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# The 7 Best Towns in Arizona for LGBT Families

*LGBT families have different considerations when looking for a new home. We know this, so we looked for the best Arizona towns.*

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What makes a town ideal for LGBT families? According to the Human Rights Campaign, an advocate group for LGBT individuals, it means that there is the same legal protection available as heterosexual residents. It also means that there are non-discrimination laws on the books to protect LGBT residents when it comes to housing and employment. Arizona has a number of towns that have been rated as LGBT-friendly by the Human Rights Campaign.

On top of having legal protection, the overall culture of the town has been taken into account when creating this list. Towns known for having open and accepting cultures create a safe, enjoyable lifestyle for LGBT families.

Tempe, Phoenix and Tucson have specific laws that protect LGBT families from discrimination.

The other towns on this list were selected due to their culture and reputation as being warm and accepting of alternative sexual orientations and gender identities.

## Bisbee



Source: [en.wikipedia.org](#)

One study from the Census Bureau has indicated that Bisbee is the most LGBT friendly town in Arizona. This is largely because it has the highest concentration of LGBT families in the state, a ratio of 20.9 per 1,000 households. The Arizona average is 8.8 per 1,000.

Bisbee is known for being an artistic-based community with liberal values. Due to the small population and communal vibes, there's a reason why so many LGBT families choose Bisbee.

The cost of living in Bisbee is rated well below the state and national average, making it an ideal choice for any budget-minded family. When it comes to buying a new home, the median home price in Bisbee is \$139,300, making it an affordable option for new home buyers.

## Apache Junction



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Apache Junction has a ratio of 14.0 LGBT families per 1,000 residents, which is much higher than the rest of the state. Apache Junction is located on the outside of the Phoenix metropolitan area. This means that residents don't have easy access to a big city life. However, Apache Junction still has all of the amenities that anybody will need to live a happy, comfortable life.

The cost of living is rated lower than every other town on this list. Anyone looking for a frugal life will be wise to consider Apache Junction. The average home value is \$93,400, almost \$100,000 lower than the national average.

## Tempe



Source: [en.wikipedia.org](#)

Tempe has a lower ratio of LGBT families than other towns on this list, clocking in at 9.1 per 1,000. However, the open and accepting culture fostered in Tempe helps make any LGBT families feel welcomed and at home.

Known as a college town, thanks to Arizona State University, many parts of Tempe cater to a younger crowd. However, there are dozens of housing developments available for young families. The open-minded vibe of Tempe will certainly make any LGBT residents feel safe and at home.

The average home value in Tempe is \$213,700, higher than the state and national average. That may restrict some new home buyers from settling here, but remember, you can always rent a spare room to a starving college student.

