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Having lived in San Antonio for most of my life, I could not be more proud of the city,

its culture, its history, and the opportunities it offers. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Alamo City and the heart of Texas. In San Antonio, you'll find a growing economy, a thriving job market, and a welcoming and business-friendly community. The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce is here to serve and support the city's business community through economic development, education and workforce development, special events, and many other programs. Visit sachamber.org to learn more about our services and to find out how you can become a member. Welcome to San Antonio!

SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT & CEO

Richard Perez



On behalf of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and our more than 2,100 members,

welcome to our great city. San Antonio is an inclusive and diverse place that offers a unique blend of metropolitan energy and small-town charm. Because of that, I feel very fortunate to have grown up here, and I am honored and proud to raise my family here today!

San Antonio's business community plays a vital role and has a vested interest in building our city's future, and we have an insatiable appetite for new and exciting opportunities. Our economy is growing rapidly, and the chamber is dedicated to making our community stronger, healthier, and more successful. Our city has so much to offer, and we know you are going to love it here!

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San Antonio's many charms wear well.

The River Walk, the Alamo, and the Spurs get people's attention. The city's ambiance, blending of cultures, and quality of life make visitors want to stay longer. And, many visitors come back to live.

Economic opportunities for San Antonians—natives and newcomers—continue to flourish, making the city one of the fastest growing in the nation. Landing a job is only a beginning in a community rich with tradition and activities.

San Antonio cherishes its well-earned trademarked reputation as Military City USA and is making a name for itself in cybersecurity and technology. We love our heritage, but we also have our eye on the future. We are committed to enjoying the best of both.

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San Antonio is a city on the rise—a diverse, progressive, and globally competitive city

with a solid vision for economic development. As a community, San Antonio has positioned itself for long-term growth and prosperity in targeting the 21st-century industries: health care and biosciences; information technology and cybersecurity; and the new energy economy. Our City of San Antonio workforce of more than 9,000 employees is committed to providing excellent, high-quality city services to the 1.4 million residents who call San Antonio home. Our core values of teamwork, integrity, innovation, and professionalism are principles that we as City of San Antonio employees understand and follow, while striving for excellence in all we do. These core values inspire us daily to make good work decisions and provide outstanding city services to the community. Thank you for your interest in San Antonio, a 21st-century American city.

CITY MANAGER
Sheryl Sculley



It's my pleasure to welcome you to San Antonio, a community that treats both its visitors and residents like family.

As Executive Director of Visit San Antonio, it's been wonderful to witness the ever-growing hospitality industry of our city. I look forward to you experiencing attractions such as the Alamo and our other Spanish Colonial Missions, now designated as a World Heritage Site, the Pearl Complex, River Walk, SeaWorld San Antonio, Fiesta Texas, San Antonio Spurs, and so much more. For information on all that San Antonio has to offer, please go to VisitSanAntonio.com. And enjoy!

