

ARIZONA



For more information about ARIZONA, click here: <http://az.gov/>

MAJOR CITIES:

Central Arizona
Southern Arizona

Mesa, Phoenix
Tucson

ARIZONA – CLIMATE

Arizona has a dry climate, with little rainfall. Temperatures vary greatly from place to place, season to season, and day to night. Average daily temperatures at Yuma, in the southwestern desert range from 43° to 67°F (6° to 19°C) in January, and from 81° to 106°F (27° to 41°C) in July. At Flagstaff, in the interior uplands, average daily January temperatures range from 14° to 41°F (–10° to 5°C), and average daily July temperatures range from 50° to 81°F (10° to 27°C). The maximum recorded temperature was 128°F (53°C), registered at Lake Havasu City on 29 June 1994; the minimum, –40°F (–40°C), was set at Hawley Lake on 7 January 1971.

The highest elevations of the state, running diagonally from the southeast to the northwest, receive between 25 and 30 in (63 to 76 cm) of precipitation a year, and the rest, for the most part, between 7 and 20 in (18 to 51 cm). Average annual precipitation at Phoenix (1971–2000) was 8.3 in (21 cm). The driest area is the extreme southwest, which receives less than 3 in (8 cm) a year. Snow, sometimes as much as 100 in (254 cm), falls on the highest peaks each winter but is rare in the southern and western lowlands.

The greatest amount of sunshine is registered in the southwest, with the proportion decreasing progressively toward the northeast; overall, the state receives more than 80% of possible sunshine, among the highest in the US, and Phoenix's 86% is higher than that of any other major US city.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Click on these sites for even more cultural activity ideas:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g31310-Activities-Phoenix_Arizona.html

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60950-Activities-Tucson_Arizona.html

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g31281-Activities-Mesa_Arizona.html

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g143028-Activities-Grand_Canyon_National_Park_Arizona.html

- **[Heard Museum- Phoenix, AZ](#)**

The foremost showcase of Native American art and culture in the U.S., the Heard Museum reveals the cultures of tribes in the region through exhibits, demonstrations and live performances and displays the work of contemporary Native American artists. Artists demonstrate their work during the week and musicians perform on most weekends.

- **[Phoenix Art Museum- Phoenix, AZ](#)**

One of the largest art museums in the Southwest, the museum houses a permanent collection of some 16,000 works of art spanning the centuries and also includes a popular miniatures collection and a "Please Touch" children's gallery.

- **[Phoenix Zoo- Phoenix, AZ](#)**

You'll find nearly any animal you can think of at this 125-acre, internationally renowned zoo, where fascinating trails lead you through an African savanna, a tropical rainforest and the Arizona environs, complete with wildlife of the respective region. Highlights are the giant Galapagos tortoises and a baboon colony.

- **[Pueblo Grande- Phoenix, AZ](#)**

More than 1,000 years old, these ruins from a Native American village and the artifacts unearthed from the area tell a fascinating story of the lives of the inhabitants. Hands-on activities, hikes and tours enhance the learning experience.

- **[Arizona- Senora Desert Museum- Tucson, AZ](#)**

This renowned combination zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden reflects the diverse flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert, featuring wildlife like coyotes, bears and mountain lions in their natural settings and aviaries, one for hummingbirds and the other for varied desert birds.

- **Pima Air & Space Museum- Tucson, AZ**

Be amazed at one of the world's largest aircraft collections: including 2+ hangars of World War II planes, supersonic spy planes, the world's smallest bi-plane, plus many other unique private, military and commercial air & spacecraft documenting the evolution of flight. Friendly docents augment your visit. Only Pima Air & Space offers the bus tour of the "Bone yard"/AMARG (M-F only, no holidays) plus offers its own tram tour of the museum's 80 acres of one-of-a kind planes daily (additional fees). You can actually touch "aviation history" including "Freedom One" (that flew the American 444-days-in-Iran hostages home), presidential crafts, planes that launched astronauts, delivered life-saving food/fuel, etc. and others with wingspans the length of a football field... Ogle helicopters, MiGs, an Oscar, a rare German buzz bomb, a moon rock and much more. 300 aircraft, 80 acres, 5 indoor air-cooled hangars. Just plane awesome!

