcommunities.com/lacholla/)

The Fountains offers full service independent living and health care for seniors including respite care, short-term care and Alzheimer's care. Services include housekeeping, medication management, personal care, wellness program and scheduled transportation.

**Freedom Inn at Ventana Canyon (AL)**  
5660 N. Kolb Rd., Tucson 85750  
520-577-6940; [www.brookdaleliving.com/freedom-inn-at-ventana-canyon.aspx](http://www.brookdaleliving.com/freedom-inn-at-ventana-canyon.aspx)

Staff members Freedom Inn are available 24 hours a day to provide assistance, and all services are customized to meet the personal needs and preferences of each resident. All residences are provided with weekly linen and housekeeping services, and barber and salon services are available on site for ease of use.

**The Oasis at El Corral (AL, ALZ)**  
2721 N Oracle Rd., Tucson 85705  
520-624-1771; [www.tucsonoasis.com](http://www.tucsonoasis.com)



The Oasis provides personalized services for assisted living residents as well as those with memory loss issues. Services include an experienced nurse on staff, fully furnished rooms, daily housekeeping, home style meals, 24-hour emergency call system and supervised personal assistance.

#### **Prestige Assisted Living at Green Valley (AL, ALZ)**

1175 S Abrego Dr., Green Valley 85614  
520-648-5583; [www.prestigecare.com/assisted.php?id=39](http://www.prestigecare.com/assisted.php?id=39)

This 60-unit community provides one and two bedroom apartments for the assisted living residents and for those with special needs or who are suffering memory loss. Active seniors can find an affordable and comfortable lifestyle, retaining their independence while receiving the care they need.

#### **Santa Catalina Villas (RET, AL, ALZ)**

7500 N Calle Sin Envidia, Tucson 85718  
520-742-0505; [www.brookdaleliving.com/santa-catalina-villas.aspx](http://www.brookdaleliving.com/santa-catalina-villas.aspx)

The Santa Catalina Villas is a gated, full-service retirement community. Adjacent to this facility is the La Rosa Healthcare Center offering assisted living, Alzheimer's care, respite care, skilled nursing care and rehabilitation therapy.

#### **Silver Springs (RET, AL)**

500 W Camino Encanto, Green Valley 85614  
520-704-6494

Silver Springs offers independent as well as assisted living apartments. Independent living services include security systems, weekly housekeeping, transportation, complimentary breakfast, private patios and other amenities. Assisted living apartments include 3 meals a day, weekly housekeeping, 24-hr staffing, an emergency response system, and medication management.

#### **Splendido at Rancho Vistoso (AL, RET, ALZ)**

13500 N Rancho Vistoso Blvd.  
Oro Valley 85737  
520-878-2600; [www.splendidoaz.net](http://www.splendidoaz.net)

Active residents can enjoy their retirement in a terrace or villa home. Services and amenities include a restaurant, housekeeping, utilities, fitness programs, wellness programs, and more. If the need arises there is priority access to assisted care, memory support and nursing at the on-site health care facility.

#### **Sterling House (AL, RSP)**

8468 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson 85710  
520-722-8841; [www.brookdaleliving.com/sterling-house-on-east-speedway.aspx](http://www.brookdaleliving.com/sterling-house-on-east-speedway.aspx)

Sterling House on East Speedway provides residents with personalized assisted living options and spacious accommodations. It also strives to keep every resident living as independently as possible, and are available to provide a helping hand whenever assistance is required. Sterling House is a part of Brookdale Senior Living, a company

dedicated to providing superb senior care options since 1978.

#### **Sunrise at River Road (AL, ALZ)**

4975 N. First Ave., Tucson 85718  
520-888-8400; [www.seniorsforliving.com/community/Sunrise-at-River-Road/](http://www.seniorsforliving.com/community/Sunrise-at-River-Road/)

Sunrise at River Road is proud of its close-knit community and compassionate staff, serving assisted living and Alzheimer's care residents. Its resident-centered approach allows seniors to live as independently as possible, while providing an inviting community that's safe, comfortable and homelike.

#### **Villa Hermosa (RET)**

6300 E Speedway Blvd., Tucson 85710  
520-549-1020; [www.villahermosatucson.com](http://www.villahermosatucson.com)

This retirement community prides itself in making your stay a fun and enjoyable lifestyle. They provide dining options, a wellness program, physical fitness, intellectual pursuits, and social opportunities. Other amenities include a swimming pool, spa, theater and dance studio.

#### **Villa Maria Care Center (AL, SNF)**

4310 E Grant Rd., Tucson 85712  
520-323-9351; [www.villamariacc.com](http://www.villamariacc.com)

Resident needs are met with two units. One unit with semi private rooms offers specialized nursing and rehab care for post acute and Medicare residents. The other unit cares for long term residents with services that include 24-hr nursing care, meals, housekeeping, and daily activities. ●



# SENIOR RESOURCES

## **Aging Services of Arizona**

602-230-0026; [www.aging-services-of-arizona.org](http://www.aging-services-of-arizona.org)  
This is a not for profit service association, affiliated with the American Association of Homes and Services for the aging (AAHSA). This is the only association in Arizona representing long term care, housing, assisted living communities, nursing facilities and community care facilities.

