



tours, schools by district, commute mapping—we'll tailor a plan around you.

Welcome aboard—and welcome to Austin!



Austin is consistently ranked among the most desirable places to live in the U.S. Known as the Live Music Capital of the World, it offers a balance of outdoor living, a strong economy, and a family-friendly atmosphere.

**Outdoor Lifestyle:** Miles of hike-and-bike trails, spring-fed swimming at Barton Springs, paddleboarding on Lady Bird Lake, plus Hill Country escapes minutes away.

**Thriving Economy:** Home to major tech, healthcare, and education employers including Tesla, Apple, Dell, and The University of Texas at Austin.

**Community Appeal:** Friendly neighborhoods, renowned food and music scenes, and a strong sense of local pride.

**Affordability (Relative):** Compared to coastal hubs like San Francisco or New York, Austin can offer strong value— especially in surrounding suburbs—while delivering big-city amenities.



# AUSTIN REAL ESTATE AT A GLANCE

Austin's housing market remains active with steady demand fueled by job growth and inmigration. Median home prices are around the mid-\$400Ks to low-\$500Ks (as of 2025) across the metro.

New construction is popular in communities like Leander, Liberty Hill, and Georgetown, while central Austin offers historic homes, modern condos, and established neighborhoods. Longterm fundamentals—population growth, jobs, and lifestyle—continue to make Austin attractive for both homeowners and investors.





## NEIGHBORHOODS TO WATCH

#### Zilker & Bouldin Creek (Central/South Austin):

Tree-lined streets, classic bungalows, and quick access to Zilker Park, Barton Springs, and South Lamar/South Congress. Walkable, eclectic, and close to downtown—perfect for those who want lifestyle at their doorstep.

#### Westlake (West Lake Hills / Eanes ISD):

Upscale, hill-country vibe with larger lots and luxury homes. Known for top-tier Eanes ISD schools, proximity to Lake Austin recreation, and easy access to downtown via Loop 360.

#### Cedar Park & Round Rock (North Suburbs):

Growing suburbs with excellent schools, abundant parks, and larger home options. Popular with first-time buyers and families seeking value, space, and community amenities—plus convenient access to major employers via US-183 and I-35.

#### **Downtown Austin:**

High-rise living near world-class dining, nightlife, and employers. Condos and townhomes dominate, offering a walkable, urban experience steps from Lady Bird Lake and the hike-and-bike trail.



## WHY BUY IN AUSTIN?

Austin combines no state income tax, strong job growth, top-tier amenities, and a nationally recognized lifestyle. Whether you're buying your first home, investing in new construction, or seeking a luxury retreat, Austin has options for every lifestyle and budget.

# Cost of Living in Austin, Texas

#### Cost of Living at a Glance

Austin offers an exceptional quality of life with big-city amenities and abundant outdoor recreation. While prices rose in recent years, the metro remains competitive versus coastal markets.

Housing: Median home price in the mid-\$400Ks to low-\$500Ks (2025 metro), with more attainable options in outlying suburbs and premium pricing in central/west areas.

**Groceries & Healthcare:** Generally near national averages, with plenty of choices from budget-friendly to premium.

**Utilities & Transportation**: Utilities are near national averages. Driving is common, but transit and micromobility options continue to expand. Overall, Austin provides a balanced lifestyle that appeals to professionals, families, and retirees alike.



#### **Taxes Explained (Texas)**

**Income Tax:** No state income tax in Texas.

**Sales Tax:** State rate 6.25%, with local add-ons up to 2% (max 8.25% total).

Property Taxes: Effective rates are relatively high, commonly ~1.6%–3.2% depending on county and taxing districts (Travis/Williamson/Hays).

Overall, many residents find the no-income-tax structure offsets higher property tax rates, especially for higher earners.

## Transportation & Commute Guide



Austin offers a practical mix of driving, transit, and trails:

Public Transit: CapMetro bus network plus MetroRail Red Line connecting the northern suburbs to downtown. Parkand-ride options and rapid bus corridors serve major routes.