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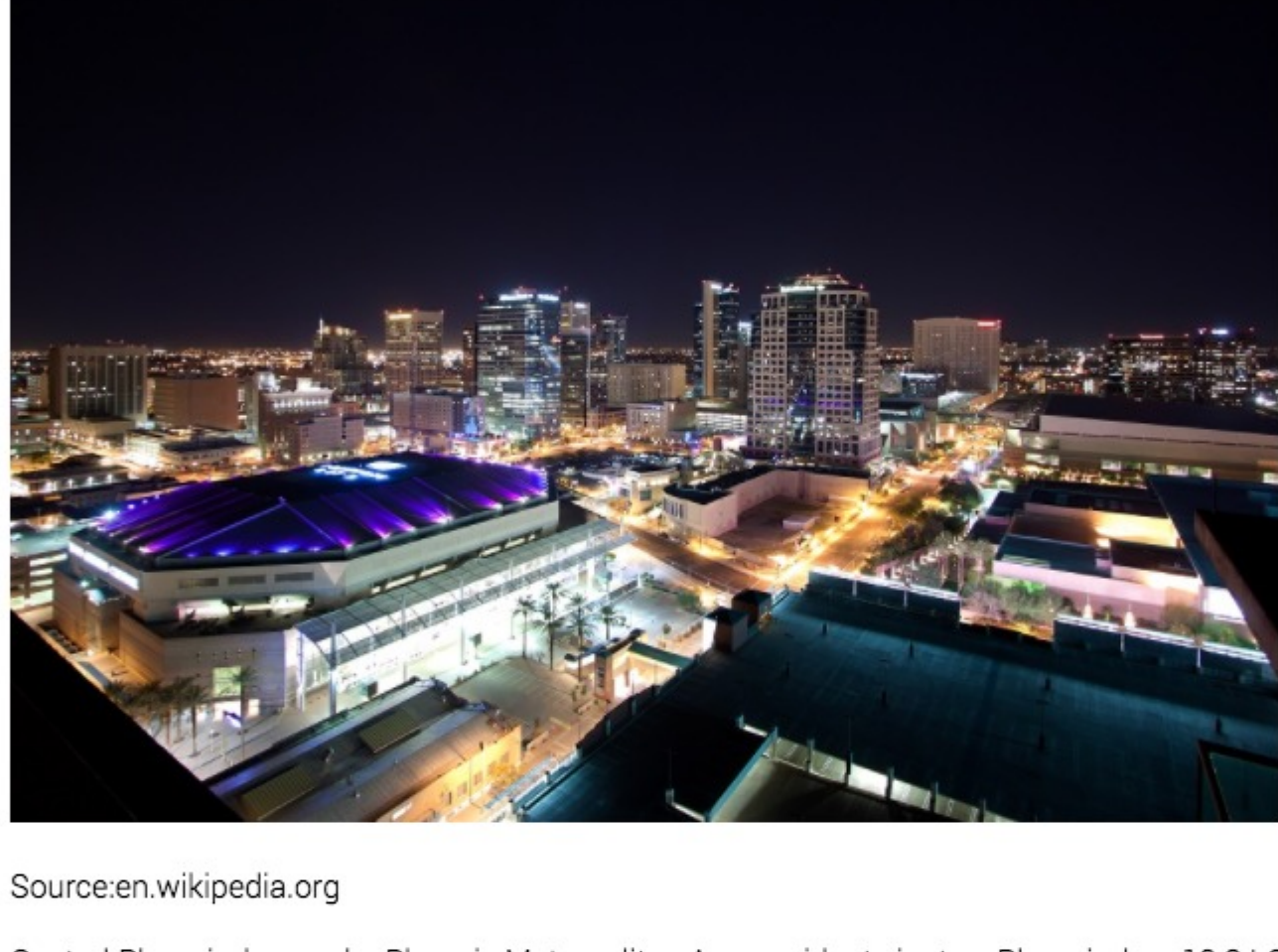
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## Central Phoenix