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## **Area Agency on Aging**

602-285-0505; [www.aaaphx.org](http://www.aaaphx.org)  
This is a foundation for senior support groups. To register for these support groups, see phone number above. A few of these groups are Chronic Pain, Depression and Anxiety, Alzheimer's, Caregivers Networking, Adult protective Services, Medicare information, Independent Living and Long time complaints.

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## **Arizona Care Planning Council**

800-989-8137; [www.carearizona.org](http://www.carearizona.org)  
The Arizona Planning Council is a free resource for eldercare questions. They provide a free referral service enabling seniors in finding eldercare providers, throughout the state. Some included services are nursing homes, senior daycare facilities, hospice care, retirement communities, senior centers, disability and transportation services, elder law and Medicaid consultants, financial and estate planning.

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## **Catholic Charities Community Service**

602-285-1999 *Phoenix*; 520-623-0344 *Tucson*  
[www.catholiccharitiesaz.com](http://www.catholiccharitiesaz.com)  
Catholic charities offer support for people of all ages, including the elderly. Their goal is to provide assistance regardless of income level, race, ethnicity, economic status or religious affiliation, in an effort to building caring families, reducing poverty, enhancing fairness, and alleviating suffering. These programs are funded by both public and private donations.

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## **Foundation for Senior Living**

602-285-1800; [www.fsl.org](http://www.fsl.org)  
The Foundation for Senior Living provides a number of services for seniors and those with disabilities including Healthy Visions Wellness Centers, Senior Centers, Home Improvements for safer living, Community Action Programs, Housing and the OASIS program for the Arts and Humanities. Services in the Tucson area can be located by calling the main office in Phoenix, 602-285-1800

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## **Governors Advisory Council on Aging**

602-264-2255; [www.de.state.az.us/gaca](http://www.de.state.az.us/gaca)  
The council was created by state law to review the development and implementation of the state plan on aging and to serve as the official state advocate for seniors, promoting the quality of life for older adults.

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## **Maricopa County Department of Human Services**

602-506-5911; [www.hsd.maricopa.gov](http://www.hsd.maricopa.gov)  
Senior Adult Independent Living (SAIL) is a program through which the Area Agency on Aging provides case management and in-home services to older and disabled adults. With funding provided mainly by federal and state resources, the Area Agency is able to help individuals receive the services they need.

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## **Pima Council on Aging**

520-790-7262; [www.pcoa.org](http://www.pcoa.org)  
This is a foundation for senior support groups. To register for a support group, call the phone number above. A few of the groups are Chronic Pain, Depression and Anxiety, Alzheimer's, Caregivers Networking, Adult protective Services, Medicare information, Independent Living and Long time complaints.

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## **Pima County Department of Human Services**

520-740-8028; [www.pimahealth.org/seniors](http://www.pimahealth.org/seniors)  
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## **Pima Health System**

520-243-8500; [www.pimahealthsystem.org](http://www.pimahealthsystem.org)  
PHS is an Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) program contractor for long-term care services. Long-term care services include placements for members in Skilled Nursing Facilities, or Home and Community Based options such as Adult Foster Care, Assisted Living Homes, Assisted Living Centers, or in-home care provided in the enrolled member's own home.

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## **Pinal County Health & Human Services**

520-866-2255; [www.pinalcountyaz.gov](http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov)  
Offers numerous Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) including assisted living,

attendant and personal care and other home-based services. Some of the other available services include home delivered meals, behavioral health, home health nursing, hospitalization, and if necessary, nursing home services

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## **Senior Advocacy Organizations – Region One**

602-264-2255; [www.aaaphx.org](http://www.aaaphx.org)  
This agency maintains a 24 hour senior help line staffed by English and Spanish speaking Social workers to assist in locating services and resources for Maricopa County for Seniors

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## **Sun Tran – Public Transportation**

520-792-9222; [www.suntran.com](http://www.suntran.com)  
Sun Tran is committed to providing transportation for the general public, and especially services for seniors, and persons with disabilities. For information on routes and schedules as well as trip planning assistance, call the number above.

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## **United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona**

520-903-9000; [www.unitedwaytucson.org](http://www.unitedwaytucson.org)  
Through strong partnerships with volunteers, local business, government and nonprofit organizations, United Way accomplishes what no one can do alone. United Way manages programs for community solutions including those to help seniors live actively with independent life choices.

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## **Valley Metro-Dial a Ride**

602-253-5000; [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org)  
Valley Metro is committed to providing transportation for the general public, and especially Dial-a-ride service for seniors, and persons with disabilities. For information on routes and schedules as well as trip planning assistance, call the number above. If dial-A-Ride is unable to transportation needs, call the Maricopa County Special Transportation Services at 602-372-4280.