Major Highways: 1-35, MoPac/Loop 1, US-183, SH-45, and SH-130 (toll) connect the metro. Loop 360 serves West Austin.





Airport Access: Austin-Bergstrom International
Airport (AUS) offers extensive
domestic routes and growing
international service—about 15–
20 minutes from downtown
(traffic dependent).

#### **Average Commute Times:**

Roughly 25–30 minutes across the metro, varying by corridor and time of day.

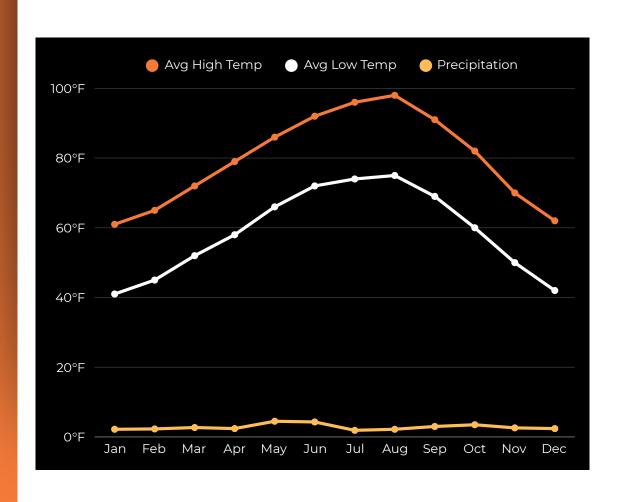




## **SEASONS**

### in the Live Music Capital

Austin enjoys four distinct seasons with hot summers, mild winters, and pleasant springs and falls. Expect summer highs in the upper 90s°F, occasional spring thunderstorms, and rare winter freezes.



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## DISCOVER

# Your Perfect Area with our Interactive Map

Explore Austin's neighborhoods, schools, shopping, and more through our interactive map on our website. This tool lets you visualize where you'll live, shop, and play, making your relocation research easy and fun.

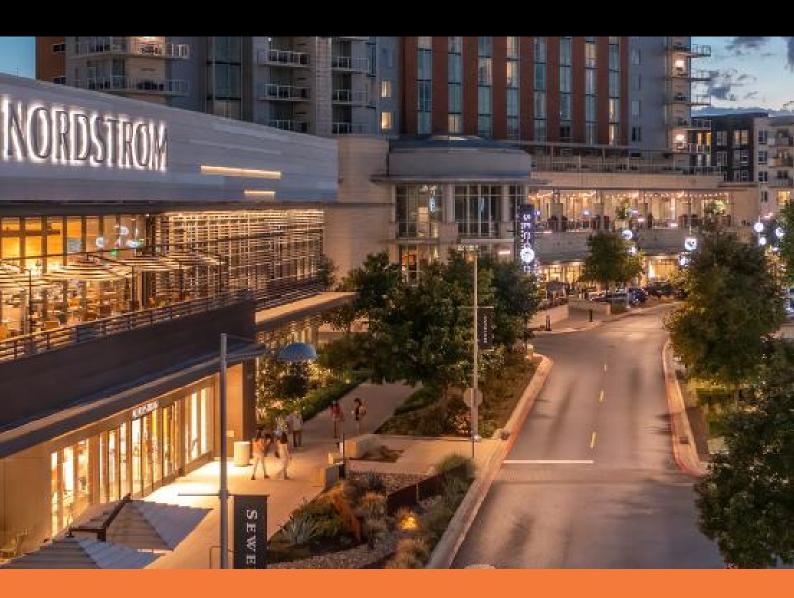






Austin offers a wide variety of shopping—from lifestyle centers to local boutiques.

## LIFESTYLEHIGHLIGHTS





#### The Domain (North Austin)

A premier outdoor lifestyle destination with national retailers, luxury brands, restaurants, and entertainment. Great for a full day out with family or friends.



