



MOVING TO AUSTIN

Welcome to Austin! The live music capital of the world was just named the best place to live by U.S. News & World Report, and it isn't hard to see why. From the swimming and rock-climbing at the greenbelt to the bars and restaurants of 6th Street, there is plenty to do here in Austin.

FINDING A HOME

Your first step should be finding your new home! Citywide Apartment Locators will open doors for you to all areas of Austin.

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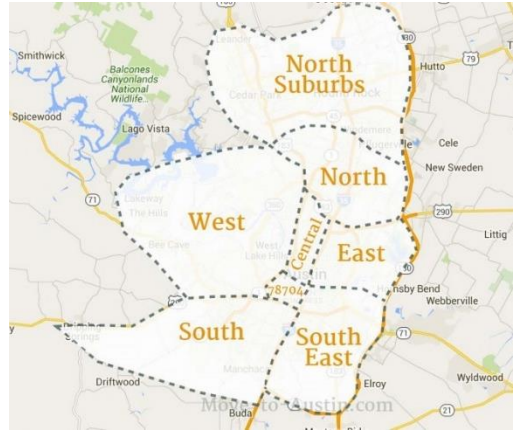
Austin Area Apartment Locators, Inc. is a firm that also covers the metropolitan area. They can be reached at (512) 494-4343.

Though he does specialize in apartment locating as well, Matt McClendon is a referral of ours who does a fantastic job with finding any kind of new home. He is a full-service realtor working for Twelve Rivers Realty who can assist with buying, selling, and leasing. He can be reached at (512) 585-6288.

WHERE TO LIVE

Austin remains one of the fastest growing cities in the country, and as the city grows so has the demand for housing. Fortunately, Austin's range of living options is able to accommodate whatever you are looking for.

- **Central Austin** is home to downtown, the home of the vast majority of the city's bars, upscale restaurants, and high-rise living. The number of condos being constructed here is continuing to increase and the presence of Whole Foods and Trader Joes in the middle of the condos makes living here a much better value. Throughout central Austin there are plenty of residential neighborhoods along Loop 1, Guadalupe Street, Lamar Boulevard, and Burnet Road.
- **West Austin** is the area from Loop 1 to Lake Travis and is by far the closest to our office. The terrain changes from prairies to hill country, and the homes here have access to some of the most beautiful views that the city has to offer, but not without a price tag. Fortunately, there are many affordable options available to residents of west Austin depending upon where you decide to settle down.
- **South Austin** includes Oak Hill and Circle C Ranch and provides a wide range of living options. Oak Hill feels like it is a part of the hill country and is a more conservative, middle income part of town with a flexible price range. Circle C Ranch is nearby and has great amenities, such as golf, swimming, schools, and parks. Many residents choose Circle C because of its proximity to downtown since it is only a 10-15 minute drive away.
- **South-Central Austin (78704)** is the part of Austin everyone told you about before you moved. From Oltorf Road to Lady Bird Lake, the famous 78704 zip code is the birthplace of the "Keep Austin Weird" slogan. The area is filled with lots of newly-transplanted 20-year-olds and attracts those who are more artistically inclined. That being said, there are plenty of neighborhoods in the 78704 area of South Austin that have a very homey, suburban vibe.
- **Southeast Austin** has a lot of rentals which attracts plenty of UT students. Of what homes are there, the price tag goes up as you move closer to South Austin. Because of the high percentage of rentals, the public schools in this area do not receive the same level of funding as they do in other districts; however, the proximity to the airport makes living here a prime choice for many residents.
- **East Austin** was once known for falling on the lower end of the economic spectrum, but the last ten years have changed the area. Various development projects have taken place in East Austin to the dismay of many of its long-time residents. The homes here are older, and some even date back to the Victorian age. At the same time, the new Mueller development (located where the airport used to be) is a planned community that goes against the grain of East Austin, which was ranked as one of the top hipster places to live in the US.
- **North Austin** is great for affordable housing and plenty of shopping. The floorplans are larger and the area is relatively central, providing a short commute almost anywhere. North Austin is where all the chain retail stores are, and landing a home in Round Rock or Pflugerville could leave you very impressed with the quality of public schools. Williamson County is home to Austin's three major suburbs: Round Rock, Pflugerville, and Cedar Park.



THINGS TO DO

The first thing you will realize after moving to Austin is that there is much to explore. It is the state capital and home to a major university, as well as an influential center for politics, technology, music, film and (increasingly) a food scene. Its many parks and lakes are popular for hiking, biking, swimming and boating. Below are some of the best Austin attractions!