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## **Van Tran**

520-798-1000; [www.vantran.org](http://www.vantran.org)  
Van Tran, Tucson's paratransit agency provides transportation service to those individuals unable to use Sun Tran's fixed route service due to their disability. Van Tran is available to individuals with disabilities with a current ADA Eligibility Card issued by the City of Tucson.



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# GETTING SETTLED

The Phoenix and Tucson Relocation Guide is designed to provide those new to the area with a wealth of information. As excited as you may be with your relocation decision, it is still a challenge to settle into any new community. This article contains information and relocation tips to smooth your adjustment into Arizona.

## LEARN ABOUT YOUR NEW CITY

You may find yourself lodged in a hotel or temporary housing until your belongings arrive, and that's a nice opportunity to become familiar with Phoenix and Tucson. This publication is the perfect place to start learning about what each wonderful city has to offer. You can also find additional information at the Chamber of Commerce offices ([www.visitphoenix.com](http://www.visitphoenix.com), [www.visittucson.org](http://www.visittucson.org)) the Visitor's Center, hotels/motels/airports, and real estate offices (see the Helpful Websites sidebar on the next page).

A walking or bus tour, while fun for the whole family, actually serves to help you become acclimated and learn about the city. You can also visit local points of interest

such as museums, parks and exhibits; enjoy a concert; and try out restaurants featuring local cuisine. Check out any services, activities or organizations that are of particular interest to your family.

## SPOUSE CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

One of the biggest challenges of moving is relocating a "second" career. If you, as a spouse, are transferring your job to a home office, then a computer, telephone, e-mail account and fax machine may be all that you will need to get started. However, if your job was not "portable," you might consider a new career, part-time or temporary employment, or perhaps even start your own business.

Evaluate your skills, accomplishments and greatest strengths when you are planning your next endeavor. A few resources to tap are your spouse's employer, local organizations, real estate offices with "Partner Career Assistance Programs," independent career counselors, your university/college alma mater and of course the Sunday edition of the local papers. If you are searching for a job, start networking by telling those you meet that you are looking.

If you have chosen to take a break from your career, consider volunteering your time and talent. Volunteering to a charitable organization is a wonderful effort as well as a way to meet new people and learn more about the community. Volunteer activities add depth to résumés, but the experience needs

# TIPS FOR SETTLING IN

- Write down three or four goals to achieve in your new city.
- Continue all your special family celebrations and traditions.
- Share some of your family's special recipes and cultural aspects with new acquaintances and neighbors.
- Keep a log of new experiences and accomplishments.
- Give everyone in the family manageable moving chores (*taking care of practical matters will take the edge off homesickness*).
- Join an athletic or special interest group.
- Get involved in community and/or religious organizations, especially those that sponsor activities, volunteer efforts and programs for newcomers.
- Learn about the local government, issues and politics.
- Most importantly, be patient and take one day at a time.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

<b>American Medical Association</b>	<a href="http://www.ama-assn.org">www.ama-assn.org</a>
<b>Monster.com</b>	<a href="http://www.monster.com">www.monster.com</a>
<b>American School Directory</b>	<a href="http://www.asd.com">www.asd.com</a>
<b>National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies</b>	<a href="http://www.naccrra.org">www.naccrra.org</a>
<b>Elder Care Locator</b>	<a href="http://www.eldercare.gov">www.eldercare.gov</a>
<b>American Animal Hospital Association Hospital Locator</b>	<a href="http://www.healthypet.com">www.healthypet.com</a>
<b>Advice for Volunteers</b>	<a href="http://www.serviceleader.org">www.serviceleader.org</a>
<b>Parents Without Partners, Inc.</b>	<a href="http://www.parentswithoutpartners.org">www.parentswithoutpartners.org</a>

to be documented so that the service equates to business expertise. Before you again become fully employed, use any free time to enjoy your new community. Refer to the Advice for Volunteers website for guidance in selecting a volunteer position and Monster.com for spouse assistance in the Helpful Websites sidebar.

## SUCCESSFULLY RELOCATING YOUR SMALLEST MOVERS

The majority of relocating families have dependent children. If you are moving with children, you probably researched schools before moving; however, personal school visits will transform the unknown into reality. Visits to new schools to survey the classrooms and meet teachers will go a long way to allay your, and your children's worries about the new environment.

Listen carefully to each child's concerns—every move can bring new issues to the surface. Encourage your children to maintain contact with former friends, even while trying to make new friends. Exchanging photos, having e-mail access and possibly a cell phone with a camera feature can help bridge the gap between old and new friends during the early weeks in a new location.

## DEALING WITH CHALLENGES

Keep in mind that every stage and every age can bring new challenges. Children who sailed through the last move could be in an entirely different place emotionally and physically for this move, so parents cannot assume that a child will ease into the current move. Routinely share accomplishments and challenges with each other and talk about ways to overcome difficulties. Children need to know that even though the parents are responsible for uprooting them, you both have challenges to face, and you need to work together as a family to solve them.