#### **South Congress (SoCo) District**

An iconic stretch of local boutiques, vintage shops, artisan goods, and eateries with a quintessential Austin vibe. Perfect for unique finds and people-watching..



#### **Barton Creek Square**

A classic indoor mall near the Barton Creek Greenbelt with popular retailers, dining, and easy access to outdoor adventures before or after shopping.

# AUSTIN'S Explore Top Restaurants MUST-TRY RESTAURANTS



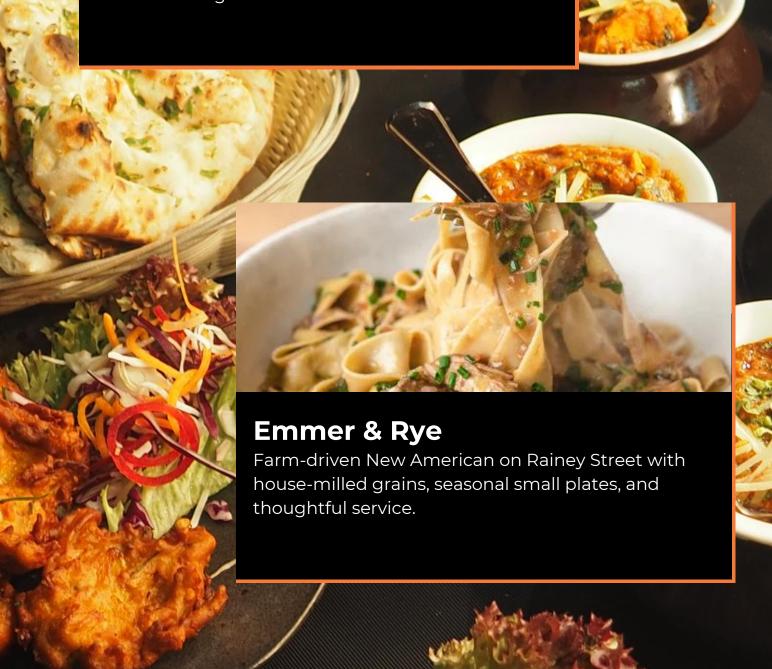
#### Franklin Barbecue

A legendary stop for Central Texas barbecue expect melt-in-your-mouth brisket and an authentic Austin experience.



#### Uchi

James Beard-level Japanese cuisine featuring inventive sushi and seasonal tastings in a refined yet relaxed setting.



# AUSTIN Explore Top Activities in Austin ADVENTURES AWAIT



#### Lady Bird Lake Hike-and-Bike Trail

A scenic loop with skyline views perfect for jogging, biking, or leisurely strolls—plus easy access to kayak and paddleboard rentals.



#### **Barton Springs Pool**

A spring-fed, 3-acre pool in Zilker Park that stays ~68–70°F year-round—an Austin rite of passage for cooling off in summer.



### Top Schools & Universities

## The University of Texas at Austin

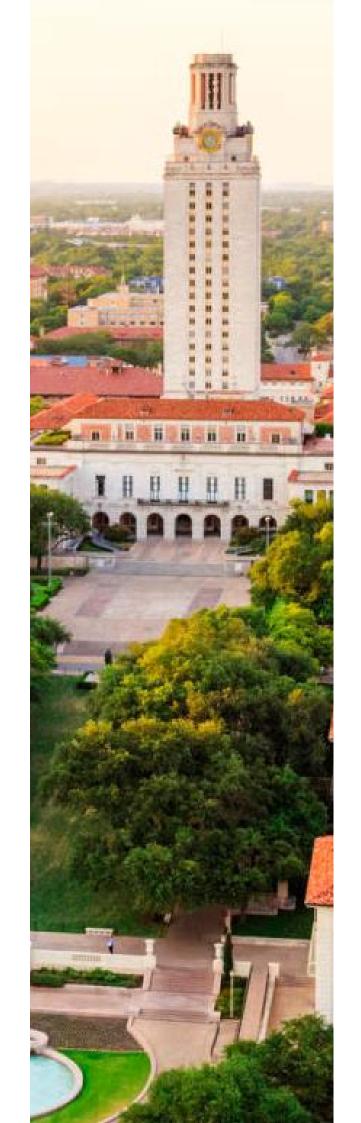
A flagship public university with nationally ranked programs in business, engineering, computer science, and more—plus a dynamic campus life.