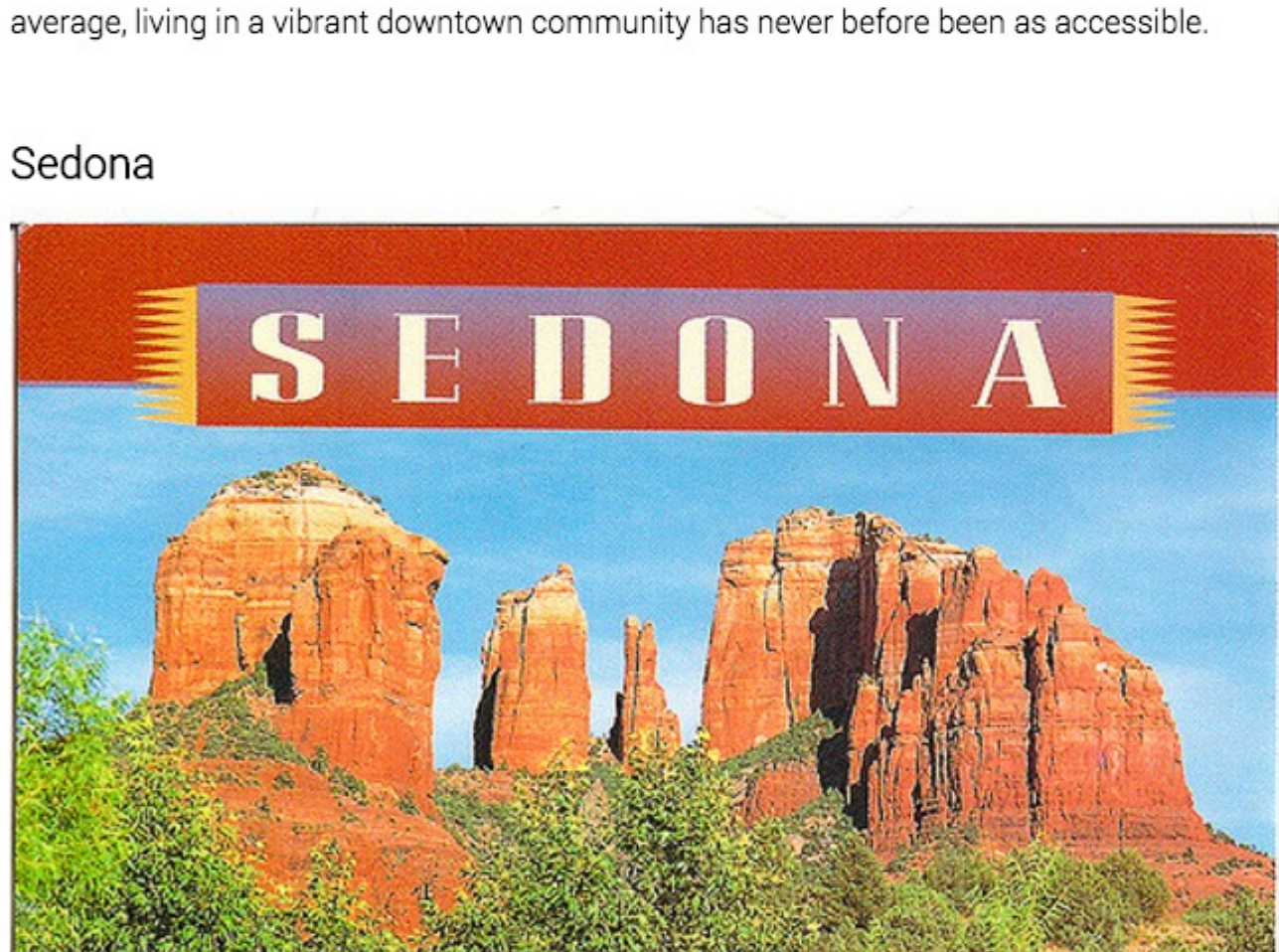
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Central Phoenix, known by Phoenix Metropolitan Area residents just as Phoenix, has 12.8 LGBT residents per 1,000. LGBT parents who still want to have unforgettable nights out will be right at home in Central Phoenix. There are dozens of bars and clubs that cater to the LGBT crowd, in addition to plenty of other opportunities for entertainment.

The cost of living in Central Phoenix is surprisingly low for a downtown area in a major city. It ranks lower than both the Arizona and national average. Perhaps the best perk of living in this area is the endless amenities. Regardless of where you live, you'll have easy access to everything you need within a few miles. Many properties are within walking distance of the ever-expanding Phoenix Light rail.

With an average median home price of \$174,100, which is also lower than the state and national average, living in a vibrant downtown community has never before been as accessible.