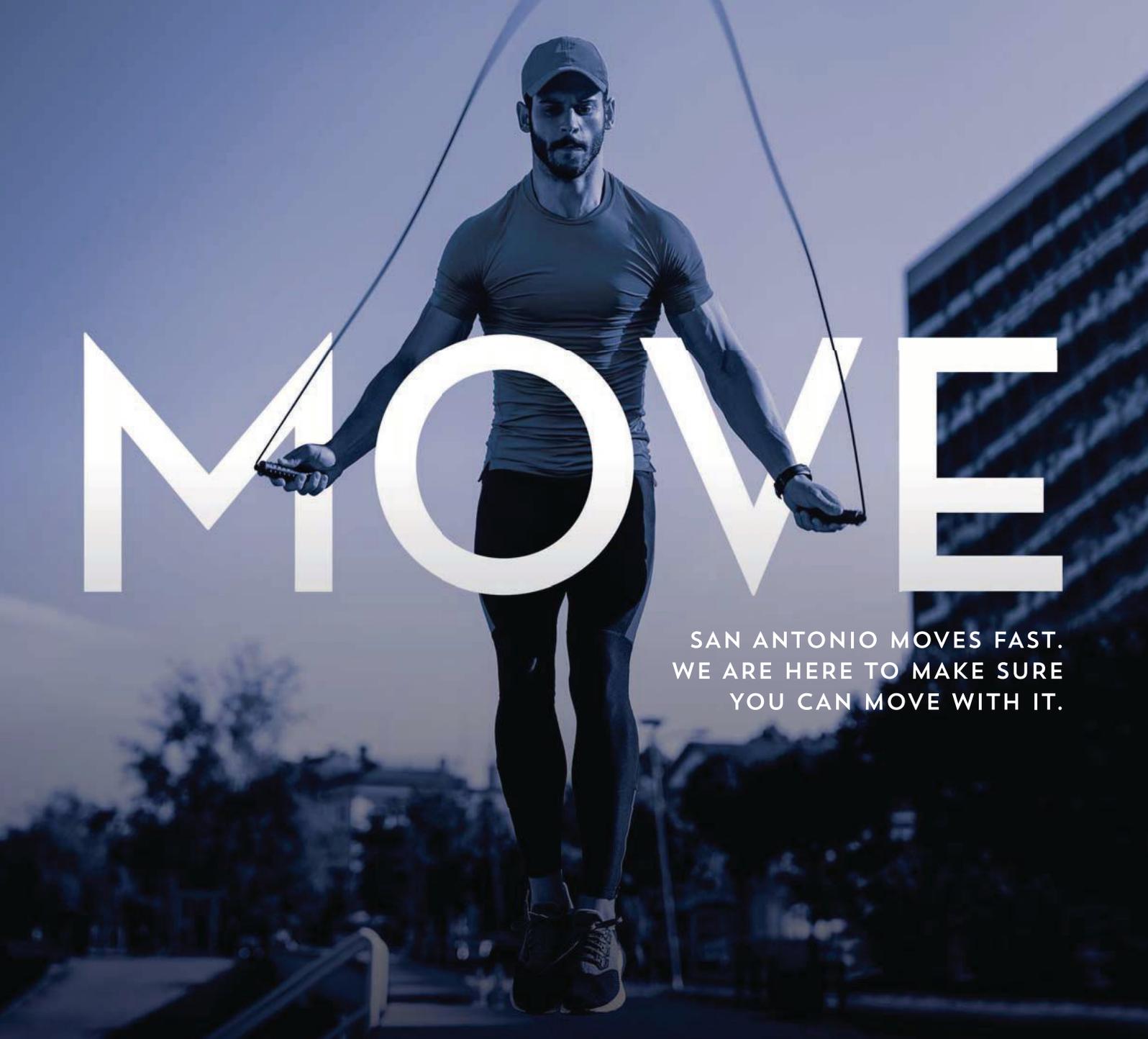
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Since July 2012 I've had the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Northside Independent School District,

San Antonio's largest school district. I started my career at Northside as a social studies teacher in 1992, and am a proud NISD parent. It's our mission to provide innovative, high-quality, diverse learning experiences for all students in an ever-changing world, so that the next generation can make positive contributions to the legacy of our community. I wish to welcome you to San Antonio, a community where your child's education and success are our priority.

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WELCOME TO *San Antonio*

We know what you're thinking: the Alamo, the River Walk, cowboy boots, rodeos, and of course, Mexican food. And you'd be right—those are some of the best things about San Antonio. But within this big city with a small-town feel, you'll find more than you ever expected. No matter what brought you here, we're glad you came.

Placed perfectly in the heart of the Hill Country, San Antonio offers a unique blend of metropolitan energy and small-town charm. For those looking to enjoy all that the big city has to offer, the downtown, Pearl Brewery, and Alamo Heights areas bring you an urban lifestyle close to shopping, nightlife, art, fine dining, and work. Within a short drive, however, you could find yourself living the Hill Country life in Boerne, Helotes, or Bulverde, with room to roam and easy access to the city.

No matter where in town you choose to settle, you'll notice that the cost of living is below average. Of the major metropolitan areas in Texas, San Antonio is the most affordable. And outside of the Lone Star State, it beats out Denver, Indianapolis, Albany, and others.

The population of San Antonio proper stands at 1.4 million citizens, and the larger San Antonio metropolitan area is expected to see continued growth. The 2015 San Antonio

census showed a population increase of 10.8 percent between 2010 and 2015, compared to the national average of 3.3 percent.