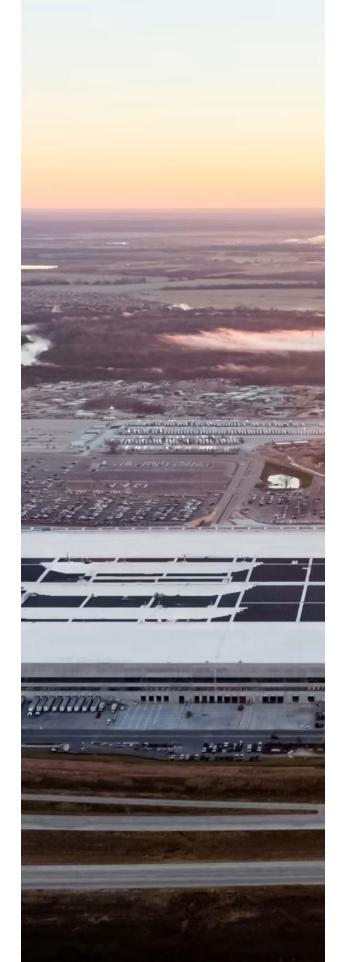
## Westlake High School (Eanes ISD)

Consistently top-ranked public high school known for academic rigor, athletics, and arts in one of the region's premier districts.

## LASA — Liberal Arts & Science Academy (Austin ISD)

Selective magnet high school renowned for STEM, research, and advanced academics with exceptional college placement.





### Top 3 Major Employers in Austin

#### Tesla (Giga Texas)

A major manufacturing and engineering hub driving regional job growth across operations, energy, and mobility innovation.

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#### **Dell Technologies**

Headquartered in nearby Round Rock, Dell anchors the metro's tech ecosystem with extensive roles in engineering, sales, and support.

## The University of Texas at Austin

**A** powerhouse in education and research, UT employs thousands in academic, administrative, and support roles while fueling the local economy.

### Healthcare Providers in Austin

## **Seton Medical Center Austin (Ascension Seton)**

A leading healthcare provider offering a full range of services, including trauma care and advanced treatments.

#### St. David's Medical Center

St. David's Medical Center is one of Austin's most trusted names in healthcare, known for its state-of-the-art technology, exceptional physicians, and award-winning patient outcomes.

## **Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas**

Located near downtown Austin, Dell Seton Medical Center is a teaching hospital affiliated with Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin.





## EXPLORE AREAS

## **AUSTIN**

Live music capital

#### **Amenities**

Austin offers major-city amenities with a small-town soul. You'll find world-class dining, festivals, parks, and a thriving tech economy. Neighborhood options range from historic central districts to master-planned suburbs, with abundant trails, lakes, and greenbelts.

#### **Notable Attractions**

See the Texas Capitol, UT Austin campus, and the Blanton Museum of Art. Enjoy Barton Springs, Lady Bird Lake, and Zilker Park. Annual events like SXSW and ACL draw global attention and keep the calendar packed.



People love the outdoor lifestyle, booming job market, and creative culture. There's a neighborhood for every stage of life, from urban condos to hill-country estates. No state income tax adds to long-term appeal.

#### Community Vibe

Energetic, entrepreneurial, and inclusive. Music and food scenes fuel constant discovery, while neighborhoods maintain distinct identities. Weekends are for patios, trails, and local markets.