## Sedona



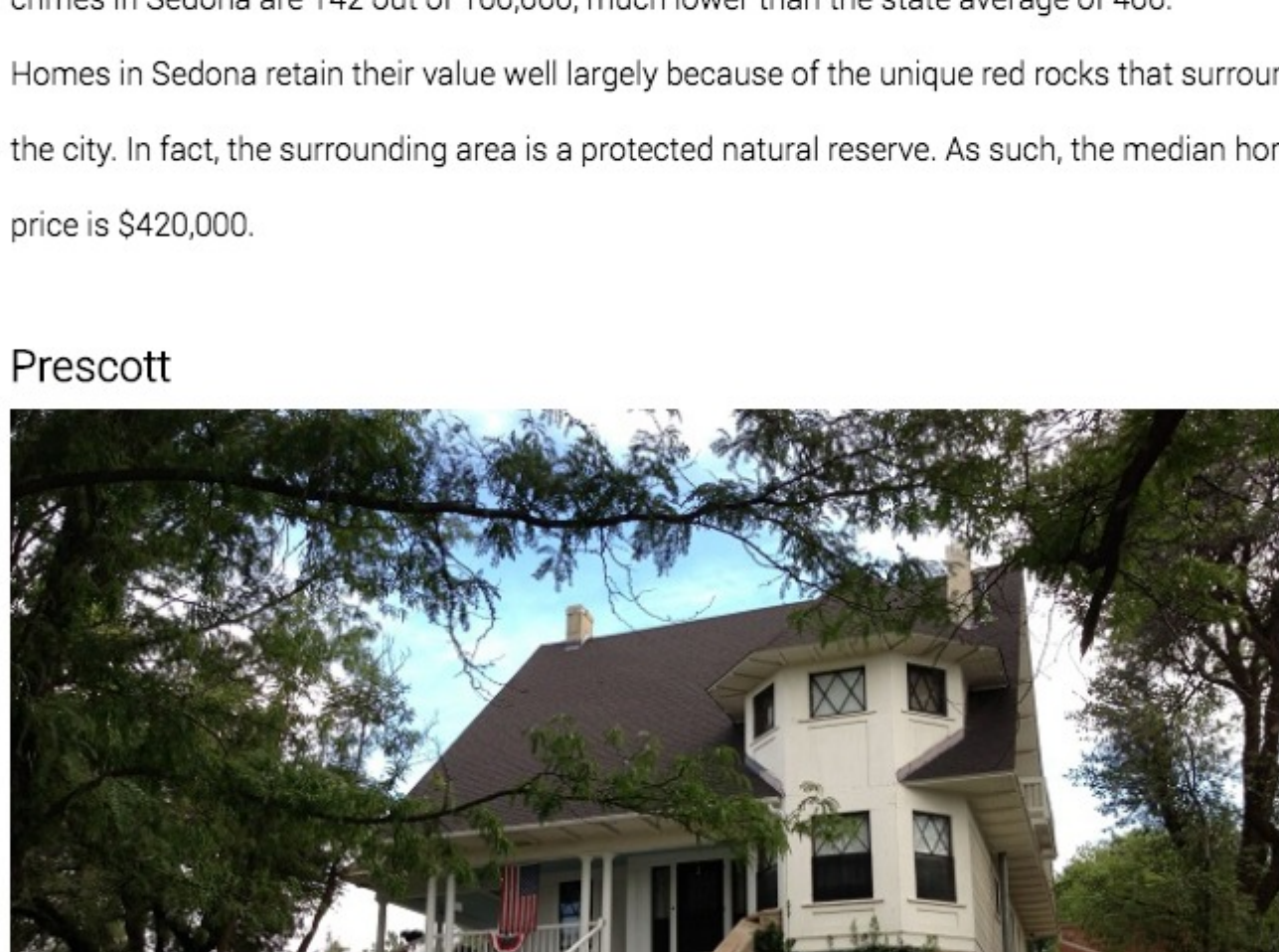
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Sedona boasts an impressive 11.8 LGBT families per 1,000 residents. It's also known as something of a New Age haven in Arizona, which fosters a culture of acceptance of anyone who is nice and friendly, LGBT or otherwise.

Sedona is ranked as an extremely safe town overall. The average crime per 100,000 residents is 1,364, which is more than half as much as the Arizona average of 3,597. Safety is important for everyone, but it's vital for LGBT families who can often be targeted with violent crimes. Violent crimes in Sedona are 142 out of 100,000, much lower than the state average of 400.

Homes in Sedona retain their value well largely because of the unique red rocks that surround the city. In fact, the surrounding area is a protected natural reserve. As such, the median home price is \$420,000.