CULTURE

No one word or phrase can fully describe the culture of San Antonio. It's Southern charm with an international flair; big-city opportunity and excitement with small-town familiarity. The city exhibits characteristics of its Spanish founding, its Mexican American upbringing, its Texas pride, and the German influence from surrounding areas. Its blended heritage has created a unique place that is sure to have something for everyone. Folks come from near and far to live and work in the San Antonio area, each one of them adding to the depth and substance of the city. Here are some of our favorite spots to enjoy a little authentic San Antonio culture.

La Villita Historic Arts Village

This local treasure was one of the first neighborhoods in San Antonio. Located near the south bank of the San Antonio

River, La Villita has become a great place to wander, shop, and dine.

Majestic Theatre

San Antonians love to enjoy a show at the Majestic. A landmark in downtown San Antonio, the Majestic hosts live music, comedy, and Broadway in San Antonio.

Tobin Center for the Performing Arts

Since opening in 2014, the Tobin Center has welcomed more than 300,000 guests to experience live performances including the San Antonio Symphony, Broadway musicals, concerts, comedy, ballet, and opera. The historically preserved building features a 1,738-seat performance hall, a 240-seat studio theater, and an outdoor plaza.

Witte Museum

Newly renovated and expanded, San Antonio's beloved Witte (pronounced "witty") has been earning rave reviews for its reboot. Flying pterodactyls greet visitors as they enter the main hall, and new exhibits showcase more dinosaurs, space travel, and other high points of South Texas history. Innovative outdoor

play areas take advantage of the museum's location on the banks of the San Antonio River.

Market Square (El Mercado)

There are so many reasons to check out this nearly 200-year-old marketplace that you could spend all day discovering them. The largest Mexican market in the United States, El Mercado is filled with art, handmade goods, and unique finds from south of the border. Some of San Antonio's favorite restaurants are located here too, including the famous Mi Tierra Café.

Carver Community Cultural Center

The mission of the Carver Community Cultural Center is to celebrate the diverse cultures of our world, nation, and community, with emphasis on its African and African American heritage, by providing challenging artistic presentations, community outreach activities, and educational programs.

CLIMATE

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Downtown San Antonio

spend their winters relaxing on a patio, with favorite beverage in hand. We see snow on average once every four years, and the winter high temperatures average between 55 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature dips below freezing about 20 days out of the year, with the first freeze happening around the beginning of December. We're still in Texas, y'all, so naturally San Antonio is not exempt from the cold-to-warm-to-cold temperature fluctuation that is to be expected during February and March. Most of the year is warm (or hot, depending on your definition) and flooded with sunshine, which is part of why it's so nice to be close to lakes, rivers (our favorite!), and the Texas coast. Spring in Central Texas is beautiful as the sun shines down on hills covered in bluebonnets and other wildflowers. (The bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas, in case you're not from around these parts and didn't know that.) We get the most warmth in July and August, when temperatures average 95

degrees. Temperatures in San Antonio reach 90 degrees or higher an average of 111 days a year. Typically it still feels like summer into September, but the weather starts to cool as October approaches.

According to the National Weather Service, an average of 29 inches of rain falls each year in San Antonio. Showers are most common in May, September, and October, and less frequent in December through March and July.

WORK

A thriving metropolitan area with a growing job market, San Antonio offers professional opportunities in a number of fields, including aerospace/aviation, environmental technology, finance, health care, IT/cybersecurity, manufacturing, government, and more. In fact, San Antonio has one of the strongest economies among major U.S. cities, and a consistently low unemployment rate. Many companies, such as H-E-B, USAA, and Valero, have selected San Antonio as their headquarters location;

these three companies alone employ nearly 40,000 San Antonians.

BUSINESS-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Tax Abatement

City of San Antonio tax abatement policies allow companies in many different industries to apply for a reduction in taxes if certain criteria are met.