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PUBLIC TRANSIT

CapMetro buses, MetroRapid, MetroRail Red Line, micromobility; AUS airport

## **ROUND ROCK**

Sports, schools, value



#### **Amenities**

Family-friendly amenities with excellent parks, sports facilities, and shopping. Ample newer housing stock and established neighborhoods offer options at many price points.

Proximity to major employers makes commuting practical.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Dell Diamond (Round Rock Express), Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, and Old Settlers Park. A growing dining scene complements big-box retail and local shops. Community events fill the calendar year-round.

#### Why Resident Love it

Strong schools and suburban convenience attract first-time buyers and move-ups. Plenty of fields, trails, and rec centers make it easy to stay active. Good access to I-35 and SH-45 keeps you connected.

#### Community Vibe

Down-to-earth, family-centric, and active. Neighbors gather around youth sports and park amenities. New development blends with mature, leafy streets.









Round Rock Transit (CARTS), regional connectors; carforward

## DRIPPING SPRINGS

Hill Country gateway charm

#### **Amenities**

Scenic living with larger lots and darksky ordinances. Amenities include wineries, breweries, parks, and highly regarded schools. Homes range from custom estates to upscale subdivisions.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Hamilton Pool (nearby), Mercer Street historic district, and Dripping Springs Distilling. Nearby greenbelts and creeks provide hiking and swimming options. Hill Country venues host weddings, markets, and festivals.



#### Why Resident Love it

Residents love the country feel with city access. It's peaceful, starry at night, and close to Austin jobs and culture. The food-and-drink scene rivals much larger towns.

#### Community Vibe

Upscale rural, outdoorsy, and community-minded. Weekend plans often include trail time and tastings. Newcomers find it easy to plug into local events.









Limited; primarily driving; regional CARTS options

## **LEANDER**

New growth, rail access

#### **Amenities**

Rapidly growing with abundant new construction and community amenities. Parks, pools, and trail systems are common in master-planned areas. Retail and dining continue to expand along 183A.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Lake Travis access is a short drive; Devine Lake Park offers local recreation. Nearby Crystal Falls Golf Club and regional trailheads add variety. Local events showcase a tight-knit community.

#### Why Resident Love it

Buyers love newer homes, relative value, and the MetroRail connection to downtown Austin (from Leander Station). Schools and space make it popular for move-up families.

#### Community Vibe

Suburban, friendly, and on the rise. A mix of young families and long-time Texans. Weekends revolve around parks, sports, and backyard gatherings.









CapMetro MetroRail (Leander Station), regional bus; carforward

## **CEDAR PARK**

Parks, schools, convenience



Well-planned suburbs with plentiful parks, pools, and sports complexes. Shopping corridors and medical services are close at hand. Neighborhoods offer consistent quality and HOA amenities.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Brushy Creek Lake Park, H-E-B Center events, and proximity to Lake Travis. Trails and sports leagues are a big draw. Dining spans local favorites to national brands.



#### Why Resident Love it

Residents cite strong schools and easy suburban living. Commuting options via 183A and nearby employers keep daily life efficient. Mature trees and sidewalks add charm.

#### Community Vibe

Clean, organized, and communityactive. Block parties and sports seasons shape the calendar. Pride of ownership is obvious on every street.









Limited local bus; regional connectors; car-forward

## GEORGETOWN

Historic square, growth

#### **Amenities**

A beautifully preserved downtown square anchors the city's identity. New master-planned communities offer amenities like pools, trails, and pickleball. Medical services and shopping are robust for the area.

#### **Notable Attractions**

The Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas, Blue Hole Park, and Inner Space Cavern. Festivals and markets keep the core lively. San Gabriel River trails add year-round recreation.

#### Why Resident Love it

People love the blend of history and new conveniences. It's relaxed, friendly, and has housing for every stage—from cottages to active-adult communities.

#### Community Vibe

Charming, porch-sitting, and eventdriven. Neighbors know each other; downtown is the living room. Growth feels intentional and proud of its roots.









