

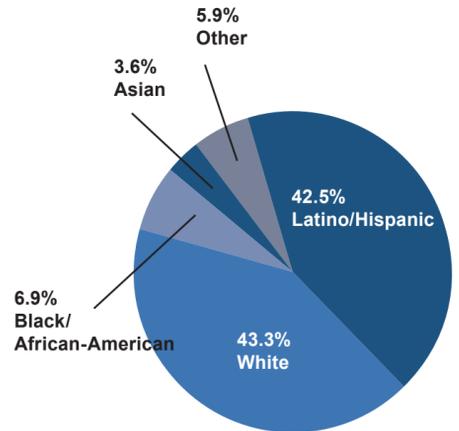
A GUIDE TO THE CITY OF PHOENIX, AZ

for LGBTQ asylum seekers

Phoenix, the capital of Arizona, is known as the "Valley of the Sun." Phoenix is the largest city in Arizona and receives the most sunshine of any major city on Earth, averaging 300 days of sunshine each year.

US CENSUS STATISTICS

Population	1,660,272
Median age	33.8
Avg. Housing rent per month	\$954
Avg. Income per person	\$26,528
% Of population in poverty	20.9%
Political affiliation	MAJORITY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



FACTS & TIPS

- Phoenix, with over 1.6 million residents, is the fifth most populous city in the United States.
- Phoenix is considered the state's cultural center.
- Phoenix has over thirty colleges and universities.
- 16 million tourists visit Phoenix every year.
- According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Hispanics or Latinos of any race comprised over forty percent of Phoenix's population.
- Almost thirty percent of Phoenix residents speak a language other than English at home.
- Measuring about 518 square miles, Phoenix is the largest city in Arizona and one of the largest cities in the U.S.
- Arizona is located in the southwestern region of the U.S. and shares the Four Corners region with Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. Arizona also borders Nevada and California to the west and the Mexican states of Sonora and Baja California to the south and southwest.
- Phoenix, located in the south-central portion of the state and within the Sonoran Desert, has a hot desert climate; its average high temperatures in summer are the hottest of any major U.S. city.
- Phoenix provides limited public transportation with some light rail and bus service, but most people get around by car.
- Phoenix does not recognize Daylight Savings Time and goes by Mountain Standard Time (MST) all year.

AVERAGE WEATHER

	HIGH °C/°F	LOW °C/°F
JANUARY	67.2 / 19.6	45.6 / 7.6
FEBRUARY	70.7 / 21.5	48.7 / 9.3
MARCH	76.9 / 24.9	53.5 / 11.9
APRIL	85.2 / 29.6	60.2 / 15.7
MAY	94.8 / 34.9	69.4 / 20.8
JUNE	103.9 / 39.9	77.7 / 25.4
JULY	106.1 / 41.2	83.5 / 28.6
AUGUST	104.4 / 40.2	82.7 / 28.2
SEPTEMBER	99.8 / 37.7	76.9 / 24.9
OCTOBER	88.5 / 31.4	64.8 / 18.2
NOVEMBER	75.5 / 24.2	52.7 / 11.5
DECEMBER	66 / 18.9	44.8 / 7.1

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	(602)262-6151
LGBT Police Liaison	(602)819-9134
Police General Information	(602)262-7626
Arizona Office of Civil Rights	(877)491-5742
Arizona Sexual Assault Network	(888)977-0119
Family Abuse Investigations Bureau	(602)534-2121
Crime Stoppers	(602)368-5898
Missing Migrant Hotline/ No More Deaths	(520)585-5881
Missing & Unidentified Persons Unit	(602)534-2121/ (602)262-6141
Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center	(877)272-8329
Arizona Crisis Response Network	211
Phoenix HIV Care Hotline	(877)488-7020
AIDS Drug Assistance Program	(800)334-1540

STATE RESOURCES FOR NON-CITIZENS

Driver's License/ID Card: *You can drive in Arizona with a valid driver's license from another country. If your foreign driver's license is not printed in English, however, it is strongly recommended that you obtain an International Driving Permit before entering the U.S. *You are not required to apply for an Arizona driver's license unless you become a state resident. *The state of Arizona requires driver's license and non-driver ID card applicants to submit valid U.S. Social Security numbers and proof of authorized stay in the U.S. *While Phoenix's City Council voted in 2016 to create a program to issue citywide IDs to undocumented residents and others who face barriers obtaining valid government identification cards, the program was never funded and has not moved forward.