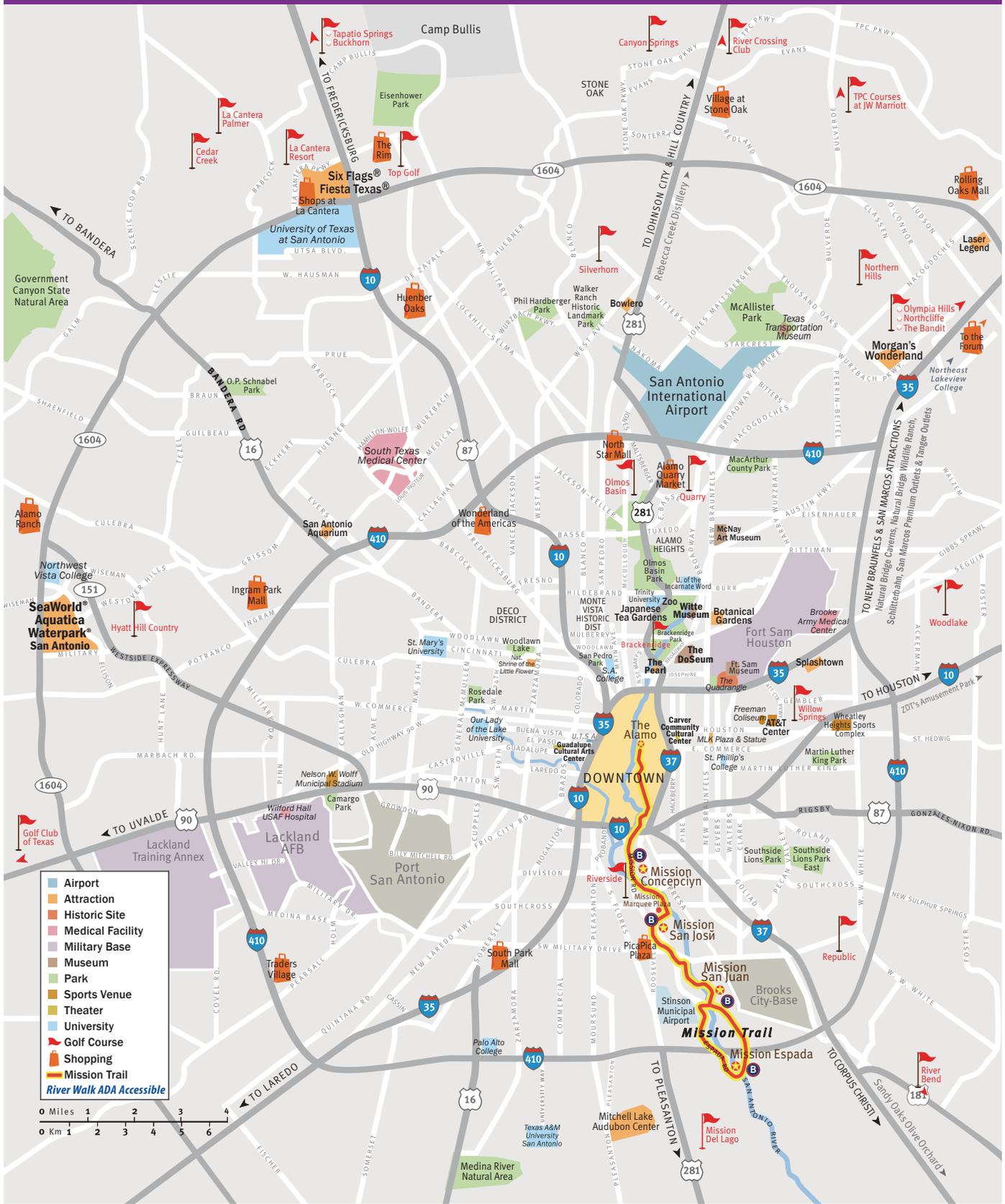
Pollution Control Property

Along with the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission, the Bexar County Appraisal District (BCAD) offers partial up to full exemption from specified taxes for facilities, devices, or methods that control pollution.

Freeport Exemption

This policy allows an exemption of up to 100 percent of personal property taxes on goods-in-transit, or inventories used in a manufacturing process if the inventory items are moved out of Texas within 175 days.

SAN ANTONIO Metro Area Map



WELCOME TO SAN ANTONIO! For maps of the River Walk, transportation routes, and information on city attractions, come by the Official Visitor Information Center at 317 Alamo Plaza or call toll-free 800-447-3372. Map compliments of Visit San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO
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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT San Antonio and Bexar County

- ★ San Antonio was founded more than 300 years ago during a Spanish expedition.
- ★ San Antonio was named for the Portuguese saint Anthony, whose "feast day" is June 13, the day in 1691 when a Spanish expedition stopped in the area.
- ★ The San Antonio River starts at "Blue Hole" spring, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio.
- ★ The San Antonio River is 240 miles long.
- ★ The original River Walk was built from 1938 to 1941 as a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project at a cost of \$430,000.
- ★ San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in America and the second-largest city in Texas.
- ★ San Antonio enjoys 300 days of sunshine annually and an average temperature of 70 degrees.