GoGeo ondemand/CARTS; regional connectors; car-forward

## **PFLUGERVILLE**

Location, lakes, value



Centrally located between Austin and Round Rock with quick access to jobs and retail. Neighborhood parks, trails, and Lake Pflugerville add daily recreation. Diverse housing options fit many budgets.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Lake Pflugerville Park for paddling and trails, Typhoon Texas Waterpark, and Stone Hill Town Center. Community events and food trucks add local flavor.



Residents appreciate the balance of affordability and access. It's easy to reach employers, airports, and entertainment. Schools and sports are strong community hubs.

#### Community Vibe

Friendly, practical, and diverse. Weeknights at the park; weekends on the water or at local eateries. A city growing into its identity.









PUBLIC TRANSIT

Limited local service; regional bus/CARTS; car-forward

## LIBERTY HILL

Small-town, new builds

#### **Amenities**

Larger lots and new communities define the housing stock. Amenities emphasize parks, trails, and community pools. Retail and dining are growing along SH-29.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Downtown Liberty Hill murals, nearby Balcones Canyonlands, and Hill Country drives. Local events highlight arts and youth sports.

#### Why Resident Love it

Loved for space, schools, and a slower pace. Many move for acreage or new construction while staying close to Austin jobs.

#### Community Vibe

Laid-back, country-suburban hybrid. Strong Friday-night-lights energy. Neighbors lend a hand and share recommendations.









Limited; regional connectors; primarily driving

## **HUTTO**

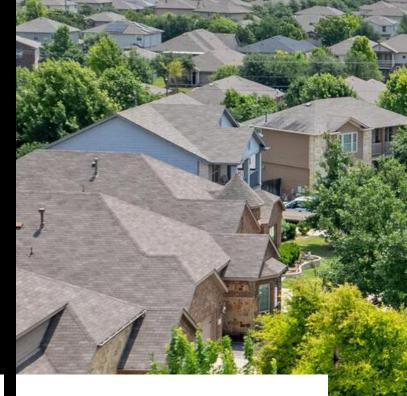
Hippo pride, access



Rapid growth with attainable pricing and family amenities. New parks, trails, and community centers keep up with demand. Retail corridors are expanding quickly.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Downtown Hutto's historic district, "Hippo" public art, and Brushy Creek amenities. Easy reach to Dell Diamond and Kalahari in Round Rock.



#### Why Resident Love it

Buyers praise value, location, and a welcoming culture. Commutes to Round Rock, Austin, and Taylor are straightforward.

#### **Community Vibe**

Up-and-coming, youthful, and community-oriented. Weekend farmer's markets and school events bring people together.









Limited local service; regional connectors; car-forward

## LAKEWAY

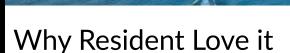
Lakeside, luxury, leisure



Upscale amenities include golf, marinas, tennis, and spas.
Neighborhoods feature mature landscaping and views. Lake Travis ISD anchors strong demand.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Lake Travis boating, Lakeway Resort & Spa, and Hamilton Greenbelt trails. Nearby Hill Country wineries and dining add to the lifestyle.



Loved for lake access, schools, and tranquil streets. Many choose Lakeway for resort-style living minutes from Austin.

#### Community Vibe

Refined, relaxed, and outdoor-fixated. Golf carts, sunset cruises, and neighborhood socials are common.









Limited; primarily driving; some regional commuter options

## **BUDA**

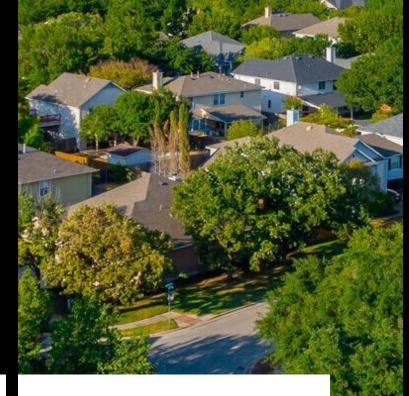
Historic core, value

#### **Amenities**

Small-town feel with modern conveniences. Parks, sports fields, and growing shopping options support daily life. Easy access to Austin via I-35.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Downtown Buda Main Street, Stagecoach Park, and seasonal festivals. Quick trips to Cabela's and South Austin retail.