- **International Wildlife Museum- Tucson, AZ**

Highlights the diversity of animals worldwide. Explains the role of science-based wildlife management for sustainable-use conservation, with emphasis on the role of hunting in biologically responsible wildlife management. Animals are displayed both by taxonomic group and in realistic dioramas which highlight the habitats in which the animals live. The museum has many touchable specimens on display. Insects including butterflies, moths and beetles are featured, as well as mammals, birds and some reptiles. All exhibits are indoors and the facility is air-conditioned.

- **Arizona State Museum- Tucson, AZ**

The oldest anthropological museum in the region, the Arizona State Museum has been collecting and interpreting the cultures of the Southwest since 1893.

- **Arizona Museum of Natural History - Tucson, AZ**

The Arizona Museum of Natural History is the premier natural history museum in Arizona. It is dedicated to inspire wonder, respect, and understanding for the natural and cultural history of the Southwest. Explore Arizona and the Southwest from the creation of the earth 4.5 Billion years ago to the present. See the origins of life on earth, meteorites and minerals. In Dinosaur Hall, discover some of the biggest dinosaurs that ever lived, and on Dinosaur Mountain see how some appeared and sounded in a natural context. In a Walk through Time, explore ancient Arizona's Paleozoic Seas, Triassic Petrified Forest, monsters of the Cretaceous Seas, and the first animals to fly. "Rulers of the Prehistoric Skies", our newest exhibit, presents the amazing diversity of Pterosaurs, the flying reptiles of the Mesozoic. Neither dinosaurs nor birds, Pterosaurs ruled the skies from about 225 to 65 million years ago.

- **Usery Mountain Regional Park - Mesa, AZ**

Located on the Valley's east side, this park takes in 3,648 acres set at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The park contains a large variety of plants and animals that call the lower Sonoran Desert home. Along the most popular feature of the park, the Wind Cave Trail, water seeps from the roof of the alcove to support hanging gardens of Rock Daisy. The Wind Cave is formed at the boundary

between the volcanic tuff and granite on Pass Mountain. Breathtaking views from this 2,840-foot elevation are offered to all visitors.

- **[Commemorative Air Force Museum- Mesa, AZ](#)**

The CAF was founded to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and selected aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans. More than just a collection of airworthy warplanes from the past, the CAF's fleet of historic aircraft, known as the CAF Ghost Squadron, recreate, remind and reinforce the lessons learned from the defining moments in American military aviation history.

- **[Mesa Arts Center- Mesa, AZ](#)**

Welcome to the International Award Winning Mesa Arts Center! Everyone will find something of interest at our facility and within our arts programming. The MAC is centrally located in the heart of downtown Mesa, at the southeast corner of Center and Main streets. We offer plentiful, nearby parking on our own surface lot, on adjacent streets, and on several public parking lots within an easy two-block walk.

- **[Grand Canyon- Grand Canyon National Park, AZ](#)**

Visit the many destinations of the Grand Canyon in Arizona to see the breathtaking canyon from different views. See the 4th link under Cultural Activities to find more information on each of these different locations to view from.

GROCERY SHOPPING

Bashas Food City Albertson's Fry's Food Store	Whole Foods Market Costco Smart & Final Wal-Mart Superstore
--------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------

Click on this site for more grocery stores in Arizona:

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/AZ/>

SHOPPING

1	Arizona Center	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	17 stores
2	Arizona Mills	Tempe, AZ (Phoenix Area)	188 stores
3	Arrowhead Towne Center	Glendale, AZ (Phoenix Area)	172 stores
4	Biltmore Fashion Park	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	57 stores
5	Chandler Fashion Center	Chandler, AZ (Phoenix Area)	221 stores
6	Crossroads Towne Center	Gilbert, AZ (Phoenix Area)	86 stores
7	Desert Ridge Marketplace	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	66 stores
8	Desert Sky Mall	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	129 stores
9	El Con Center	Tucson, AZ (Tucson/South AZ)	21 stores
10	Flagstaff Mall	Flagstaff, AZ (Central AZ)	61 stores
11	Foothills Mall	Tucson, AZ (Tucson/South AZ)	46 stores
12	Gilbert Gateway Towne Center	Gilbert, AZ (Phoenix Area)	48 stores
13	Happy Valley Towne Center	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	53 stores
14	Hilton Village	Scottsdale, AZ (Phoenix Area)	31 stores