- ★ Fiesta, which started way back in 1891, is a fun-filled, action-packed 10-day party that San Antonio throws every April.
- ★ San Antonio was permanently settled on May 1, 1718.



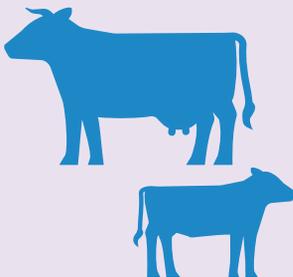
San Antonio has 10 official sister cities:

- 1 **Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico** (established 1953, first Mexican city to have a U.S. sister city)
- 2 **Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico** (established 1974)
- 3 **Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain** (established 1975)
- 4 **Gwangju, South Korea** (established 1981)
- 5 **Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China** (established 1981)
- 6 **Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain** (established 1983)
- 7 **Kumamoto, Japan** (established 1987)
- 8 **Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India** (established 2008)
- 9 **Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, China** (established 2012)
- 10 **Windhoek, Namibia** (established 2016)



San Antonio has two of the top tourist attractions in Texas: the Alamo and the River Walk.

- ★ Each year, more than 26 million visitors make their way to San Antonio.
- ★ Except for the Alamo, the five Spanish colonial missions established along the San Antonio River are all active Catholic parishes.
- ★ The Spanish missions were not churches but Indian towns. In the 1700s, native people learning to become Spanish citizens had to be Catholic; that is why the king of Spain sent missionaries to acculturate them.



The first cattle drives originated from the San Antonio Spanish missions. Vaqueros drove hundreds of cattle, sheep, and goats to Louisiana during the American War for Independence to supply American colonists.

- ★ San Antonio's military establishments include Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph Air Force Base, and Brooks City-Base with Camp Bullis and Camp Stanley right outside the city.
- ★ Historic "Old Brack" Brackenridge Golf Course, constructed in 1915 and one of very few public courses designed by A. W. Tillinghast, opened in 1916. The first public golf course in Texas, it hosted the Texas Open from 1922 to 1959.

More information on the previously mentioned incentives and others can be found at sanantonio.gov.

HISTORY OF SAN ANTONIO

Two of San Antonio's signature features, the Alamo and the River Walk, bring an average of 26 million visitors to the city each year, and both attractions are rich in history.

In 1691, a Spanish expedition stopped in the Texas Hill Country, where it founded a city and named it San Antonio, after the Portuguese saint Anthony. This initial Spanish colonization of the area led to the establishment of the southernmost missions.

The first of five Spanish missions in the area, San Antonio de Valero was established in 1718, and is now famously known as the Alamo. Missions Concepción, San José, San Juan, and Espada all followed, and are now the centerpieces of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. Each mission in the park remains an active Catholic parish and holds

regular services that are open to the public. However, the Spanish missions were not raised to be churches. Instead, they served as Indian towns where Spanish missionaries taught native people how to be Catholic so that they could become Spanish citizens. Learn more about the San Antonio Mission National Historic Park online at nps.gov/saan.

"Paseo del Rio" is the Spanish translation of "River Walk," but the most popular tourist attraction in the state was not always the river park that we enjoy today. The Texas Legislature created the San Antonio River Authority in 1937, development of the river was approved in 1938, and on October 25, 1939, the river project broke ground. Numerous subsequent projects, along with hard work and support from many San Antonians, have made the River Walk a local and state treasure. Visit thesanantonioriverwalk.com for details on restaurants, bars, entertainment, museums, and events on the River Walk.

The San Antonio River itself starts at Blue Hole natural spring on the University of the Incarnate Word campus and is 240 miles long. Running through five counties, the San Antonio River meets the Guadalupe in Refugio County and flows all the way to San Antonio Bay at the Gulf of Mexico.