The following signs may indicate that children are struggling with the adjustment: sudden reading difficulties, changes in attention

span or study habits, weight loss or gain, altered enthusiasm or energy levels, strained relationships with you or their siblings, or disturbed sleep patterns. Stay closely involved with your children during the early months in a new location so you know how they are feeling, what they are thinking and who their new friends are.

Consider volunteering or get involved with the school so that you can see for yourself how your children are managing. Both adults and children need the stability and comfort of established routines, so keep the same rules, bedtimes, mealtimes, allowances and expectations that you





had before moving. Refer to the Tips for Settling In sidebar for more great info to help both you and the kids.

### CHILDREN AND SAFETY

When children are in an unfamiliar environment, they can easily forget basic safety rules. The following are always a good reminder:

- Keep close to a parent, and take an adult's hand in crowded areas.
- Carry personal identification and phone numbers to contact parents at all times.
- Know where to meet in case families become separated.
- Review street crossing safety guidelines.
- Make sure children understand how to get help safely if they get lost.

### MEDICAL AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

It is a fact that moving places additional stress on individuals and consequently, they are more vulnerable to accidents or illness, not to mention unexpected flare-ups of chronic health conditions. If an emergency occurs, every second counts; therefore, as a precaution, locate hospitals, pharmacies and physicians that will meet your family's needs before an emergency arises.

Learn the procedures, telephone numbers and access codes for emergency care and always carry medical identification with you. Also, in an emergency, you may forget your new telephone number and/or address so before an emergency arises, program them into your cell phone and place written notes near each telephone

in your home, as well as basic directions to your residence. Directions will not only be useful for family members in the early days at your new home, but they will also assist babysitters and visiting relatives.

### EMBRACE THE MOVE

Whether or not you have children, or you are married, single or retired, relocating to a new community can ultimately become a wonderful and enriching experience. The suggestions in this article have worked for many relocating families, and they can also help your family become comfortable in your new home.

As an aside, when people learn that I've moved 19 times, the response is often "What place did you like best?" My answer is always the same: "Where my family was." I wish you all the best! ●

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# newcomer INFORMATION

There's nothing more frustrating than moving to a new city and having no idea where to get your driver's license and vehicle registration; how to navigate your way around new streets; or where the airport is. Not to mention how and where to get your utilities setup! Never fear—here's some basic information on getting settled in Phoenix and Tucson.





## DRIVER LICENSE, TITLE AND REGISTRATION

As described in the customer service guide and driver license manual, Arizona issues an extended driver license that continues until age 65, although photo and vision screenings need to be updated every 12 years. At 60 years and over drivers will receive a 5-year license with a renewal date of every 5 years, also requiring vision and photo updating. Temporary residents such as out of state students or military personnel and family members may apply for a 5-year license regardless of age. The applicant must have valid proof of age and identity. Foreign applicants will be processed in accordance with Arizona authorized presence requirements.

All Offices perform both driver license and title and registration services unless otherwise noted. The vehicle registration fee is based on the make, model and year of the vehicle. Some offices also perform commercial driver license services and Motorcycle skill testing. Consult the Customer Service Guide, available at all testing facilities to find the facility that meets your needs. For further inquiries, contact the Motor Vehicle Division of Arizona at 602-255-0072 or consult their web site at [www.azdot.gov](http://www.azdot.gov).

### DRIVER LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATIONS

#### PHOENIX

Apache Junction	575 Idaho Road #600
Avondale	1452 N. Eliseo C. Felix Jr. Way
Casa Grande	240 W. Cottonwood Lane
Chandler	50 S. Beck Avenue
Coolidge	672 N. Arizona Blvd.
Glendale	16380 N 59th Avenue
Mesa	1840 S. Mesa Drive
Mesa-East	7631 E. Main Street
Mesa-Southeast	4123 E. Valley Auto Drive
Phoenix-Central	2739 E. Washington Street
Phoenix-Northwest	20626 N. 26th Avenue
Phoenix-West	4005 N. 51st Avenue
Phoenix-South	221 E. Olympic Drive
Scottsdale	7339 E. Paradise Lane
Surprise	13009 W. Bell Road
Tempe	1703 E. Larkspur Lane

#### TUCSON

Green Valley	601 N. La Canada
Ajo	1211 Well Road
Tucson East	1360 S. Stocker
Tucson North	7330 N. Shannon
Tucson Regional	3565 S. Broadmont

#### Driver License Only

Pima County Justice Court	115 N. Church
Tucson City Court	103 E. Alameda
Tucson Commercial Driver Licence	621 E. 22nd Street

## AUTO INSURANCE IN ARIZONA

Proof of insurance is mandatory before one can register a car in Arizona. Minimum levels of financial responsibility for private passenger vehicles are: \$15,000 bodily injury liability for one person and \$30,000 for two or more persons and \$10,000 property damage liability. Combined single limit liability of \$300,000 or split limits of \$100,000/ \$300,000 BI and \$50,000 PD; Medical payments of \$5,000; UM limits same as liability; \$100 Deductible Comprehensive; \$200 Deductible Collision.