#### Why Resident Love it

Residents love the calm pace, affordability, and charm. It's close enough to city energy without the bustle.

#### Community Vibe

Friendly, neighborly, and porchcentric. Weekend events and youth sports knit people together.









Limited local service; regional CARTS; carforward

## **KYLE**

Growth, parks, access

#### **Amenities**

One of the metro's fastest-growing cities with abundant new construction. Parks, trails, and youth sports are well-supported. Retail and medical services continue to expand.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Plum Creek Golf Course, Kyle Market Days, and Lake Kyle Park. Short hops to San Marcos outlets and South Austin.



Value pricing and location sell Kyle. It offers space and newer homes with solid commuter routes.

#### Community Vibe

Active, family-first, and evolving. New amenities arrive each year, shaping a modern small city.









Limited local service: regional CARTS; carforward

## **DRIFTWOOD**

Acreage, wineries, stars

#### **Amenities**

Rural amenities with upscale touches—think acreage homes, privacy, and Hill Country views. Nearby restaurants and venues punch above the population size. It's a retreat within commuting distance to Austin.

#### **Notable Attractions**

Salt Lick BBQ, Hill Country wineries/breweries, and scenic Onion Creek corridors. Proximity to Hamilton Pool and Driftwood Estate Winery.



Loved for serenity, night skies, and destination dining. It feels like a getaway without giving up city access.

#### Community Vibe

Quiet, refined, and nature-forward. Community bonds over land stewardship and local staples.









PUBLIC TRANSIT

None locally; driving; regional CARTS nearby

## DOWNTOWN AUSTIN (NEIGHBORHOOD)

Walkable urban core



Amenities include high-rise living, concierge services, gyms, pools, and proximity to trails. Dining, music, and offices are steps away, reducing car dependence. Retail ranges from boutiques to flagship brands.

### **Notable Attractions**

Texas Capitol, Lady Bird Lake Trail, ACL Live at the Moody Theater. Museums and waterfront parks bookend districts like 2nd Street and Seaholm.



Loved for walkability, skyline views, and cultural access. Perfect for downsizers and professionals who want a car-lite lifestyle.

### Community Vibe

Chic, energetic, and vertical.

Weeknights feel like weekends with constant events.









CapMetro, MetroRapid, MetroRail (nearby), scooters

# HYDE PARK (NEIGHBORHOOD

Historic, leafy, central

## **Amenities**

Turn-of-the-century homes, pocket parks, and local cafes define the area. Everyday errands are walkable or a short bike ride. Quick access to UT and hospitals.

### **Notable Attractions**

Shipe Park & Pool, Avenue B shops, and proximity to Elisabet Ney Museum. Nearby Triangle District adds dining and markets.

## Why Resident Love it

Residents love the architectural charm and central location. A strong neighborhood association nurtures community spirit.

### Community Vibe

Intellectual, artsy, and bike-friendly. Porch culture thrives; streets feel timeless.









CapMetro local routes; bike first

# CIRCLE C (NEIGHBORHOOD

Master-planned, trails, pools



Multiple pools, community centers, and miles of hike-and-bike trails.

Nearby retail, medical, and top parks make daily life convenient. Homes are newer with cohesive streetscapes.

### **Notable Attractions**

Veloway, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and Slaughter Creek Preserve. Quick trips to Barton Creek greenbelts and South Austin eateries.



Loved for amenities, schools, and value vs. closer-in neighborhoods. Easy Loop 1 access shortens commutes.

### Community Vibe

Active, family-focused, and outdoorsy. Weekend swim meets and trail runs are the norm.