## Prescott

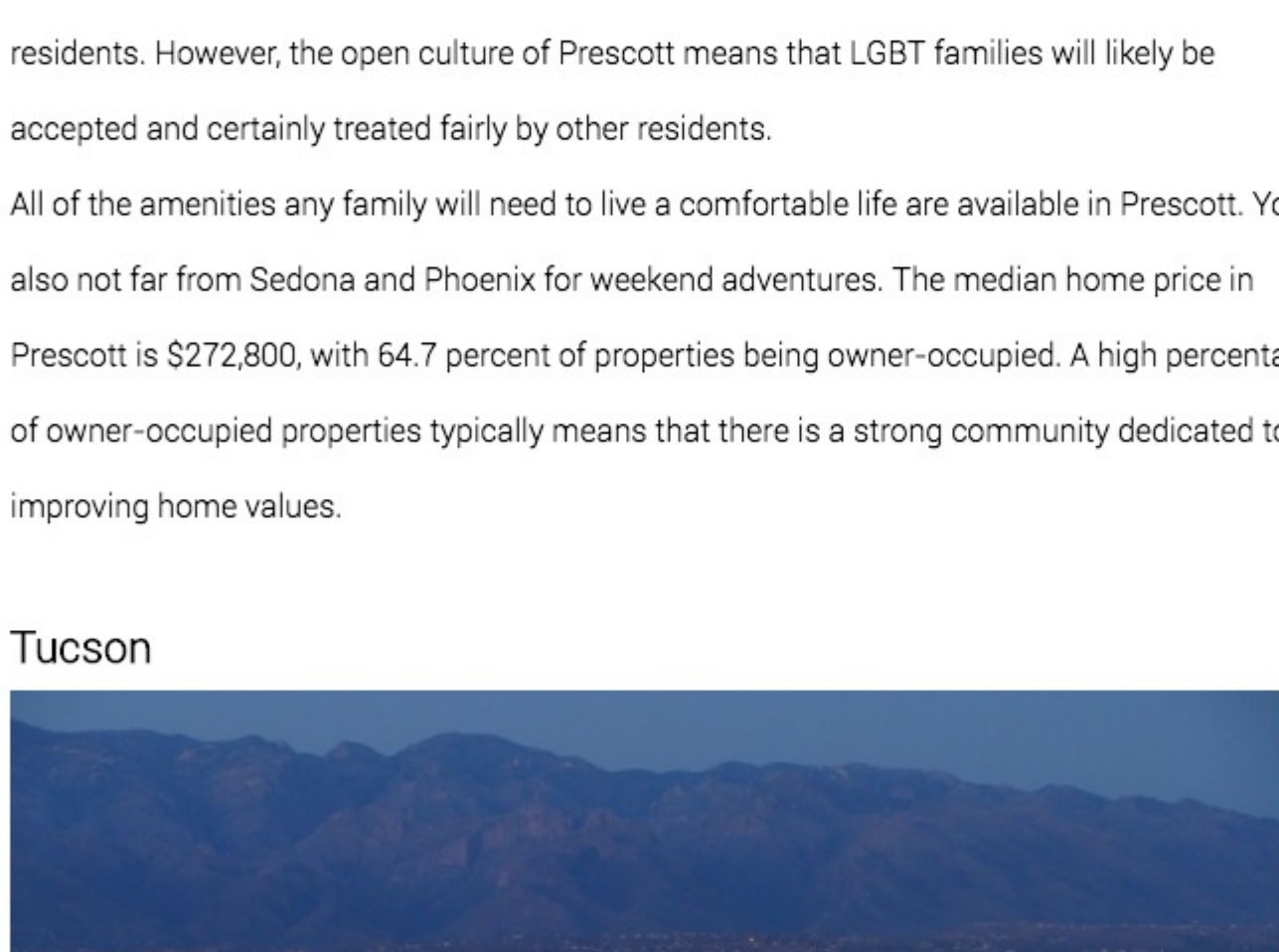


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Prescott has fewer LGBT couples per 1,000 than the state average, coming in at 5.6 LGBT residents. However, the open culture of Prescott means that LGBT families will likely be accepted and certainly treated fairly by other residents.

All of the amenities any family will need to live a comfortable life are available in Prescott. You're also not far from Sedona and Phoenix for weekend adventures. The median home price in Prescott is \$272,800, with 64.7 percent of properties being owner-occupied. A high percentage of owner-occupied properties typically means that there is a strong community dedicated to improving home values.

## Tucson



Source: [en.wikipedia.org](#)

Tucson is known as a haven for musicians and artists and has 10.4 LGBT residents per 1,000. In addition to having an accepting culture focused on the arts, the cost of living in Tucson is outstanding. It's rate is below the Arizona average, with housing being much cheaper than the rest of the state.

The weather in Tucson ranges from an average of 52 degrees Fahrenheit in January to an average 87 degrees in July. While there are certainly days that break the 100-degree barrier, weather in Tucson is typically more enjoyable than Phoenix to the north. The weather in Tucson allows for year-round outdoor activities.

Ready to buy a house in Tucson? The median home price is \$153,700, much lower than the national average of \$181,400. Approximately 51.7 percent of households are owner-occupied, which indicates that properties will be well-maintained.

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## Which LGBT-Friendly Town is Right for You?

Knowing that you'll be safe, protected, and welcomed in a town is only part of the process. You also have to consider if you'll be able to find a job, afford a house and enjoy your life there. We hope the above list will help you make an informed decision about which town will become your new home.

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