### VEHICLE INSPECTION STATIONS

Phone for all locations: 800-284-7748

PHOENIX	4949 E. Madison Street 10210 N. 23rd Avenue 1520 Riverview Drive 5302 W. Roosevelt Street 15439 N. 40th Street
CHANDLER, GILBERT	20 N. Beck Avenue 2360 S. Airport Boulevard
GLENDALE	5850 W. Beverly Lane 7140 N. 110th Avenue
MESA	4442 E. Ivy Street 1851 W. 1st Avenue
SCOTTSDALE	8448 E. Evans Road
SURPRISE	13425 W. Westgate Drive
TUCSON	1301 S. Stocker Drive 3931 N. Business Center Drive 6661 S. Renaissance

### EMMISSIONS TESTING

Required by the state, general information concerning emission testing is available from the Department of Environmental Quality, Vehicle Emissions, (Phoenix: 602-771-2300, Tucson: 520-628-6733). Every car (unless it is model year 1966 or earlier) must pass emission inspection each year before it can be registered.

**TRANSPORTATION****INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS**

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	3400 E. Sky Harbor Blvd.	skyharbor.com
Tucson International Airport	7250 S. Tucson Blvd.	www.flytucsonairport.com

**MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS**

Chandler Municipal Airport	2380 S. Stinson Way	480-782-3540
Deer Valley Airport (Phoenix)	702 W. Deer Valley Drive	623-869-0975
Falcon Field Municipal (Mesa)	4800 Falcon Drive	480-644-2444
Glendale Municipal Airport	6801 N. Glen Harbor Blvd. #201	623-930-2450
Goodyear (Litchfield)	1658 S. Litchfield Road	623-932-1200
Scottsdale Airport	15000 N. Airport Drive	480-312-2321
Sky Ranch at Carefree	8302 E. Cave Creek Road	480-488-3571
Stellar Airpark (Chandler)	209 S. Stellar Parkway	480-961-1502
Phoenix-Mesa Gateway	5835 S. Sossaman Road	480-988-3443

**RAILWAY**

Amtrak	401 W. Harrison, Phoenix	800-872-7245 (USA-RAIL)	www.amtrak.com
Amtrak	400 N. Toole Avenue, Tucson	800-872-7245 (USA-RAIL)	www.amtrak.com

**BUS**

Sun Tran Bus Service	4220 S. Park Avenue, Tucson	520-792-9222	www.suntran.com
Greyhound-Traillways Bus Lines	2115 E. Buckeye Road, Phoenix	800-231-2222	www.greyhound.com
Greyhound-Traillways Bus Lines	471 W Congress Street, Tucson	520-792-3475	www.greyhound.com
Valley Metro Transit	North 1st Avenue, Phoenix	602-253-5000	www.valleymetro.org

**CARPOOLING  
IN ARIZONA**

RideShare, a matching service for those who wish to carpool in the Phoenix area, is provided by Valley Metro Transit. For more information call 602-262-7433.

**DISTANCE FROM PHOENIX TO  
OTHER MAJOR U.S. CITIES**

Ajo	110	Mesa	15
Ash Fork	152	Nogales, AZ	175
Benson	156	Nogales, Mexico	176
Bisbee	205	Parker	169
Casa Grande	45	Prescott	102
Clifton	207	Safford	164
Coolidge	51	Sedona	119
Douglas	229	Show Low	174
Flagstaff	145	Sonoita	161
Florence	61	Springerville	220
Holbrook	191	Tombstone	181
Hoover Dam	259	Tubac	155
Gila Bend	68	Tucson	111
Globe	87	Wickenburg	58
Grand Canyon	228	Willcox	192
Kingman	186	Yuma	184

**DISTANCE FROM TUCSON TO  
OTHER MAJOR U.S. CITIES**

Ajo	129	Mesa	100
Amado	34	Nogales, Arizona	64
Benson	46	Nogales, Mexico	65
Bisbee	95	Patagonia	60
Casa Grande	63	Phoenix	116
Coolidge	66	Prescott	212
Douglas	120	Safford	128
Eloy	51	Show Low	197
Flagstaff	257	Springerville	240
Florence	72	Sonoita	47
Ft. Huachuca	73	Tempe	106
Gila Bend	121	Tombstone	71
Globe	104	Tubac	41
Grand Canyon	341	Wickenburg	168
Kingman	298	Willcox	82
Lake Havasu City	320	Yuma	237



## ELECTRICITY

### PHOENIX

Arizona Public Service	602-371-7171/800-253-9405	<a href="http://www.aps.com">www.aps.com</a>
Salt River Project	602-236-8888	<a href="http://www.srpnet.com">www.srpnet.com</a>