## NORTHWEST HILLS (NEIGHBORHOOD)

Views, mid-century, calm

## **Amenities**

Amenities include nearby parks, trailheads, and specialty grocers. Homes offer larger lots and city/greenbelt vistas. Quick reach to Mopac and 360.

### **Notable Attractions**

Bull Creek District Park, J.J. Pickle Research Campus area, and scenic drives along 360. Dining nodes on Far West and Mesa.

## Why Resident Love it

Loved for quiet streets, strong schools, and central-north convenience. Architecture ranges from mid-century to custom.

### Community Vibe

Serene, established, and upscalecasual. Neighbors value privacy and mature trees.









## TARRYTOWN (NEIGHBORHOOD

Classic, close-in, coveted



Tree-canopied streets, pocket parks, and boutique retail. Quick access to Lake Austin and downtown. Homes are a mix of elegant originals and refined new builds.

### **Notable Attractions**

Mayfield Park & Nature Preserve, Walsh Boat Landing, and Lions Municipal Golf Course. Short drives to museums and downtown venues.



Loved for location, charm, and prestige. Proximity to top amenities without sacrificing tranquility.

### Community Vibe

Polished, established, and highly walkable within its nodes. Quiet confidence defines the area.









# WESTLAKE / WEST LAKE HILLS (NEIGHBORHOOD/CITY)

Eanes schools, luxury, vistas



Upscale amenities include country clubs, tennis, and lake access.
Boutique retail and medical services are nearby. Architecture features luxury builds and terraced lots.

### **Notable Attractions**

Lake Austin, Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve, and Red Bud Isle. Quick reach to downtown via 360/Loop 1.

## Why Resident Love it

Loved for top-ranked Eanes ISD, privacy, and hill-country scenery. Proximity to downtown with a secluded feel is hard to beat.

### Community Vibe

Exclusive, understated, and naturebuffered. Community ties often center on schools and clubs.



4,000 (city) / 12,000+ area







driving

## BARTON CREEK (NEIGHBORHOOD

Resort, golf, gated



Amenities revolve around resort golf, spas, and club life. Larger homes on view lots offer luxury living minutes from Austin. Trails and greenbelts weave through canyons.

### **Notable Attractions**

Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Barton Creek Greenbelt access points, and scenic 360 overlooks. Short drives to retail nodes on Bee Cave Rd.

## Why Resident Love it

Loved for privacy, amenities, and dramatic topography. It's a retreat that still connects quickly to city life.

### Community Vibe

Quiet, refined, and club-centric. Evenings are for sunsets and socials.









# BARTON HILLS (NEIGHBORHOOD)

Greenbelt, mid-century, music



Amenities include easy access to Zilker Park and the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Local cafes and shops line South Lamar. Homes feature midcentury character and modern updates.

### **Notable Attractions**

Zilker Park, Barton Springs Pool, and ACL Festival grounds. The SoLa corridor offers nonstop dining and live music.

## Why Resident Love it

Loved for parks, personality, and proximity to downtown. It encapsulates "classic Austin" living.

### Community Vibe

Laid-back, creative, and outdoorsfirst. Expect concerts, trail time, and patio hangs.









CapMetro local; bike/scooter friendly

## GREAT HILLS (NEIGHBORHOOD)

Views, golf, convenience



Amenities include Great Hills Park trails and nearby golf. The Arboretum and Domain retail/dining are minutes away. Quick access to 183/Loop 1 shortens commutes.

### **Notable Attractions**

Great Hills Neighborhood Park, The Arboretum, and Domain Austin. Greenbelt pockets provide shady escapes in summer.

## Why Resident Love it

Loved for central-north convenience with hill-country feel. Larger homes, views, and strong schools attract move-up buyers.

### Community Vibe

Professional, peaceful, and well-kept. Social life revolves around parks, clubs, and nearby restaurants.









PUBLIC TRANSIT

CapMetro local; carforward





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