TAKE A SWING AT IT

Golfers from all over come to San Antonio to play its more than 30 courses, including the historic "Old Brack" Brackenridge Golf Course. The first public golf course in Texas, Old Brack opened in 1916 and was the home of the Texas Open from 1922 to 1959. The Valero Texas Open brings golf professionals and enthusiasts to the AT&T Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio each year. First played in 1922, the Valero Texas Open is the third-oldest PGA TOUR tournament and the oldest Professional Golf Tour tournament to have been held in the same city its entire existence. 🏌️



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San Antonio River Walk

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Relocating

UTILITIES

One of the first steps in making San Antonio feel like home is definitely getting settled in your new home. Before you can unpack, clean, and get organized you'll need to set up utilities. Fortunately, establishing water and electric or gas service can easily be done without even leaving the premises. Even better, plan ahead so that you can have your services start the day you arrive.

San Antonio Water System serves Bexar County, as well as parts of Medina and Atascosa Counties, for water and wastewater needs. Made up of the former City Water Board, the City Wastewater Department, and the Alamo Water Conservation

and Reuse District, SAWS is nationally acclaimed for its conservation and water management planning.

To request new service, call (210) 704-7297 (SAWS), or visit a Customer Center. Be sure to have the following information and documents handy:

- Property address
- A copy of your lease, if you are renting
- Purchase agreement for new home, if applicable
- A valid driver's license or Texas ID (for residential service) or Tax ID (for commercial service)
- Contact phone number
- Mailing address
- Date of birth (for residential service)

A variety of affordability programs are in place to help those who may qualify. Visit saws.org for information on such programs, on water conservation, and more.

Electric and gas service for the San Antonio area is provided by CPS Energy, a community-owned, not-for-profit utility. You can request new service, transfer service, or stop service by logging on to cpsenergy.com. The CPS website also offers online bill pay, information regarding what causes



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outages, a schedule of planned outages, and tips on how to handle an outage.

The CPS SaveNow Home Energy Efficiency program is a great way to do your part in energy conservation and to save on your energy bills. Find out more at cpsenergy.com.

MAJOR HIGHWAYS

San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in the United States and encompasses a total geographic area of 467 miles, which can be intimidating to new residents learning their way around. Here's a quick rundown of our major highways, plus other information you'll need to know as you hit the road.

Interstate 410, the inner loop for the city, serves as a convenient tool for moving around central San Antonio.

You'll quickly learn that while Texas

Helpful Apps



Welcome to San Antonio! It's time to get out there and start going, seeing, and doing. Check out these free apps when you're ready to explore.

★ **San Antonio Official iTravel Guide**

Info from the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau on deals, events, hotels, restaurants, activities, and shopping. An interactive map shows things to see and do near your current location. You can save different items to your favorites list for easy access.

★ **SAVE in San Antonio**

Savings on hotels, restaurants, attractions, shopping, and sightseeing. A great way to try new things in the city without breaking the bank. From the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

★ **The San Antonio River Walk**

Tips on learning to navigate the River Walk, brought to you by the Paseo del Rio Association. Buy tickets for River Walk events, get discounts from River Walk businesses, view a calendar of events, and find River Walk spots with the help of GPS directions.

★ **SA Food Truck Finder**

If you're a food truck foodie, you have to try this app, made by foodies for foodies. Find food trucks and food parks near your current location. Click on a food truck to see a description, hours of operation, and menu.

★ **Fiesta San Antonio**

Your go-to guide to Fiesta, San Antonio's largest and most exciting festival. Very user-friendly and full of useful information to

help you navigate this incredible event, including Fiesta News, a calendar of events (with a shortcut to events on the current day), a photo booth, transportation info (parking, cabs, bus service, and rental cars), a Fiesta FAQ section, even a Friend Finder so you can keep in touch with your crew while exploring the events.

★ **SeaWorld Discovery Guide**

If you plan on visiting SeaWorld, use this app to purchase park items including food, tours, and tickets from your phone and skip the lines! Get a map of attractions, event schedules, and show times, plus information on camps. There's also a car-finder option! Just save your location in the app when you park, and when you're ready to leave, use the Car Finder feature to get back to your vehicle with ease.

★ **mySAPL**

Enter the San Antonio Public Library straight from your device. The mySAPL mobile app makes it easy to browse the library's newest titles, place holds, check out digital titles, renew items, manage your account, find a location, and check out the events calendar.

★ **Alamoji**

Alamoji: Remember the Alamoji app when you want to personalize your texts and other social media posts from Alamo City.