### TUCSON

Tucson Electric Power Company	520-623-7711	<a href="http://www.tucsonelectric.com">www.tucsonelectric.com</a>
Trico Electric Cooperative	520-744-2944	<a href="http://www.trico.coop">www.trico.coop</a>

## WATER

Avondale: 623-478-3230	Buckeye: 623-349-6800	Carefree: 480-488-9100
Cave Creek: 602-358-4211	Chandler: 480-782-2280	Fountain Hills: 480-837-3411
Gilbert: 480-503-6400	Glendale: 623-930-3190	Goodyear: 623-932-3015
Litchfield Park: 623-932-3015	Marana: 520-382-2570	Mesa: 480-644-2221
Oro Valley: 520-229-5000	Paradise Valley: 480-948-5410	Peoria: 623-773-7160
Phoenix: 602-262-6251	Scottsdale: 480-312-2461	Sun City/Sun City West: 623-974-2521
Tempe: 480-350-8361	Tolleson: 623-936-7111	Tucson: 520-791-3242

## GAS

Southwest Gas supplies natural gas to the majority of the Phoenix and Tucson. The main customer assistance phone number is 877-860-6020

## RECYCLING

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality maintains a Recycling Hot-line. To find out why recycling is important, what can be recycled and where, and to receive some conservation tips, call 602-771-5613

## CABLE, SATELITE AND PHONE

### PHOENIX

CenturyLink (formerly Qwest)	855-234-5724	<a href="http://www.qwest.com">www.qwest.com</a>
Cox Communications	623-594-0505	<a href="http://ww2.cox.com/residential/arizona/home.cox">ww2.cox.com/residential/arizona/home.cox</a>
Zona Communications	623-455-4500	<a href="http://www.zonacommunications.com">www.zonacommunications.com</a>

### TUCSON

AT&T	520-290-4555	<a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>
Comcast	520-744-2653	<a href="http://www.comcast.com">www.comcast.com</a>
COX Communications	520-884-0133	<a href="http://ww2.cox.com/residential/arizona/home.cox">ww2.cox.com/residential/arizona/home.cox</a>
DirecTV	520-622-3474	<a href="http://www.directv.com">www.directv.com</a>
Dish	877-211-2419	<a href="http://www.dishnetwork.com">www.dishnetwork.com</a>

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

For fire, police and ambulance emergency, dial 911. Other important numbers to have on hand are:

**Poison Control:** Phx 602-253-3334  
Tuc 520-626-6016

**Police Dept.:** Phx 602-262-6151  
Tuc 520-791-4444

**Suicide Hotline:** Phx 480-784-1500  
Tuc 520-323-9373

**Highway Patrol:** 602-223-2000

## VOTER REGISTRATION

To vote in local and national elections, you must be registered at least twenty-nine days prior to the election. You must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the U.S. and a resident of Arizona, which you will be after living in the state for six months. Registration can be done at registration headquarters (Phoenix 602-506-1511, Tucson 520-740-4330), city clerk offices and driver's license bureaus. Mail-in registration forms are also available at these locations. Online registration can be accomplished at [www.servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/](http://www.servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/).

**Maricopa Division Department of Elections:** 602-506-1511

**Pima Division Department of Elections:** 520-740-4260

**League of Women Voters:** Phx 480-966-9031 Tuc 520-327-7652

**Democratic County Headquarters:** Phx 602-298-0503 Tuc 520-326-3716

**Republican County Headquarters:** Phx 602-957-7770 Tuc 520-321-1492

## RESIDENCY

Newcomers are considered residents of Arizona if they own or rent a residence for six months or more; accept a job (other than seasonal employment); register children in public schools; obtain a state driver's license; or maintain a business that is taxed by the state.

# ALL ABOARD!

## PHOENIX VALLEY METRO LIGHT RAIL

Over a decade in the making, when this train left the station, it did so with class. The Phoenix Valley light rail project produced a thriving public transportation system that meets planners' goals of eased transportation clots, improved air quality and economic stimulation. As the Valley enjoys the success of the initial efforts, METRO Light Rail continues the process of implementing expansion through 2032.





The 1980s and 90s marked unprecedented growth in the Southwestern United States. With miles of available land, growth in the Phoenix Valley sprawled to outlying suburbs served by an inadequate transportation infrastructure. Automobiles clogged major transportation arteries and snarled surface streets. A growing blanket of smog persisted in the Valley. Land use efficiency hit a new low, particularly in downtown Phoenix, a spread-out urban landscape dotted with empty lots and decaying buildings. At the same time, parking capacity for downtown employees diminished, threatening the real estate office market and urban development opportunities.