 15	Kierland Commons	Scottsdale, AZ (Phoenix Area)	76 stores
 16	La Encantada	Tucson, AZ (Tucson/South AZ)	67 stores
 17	Lake Pleasant Towne Center	Peoria, AZ (Phoenix Area)	51 stores
 18	Mesa Riverview	Mesa, AZ (Phoenix Area)	76 stores
 19	Metrocenter	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	83 stores
 20	Outlets at Anthem	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	41 stores
 21	Paradise Valley Mall	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix Area)	104 stores
 22	Park Place	Tucson, AZ (Tucson/South AZ)	127 stores

Click here for more information on shopping:

<http://www.mallseeker.com/arizonamalls.aspx>

PHARMACIES

Safeway Pharmacy
 CVS Pharmacy
 Walgreens Pharmacy
 Fry's Pharmacy
 Target Pharmacy

Click here for locating other pharmacies in Arizona:

<https://www.goodrx.com/pharmacy-near-me/all/az>

POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



Click here for more information:

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/AZ.html>



FedEx Office
Click here for more information:
<https://local.fedex.com/en-us/az/>



Click here for more information:
https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US

TIME ZONES

Mountain Time Zone – Arizona Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

Arizona is in Mountain Standard Time

Click here for more information:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/usa/phoenix>

COST OF LIVING IN ARIZONA

Cost of Living Score

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

The cost of living score is calculated based on accumulating the cost of food, transportation, health services, rent, utilities, taxes, and miscellaneous.

↓ **0%**

Less than national average

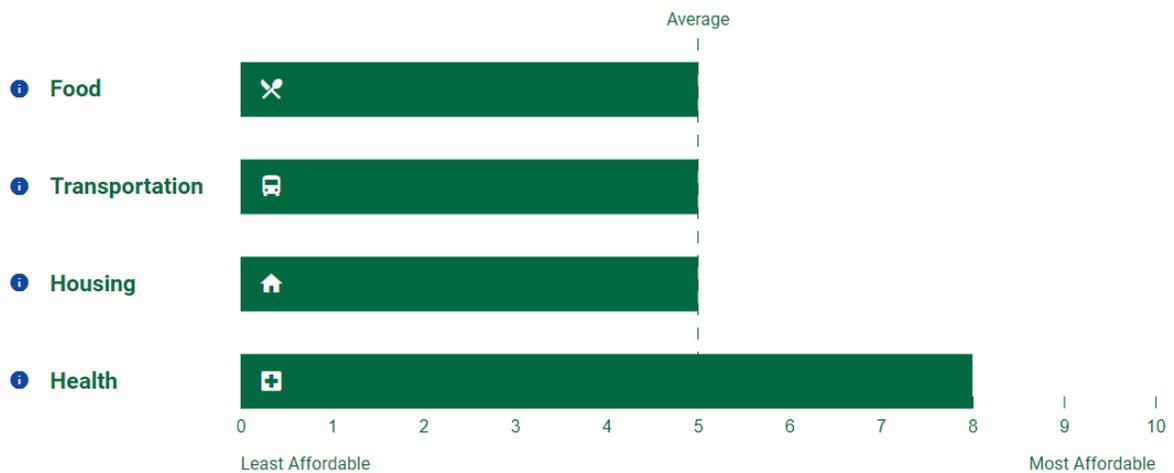
Average Salary

\$56,379 (USD) Yearly

\$27 (USD) Hourly

[Calculate your salary based on job title, location and experience](#)

Affordability breakdown



Click here for more information:

<https://www.eri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/arizona>

MINIMUM WAGE

State	2021 Minimum Wage	2021 Tipped Wage
AZ	\$12.15	\$3.00

Click here for more information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#az>

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Arizona>

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Click here for more information:

<https://www.azica.gov/divisions/claims-division>

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Mesa	City of Mesa
Tucson	Sun Tran
Phoenix	City of Phoenix Transit Department, Tempe Transit, Valley Metro

Click here for more information:

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/arizona/>