<p>The Texas State Capitol and its surrounding greens are located in the heart of Austin.</p>	<p>Lady Bird Lake is a reservoir on the Colorado River located in Downtown Austin.</p>	<p>Zilker Park is a beautiful, dog-friendly park where you can find Austinites relaxing and enjoying the weather.</p>	<p>The Barton Springs Pool is a spring-fed pool that remains a balmy 68 degrees year-round</p>	<p>The Bub Bullock Texas State History Museum features many exhibits and I-MAX films.</p>	<p>The Zilker Botanical Garden is a must-see for any Austin newcomer. It is 31 acres and has educational programs for kids.</p>
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<p>The Percy V. Pennybacker Jr. "360" Bridge overlooks Lake Austin and is known for its scenic views.</p>	<p>Lone Star Riverboat lets you enjoy the scenery of Lady Bird Lake from one of Austin's premier riverboats.</p>	<p>In the summer, hundreds gather to see the world's largest urban bat colony emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge.</p>	<p>The Austin Zoo is one of the city's top attractions and makes for a great, family-friendly day.</p>	<p>Mexic-Arte Museum features some of the most beautiful works of Mexican and Mexican-American art.</p>	<p>Austin's Museum of the Weird is all in the name itself. Here you will find all things weird, and on East 6th Street, no less.</p>
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RESTUARANTS & NIGHTLIFE

Other than the regular sight-seeing available, there are plenty of places to eat and drink. Some fan favorites for places to eat are Salt Lick for good barbecue, Uchi for great sushi, and Kerbey Lane for a perfect breakfast—but don't overlook the wide selection of food trucks and taco joints that are scattered about the city.



To wash it down, be sure to check out Rainey Street, a line of houses that have been converted into dive bars, and the famous 6th Street, home to more bars than you can visit in a night. Our top picks for Rainey Street bars are Banger's, Clive Bar, and Bar 96.

For 6th, our top picks are Rooftop, Maggie Mae's, and Buckshot.

What many do not know about, however, are Austin's secret bars. Many think that there is a strange apartment located in the middle of 6th, but it is actually the Midnight Cowboy—just press the "Harry Craddock" call button to get in. Firehouse is another speakeasy where guests enter through a book case entrance. Small Victory is another private bar that locals love.



FITNESS & HEALTHY LIVING



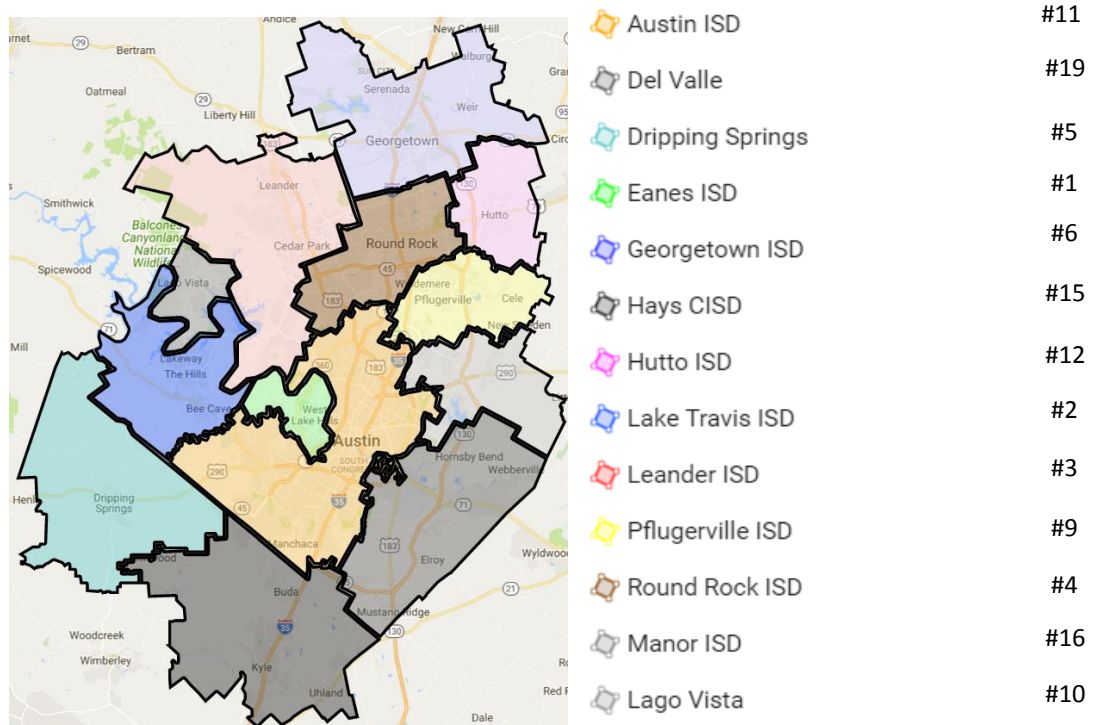
Austin is one of the most fit cities in the nation. Around every corner there is a gym, from big-name chains like 24-Hour Fitness and Gold's Gym to privately-owned niche gyms. There are also many CrossFit locations scattered about the metropolitan area. If you are looking for a studio to do yoga, try Wanderlust Yoga Studio and Barre3 Studio.



No workout is complete without eating. Austin-based grocery chain Whole Foods has many locations in the area, and those who are from out-of-state will fall in love with favorites such as HEB and Central Market, which are both from San Antonio, TX.

SCHOOLING

Having access to premier schooling is often a priority for Austin newcomers with children. Pictured above is the map of school districts located in and around Austin. Eanes comes in at #1, both in Austin and in Texas according to Niche. The rest of the rankings are shown alongside the key. There are several alternative schooling solutions available in Austin as well. St. Stephen's Episcopal School is regarded as the top private school in the area, and St. Andrew's Episcopal School is a close second. The Austin Waldorf School, St. Michael's Catholic Academy, and Hyde Park Baptist School are the three other schools that complete the top 5 private schools that Austin has to offer. Shown below is a map of the local school districts and how they ranked according to Niche.



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