State Highway 1604, or the outer loop, works well for getting from the Stone Oak area to UTSA, it does get congested during peak travel times. Most areas of the loop do not have traffic lights, which helps to keep commuters moving.

I-35 North will take you to Austin, but plan for extra travel time during peak hours, as many use the highway to commute to and from work. If you are heading north on I-35, you can catch the new toll road just south of Austin, which will help you bypass some Austin traffic if that's not your final destination. As you exit the city on I-35 South, you'll shift slightly to the west, heading toward Laredo. Alternatively, I-37 starts in downtown and runs south and east to Corpus Christi.

At Loop 1604 and I-10, you'll find The Rim shopping center, The Shops at La Cantera, and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

State Highway 281 (also known as Interstate 37) runs north and south through the city and will take you to popular shopping and dining spots at The Quarry Market, University of the Incarnate Word/Alamo Heights, and into downtown. Off 281 North, you'll find the Stone Oak area and a scenic route to Austin if you stay on it. If you take 281 South, you'll pass the downtown area, the missions, Brooks City Base, and will end up heading into the Eagle Ford area.

DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICES

The Alamo City has three Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license locations (Leon Valley, General McMullen, and New Braunfels). Visit txdps.state.tx.us for location information.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

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PET-FRIENDLY Restaurants

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1414 S. Alamo St.
 - Blue Star Brewing Company
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 - Halcyon
(210) 277-7045
 - Stella Public House
(210) 277-7047
- ★ **The Cove**
606 W. Cypress St.
(210) 227-2683
- ★ **The Flying Saucer**
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- ★ **Fralo's**
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(210) 698-6616
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- ★ **The Friendly Spot**
943 S. Alamo St.
(210) 224-2337
- ★ **La Tuna Grill**
100 Probandt
(210) 212-5727
- ★ **Mama's Cafe**
2442 Nacogdoches Road
(210) 826-8303
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200 E. Grayson St., Suite 120
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 - La Gloria
100 E. Grayson St.
(210) 267-9040
 - Cured
306 Pearl Parkway, Suite 101
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Customer service: (210) 704-7297

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(Bus routing and scheduling informa-
tion and customer comments)



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Activities and Attractions

FIESTA! It's the two-week-long party written across every local's April calendar, and it's a fitting way to begin a preview of San Antonio's wealth of activities and attractions. *Cue the mariachis!* Fiesta is the definitive celebration of the eclectic mix of cultures that make San Antonio the vibrant place it is today. Throughout the city, myriad variations on cuisine, art, music, language, costume, sport, and (most importantly) people converge at a multitude of events, large and small. As you make your way from neighborhood block parties to cultural festivals to the epic Battle of the Flowers Parade,

which attracts more than 350,000 people each year, you'll understand why San Antonio is known as one of the most welcoming and authentic cities in the nation.

Start your explorations by boarding a riverboat and cruising the cypress-lined San Antonio River past a bustling scene of restaurants, shops, and Spanish Colonial architecture. Enjoy figuring out which of the River Walk's bartenders mixes the best margarita, and then two-step on the plaza at one of La Villita's music festivals. Browse the many galleries in this historic arts village, and watch a flamenco demonstration at the outdoor Arneson River Theatre. The nearby San Fernando Cathedral (the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States) and the Spanish Governor's Palace offer peaceful glimpses into the city's historic past just a few blocks from the lively activity of Market Square, the largest Mexican *mercado* north of the Rio Grande. Tourists spend days exploring downtown San Antonio's many offerings, but you, as a resident, will be able to visit them at your leisure. Just don't forget to remember the Alamo, the first of five Spanish missions that laid the foundation for this city you get to call home. Now designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site, these missions have joined the likes of the Statue of Liberty and Stonehenge as one of the world's most significant cultural and natural sites. San Antonio's missions are the largest collection of Spanish colonial

missions in the United States. While San Antonio continues to revere its iconic attractions, current revitalization efforts across the city are embracing local ingenuity and style. Local architects and urban planners restore and reinvent historic structures, creating dynamic districts such as the culinary-driven Pearl Brewery Complex, the art-centric Blue Star Arts Complex, and Southtown The Arts District (STAD), home of the city's longest-running art walks. These attract local entrepreneurs, chefs, and artists, whose shops, restaurants, and galleries create a unique hybrid of the classic and the new that can only be described as *puro* San Antonio. The best example of this respectful progress may be the River Walk itself. This pedestrian pathway has developed into a 15-mile treasure that connects people to many of the city's greatest cultural, recreational, culinary, and retail offerings while continuing to stimulate future development.