Public School: Children in Phoenix are able to attend public elementary and high schools regardless of immigration status.

Health Insurance: Non-citizens who are in the U.S. without authorization are not eligible to receive Medicare or other public assistance in Arizona

GENERAL LOCAL LAWS

Drinking Age: 21. Drinking in public places is generally illegal in Arizona. It is a criminal offense that is considered a Class 2 Misdemeanor.

Curfews: In Phoenix, for minors 15 and younger curfew is 10 p.m. every day. For minors who are 16 and 17 curfew is midnight every day. Parents or guardians who allow their children to be out past curfew could be cited and charged with a misdemeanor. A minor can also be cited for a curfew violation, which is a misdemeanor.

Smoking: Under the Smoke-Free Arizona Act, smoking is illegal in most places of employment and enclosed public places.

Marijuana: *It is illegal to purchase, possess, or use marijuana in Arizona unless you have a medical marijuana ID card issued by a licensed doctor (M.D., D.O., M.D.(H), or N.D.) from Arizona. *If you have a medical marijuana card, you can purchase up to 2.5 ounces from a state-run dispensary every two weeks. *Smoking medical marijuana is prohibited in any public place (including dispensaries) and must be done in private. *It is legal to consume medical marijuana in edible form in public, assuming you are not operating a vehicle or performing other activities in a negligent or dangerous manner while high.

Driving: *In Arizona, there is no amount of alcohol that is exempt from driving under the influence (DUI) laws. You will definitely be fined or imprisoned for blood-alcohol readings of 0.08% or higher (the statewide limit), but you can be cited at any level if the officer believes you are impaired. *As of April 2019, Arizona became the forty-eighth state to ban the use of cellular devices while driving.

However, the state's Distracted Driving Law also allows officers to write citations to drivers who were speeding while engaged in other activities including eating, shaving, applying make-up, etc. *If you see emergency vehicles on the side of the road, you must move one lane away from them if possible, otherwise you must reduce your speed to at least ten miles below the speed limit as you pass them.

Schools: *By law, children ages 6 to 16 residing in Arizona must be enrolled in school. *To enroll in public school, families must provide two proofs of residency to establish residence in a designated school attendance area (such as motor vehicle registration, driver's license or state ID, lease agreement, rent or mortgage payment receipt, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, credit card bill, tax return, employer letter on letterhead). *Families must also provide proof of the child's age with a document such as a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, the child's passport, I-94, stamped application for a Social Security number, etc.

LGBTQ LAWS TO KNOW

Phoenix Anti-Discrimination Ordinance: It is unlawful for anyone in Phoenix to be discriminated against in employment, housing, or public accommodations because of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression; race; color; religion; sex; national origin; age; genetic information; marital status; or disability. However religious organizations, small private landlords, senior housing, and private clubs are exempt. A lawsuit challenging this ordinance is pending in the Arizona Supreme Court as of August 2019.

2001 Arizona Equity Act: Repealed the state's sodomy laws and legalized homosexuality.

Marriage Equality: In force throughout Arizona since a 2014 U.S. district court order.

Adoption Laws: Arizona does not place explicit prohibitions on adoption by same-sex couples or on second-parent adoptions, but state law requires adoption agencies to "give primary consideration to adoptive placement with a married man and woman."

Parenting Laws: In 2017 the Arizona Supreme Court unanimously ruled that same-sex spouses have the same parental rights as opposite-sex spouses under state law, and same-sex couples have the right to list both their names on their child(ren)'s birth certificate(s).

HELPFUL LINKS

Phoenix LGBTQ Resources Page

<https://phoenixpride.org/resources>

Equality Arizona (Arizona's only statewide LGBT civil rights organization)

www.equalityarizona.org

Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network

www.glsen.org

Trans Spectrum of Arizona

<https://tsaz.org>

Trans Youth Family Allies (confidential and safe support group for trans-feminine & trans-masculine identified or questioning individuals and their SOFFA's (Significant Others, Family, Friends, and Allies))

<http://www.imatyfa.org>

One n Ten (A safe environment for LGBTQ youth to develop positive self-acceptance through life enhancing programs)

<https://oneten.org>

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