Valley residents responded to the challenges by approving a number of funding measures dating back to a 1985 Maricopa County tax increase that established the Regional Public Transportation Authority charged with developing a regional transportation system. Work on freeway improvements began in earnest and ongoing funding support eventually led to the development of light rail. Voters in the cities of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale and Chandler over time approved local tax increases to subsidize the transportation infrastructure. By the end of 2000, a light rail plan and final alignment won approval and began to move forward. Valley Metro Rail Inc., a nonprofit, public corporation with members comprising representatives from Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Glendale and Chandler, formed to oversee the design, construction and operation of the region's proposed 57-mile light rail system. The final financial hurdle was surpassed when the Federal Government approved a \$587 million Full Funding Grant Agreement to jumpstart the initial 20-mile development set to run from Phoenix, through Tempe, with access to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport at its midpoint, and on to Mesa.

**Development:** Construction of the initial 20-mile light rail line required nearly four years at a cost of \$1.4 billion. Although the development was adequately funded by taxpayer money and a Federal grant, the development was not without criticism.

Many considered the \$1.4 billion construction cost an extravagance, positing that it served only a relatively small commuter population. Others decried the traffic disruptions and restricted access imposed by ongoing

construction that negatively impacted local businesses. Some cried foul upon learning that fares and advertisements would not fully pay for annual operating costs and that ongoing subsidies would be required to continue operations (a model, by the way that is consistent with most other light rail systems).

Finally, the timing for the light rail launch, December 2008, coincided with the time the Valley was feeling the full impact of the Great Recession; an economic climate that did little to garner support.

**Opening:** In spite of the growing criticisms, construction, engineering, and design moved forward on plans encompassing 20 miles of track, 28 passenger stations, security cameras and public address systems, two transit centers, and eight park-and-ride lots.

During the METRO Light Rail Grand Opening, December 27 – 28, 2008, over 200,000 enthusiastic residents rode the trains, establishing the Valley Metro Light Rail's opening as the largest in U.S. history.

Ridership during the first weeks and throughout the next year exceeded the initial 26,000 average daily estimates, growing to an average 35,000 daily users. The METRO Phoenix table below presents the projected versus actual ridership during the first full year of operation.

Today, ridership has grown to nearly 44,000 average weekday riders, close to 35,000 Saturday riders and over 23,000 Sunday riders. Through October 2014, ridership exceeds well over 1 million monthly.

**Impact on Economic Development:** In addition to contributing to favorable traffic flow solutions and significant smog reduction, the METRO Light Rail more than proved its worth in terms of economic development. Billions of investment dollars, mostly private money, are transforming previously rundown or unused areas.

Light rail enabled Michael Crow, newly appointed Arizona State University President, to realize his vision of an expanded campus and a growing learning institution. Faced with limited land resources, Tempe-based ASU established a downtown campus, connected by light rail

to the original campus, with plans to grow to 15,000 students. The downtown campus enrollment now exceeds 10,000, features 11 buildings for studies and student housing situated on 20 acres and continues to grow.

CityScape Phoenix, a \$500 million mixed-use development covering two city blocks, has become a central downtown Phoenix economic hub for dining, nightlife, shopping, entertainment, business and community events.

Countless independently owned restaurants, bars and boutique shops are filling in the former downtown voids, gentrifying the area and fostering a newfound vibrant lifestyle.

Sales tax revenue, relatively flat across the city of Phoenix from 2005 to 2013, more than doubled in the downtown district from \$4.2 million to \$8.7 million annually during the same period.

Overall, the METRO generated \$7 billion worth of economic development to the light rail corridor, helping to revitalize targeted areas in the cities it serves.

**Impact on Lifestyle:** In addition to daily work commuters, newly connected riders flock to attractions accessible via light rail, including Phoenix Suns and Mercury basketball, Arizona Diamondbacks baseball, dining, pub crawling and cultural events. Priced at \$2 for a single ride and \$4 for an all-day pass, with discounts for youth fares, ASU students and monthly passes, the light rail is perceived by 91% of rider satisfaction survey participants as delivering good value for the money.

**Future Expansion:** Spurred on by the success, Valley Metro Rail now looks to the future planning, design and construction of an additional 37 miles of high-capacity light rail transit. Projected to be completed by 2034, the additional lines will be built using local, regional and federal funds.

Expansion will target numerous areas in the Valley including Central Mesa, Gilbert, Glendale and Tempe, a Northwest and a Southwest extension and a South Central transit corridor. Participating cities eagerly await the day their residents are welcomed to the cry of "All aboard!" ●

# a moving TIMELINE

Looks like you've made the big decision to relocate and move to Arizona. But hold up there, pioneer. Before you decide to hook up the team and load up your wagon, there are just a few hints and tips you should be aware of, to make sure your move to Phoenix or Tucson is a smooth one.

"Organization is the key to having a great moving experience," says Charlie Morse, General Manager of Ward North American Van Lines. "Any move is stressful, but being prepared makes all the difference in whether you look back later on your move as a wonderful introduction to your new home, or as a very traumatic time."





Morse says that the best moves are the ones that are planned well in advance before moving day. Using an experienced, professional moving service can help you maximize the most of your time, and alleviate your moving anxieties by helping you anticipate potentially tricky situations.

In addition to their expert packing services, professional moving companies often offer additional care protection up front before the big move. "Check with your homeowner's policy to make sure your items are covered in case something unforeseen happens," advises Morse. "If they aren't, you can often buy additional coverage from your insurance company, or moving insurance from us. That way, your goods are insured against anything that could happen during transit – including road accidents, tornadoes, lightning and even van fires."

Remember that a packer's job is to do exactly that: pack. "The packing team doesn't pick and choose what goes, they just pack everything," explains Morse. "They don't have any bias on what you want to take or not. Often when people do their own packing, they spend valuable time thinking, 'Do I need this or not?' It takes our people less time because they don't worry about that. So, unless you tell them otherwise, everything goes.

As a result of the "everything goes" philosophy of packing, be sure to keep your personal items that you want to take with you on your trip in a "safety zone." Tell the packers and the movers that these items are going with you, and not to pack them.

As for making sure your possessions arrive on time, Morse says you can relax. "Many of our trucks are equipped with GPS tracking systems, so all they have to do is plug in your new address and they'll find you. And, the driver will give you his phone number so you can keep in touch with him in transit along the journey. We do our best to get your possessions from Point A to Point B safely."

### ON YOUR MARK: A FEW WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

**Get Rid of It:** Once you've decided to go for it, make a major purge of all your unnecessary goods and possessions. Have a garage sale, donate your unwanted items for a tax write-off, and advertise them in the newspaper

or on Craigslist.com. Getting rid of extra things you don't need makes for a cleaner move, and drops the shipping weight and bulk.

**Meet and Greet:** If you're using a moving company, an agent will meet with you at your home and conduct a survey of the items you want to move to your new home. Some of the points your moving agent will review with you include the items you want to move and the items you will leave behind, items that will go into storage, care and handling of items of exceptional value, and items that will need to be disassembled because of size or access out of your residence.

### GET SET: A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOU MOVE

**Take & Grab Party:** Instead of filling up the landfill with perfectly good condiments and other food items, invite friends over to "take & grab" whatever they want from your fridge, freezer, and pantry. Do you really want to transport those 1/3 full bottles of alcohol across the country? A "Take & Grab Party" is a fun way to get together one last time before the move and responsibly discard some things that won't be going with you, like plants, too.

**Big Ticket Items:** Disconnect, defrost and clean refrigerators and freezers, empty the evaporation pan and drain the water reservoir of the automatic icemaker. Leave the door of your fridge, freezer or washing machine open at least 24 hours before loading to allow all moisture to evaporate. Make sure that your stove has been cleaned, and all pots and pans have been removed.

**Electric Boogaloo:** Electronic equipment requires a little extra tender loving care. If possible, pack your electronics in their original cartons and packing material. If not available, make sure your mover provides professional packing materials. Disconnect your wiring and code it with colored tape to make reinstallation easier at your new location. Back up important files on your computer's hard drive, and if it has a CD/DVD drive, make sure it's disc-free.

**Precious Car Go!** If your moving company is transporting your vehicle, make sure your car has no obvious fluid leaks, and secure your battery in the mounting bracket. Have your car cleaned so that movers can perform a valid quality inspection on moving day (a dirty car might limit your ability to file a claim on

major damage). Make sure that your gas tank has at least 1/8 tank of fuel, and disconnect, disable or turn off all alarm systems. Remove all non-permanent luggage racks, bike racks or ski racks on the exterior of your car, and take out any personal items from your car's interior. And last, but certainly not least, have an extra set of car keys and alarm remote ready to hand over to the moving team, as well as a working phone number where you may be contacted.

**Make Advance Reservations:** Depending on where you live, you might need to obtain a parking permit for the moving truck or van. Also, if you live in a high-rise building, you should check to see if you need to reserve use of the elevator.

**Smile and File:** Gather and organize your important documents in advance and have them ready to go, you never know if you might need access to them in your new home. Never place these items in the trunk of your car. A short list of documents to take with you includes birth certificates, life insurance policies, medical and dental records, real estate documents and school records. Other helpful items include an address book, appliance manuals, appraisals for high-value items, and your copy of the household goods descriptive inventory.

### GET GOING! MOVING DAY

**Get in the Zone:** The safety zone, that is. Anything that you wish to take with you and NOT have packed should be placed within an area that you identify to the movers as the "Do Not Pack – Do Not Move Zone." This would include anything from your important papers and documents, luggage, medications, travel clothing and toiletries, and favorite toys for the kids.

**Create a First Night Care Kit:** Separate the items you will need the most when you first arrive in your new home and have the movers pack and load them separately so they will be the first to unload in your new home. If you are putting items into storage and you need special items for a temporary living situation, clearly mark and separate these items before the mover arrives. Some items to consider for your First Night Care Kit include alarm clocks, a can opener, first-aid items, clean sheets and pillow cases, toiletries, a flashlight, extension cords, basic tools and hardware from disassembled furniture. ●

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