Downtown's vibrant accessibility and thoughtful blend of the historic and contemporary have helped make San Antonio a popular convention destination. The Henry B. González Convention Center recently underwent a \$325 million expansion, increasing the eco-friendly footprint to 6 million square feet while bringing working visitors even closer to downtown's best places to play. Inside the convention center's native limestone

exterior, public art installations exude the history and culture of San Antonio's diverse arts scene. Outside, ongoing expansion of neighboring Hemisfair Park, site of the 1968 World's Fair, will provide enhanced opportunities for outdoor events.

SHOPPING, DINING, AND NIGHTLIFE

Every neighborhood has its favorite restaurants, shops, and hangouts, but some areas are destination districts for the whole city. The impressive 19th-century structures of the former Pearl Brewery now house some of San Antonio's most talked-about restaurants and boutiques. The dinnertime crowd fills every table at Cured, Boiler House, Il Sogno Osteria, and Botika. Students and professors at the renowned Culinary Institute of America impress diners with flavor and service at Nao restaurant and CIA Bakery, a seasonal pop-up café. Every Saturday morning, Pearl's residents and visitors find their own culinary inspiration at the Pearl Farmers Market or just relax on one of the complex's many plazas with an espresso from Local Coffee and a new book from the independent Twig Book Shop. Free concerts and outdoor film screenings entertain at the amphitheater right on the River Walk, where kids play tag and make new friends on La Gloria's lawn while grateful parents sip micheladas. With

an impressive selection of local craft beer at Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery and the promise of a creative, seasonal breakfast at Supper, even locals enjoy playing culinary tourists and spending the night at Hotel Emma, a stunning boutique hotel housed in the original 1894 Pearl Brewery. Dining and entertainment possibilities overflow this magnificently retrofitted brewery onto Broadway, which is slowly evolving into its trendy



Hemisfair Park



state-of-the-art facility is home to resident companies Ballet San Antonio, Opera San Antonio, and the San Antonio Symphony, Children's Chorus, and Chamber Orchestra. It also welcomes world-class musicians, dance companies, and scholars to its stages. Other popular playhouses in San Antonio include the Playhouse at San Pedro Springs Park and Woodlawn Theatre in the Deco District. The historic Majestic and Aztec Theatres host internationally famous performers and local events in beautiful settings.

All the big blockbuster movies play at the city's major cin-

emas, almost all of which offer large screens and stadium seating. Some theaters, like the Bijou Cinema Bistro, which shows independent and foreign films, and the Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas, offer food and drink service at your seat. The Drafthouse calendar is filled with sing-alongs and other special-themed events.

PARKS AND RECREATION

From scenic greenbelts to rugged canyonlands to historic missions, San Antonio's parks will get your heart pumping. The River Walk's unique eight-mile Mission Reach trail, the nation's largest urban ecosystem restoration, connects joggers and cyclists to the city's four 18th-century Spanish Colonial missions to the south: Missions Concepción, San José, San Juan, and Espada. B-cycle stations throughout the city provide convenient bike rentals, and kayaks are available for rent at Espada Park.

San Antonio residents find it easy to encounter nature without leaving the city. When the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is completed, a 130-mile ring of hike-and-bike trails will encircle San Antonio. The city currently enjoys 52.6 miles of developed greenway trails that connect parks along Salado

name, "SoBro."

Shops, outdoor eateries, and bars line South Alamo Street from downtown through Southtown to the Blue Star Arts Complex. Once a collection of run-down warehouses, the Blue Star now shines over a collection of contemporary art galleries, including the eponymous Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum. Blue Star and almost anyplace in the city with an available wall or performance space radiate creative energy during March, Contemporary Arts Month. Popular restaurants in the area include Hot Joy, Feast, Bliss, La Frite, Tito's, Rosario's, and Stella. Some of San Antonio's best icehouses and breweries make their home in this area as well, among them The Friendly Spot Ice House, La Tuna Grill and Ice House, Blue Star Brewery, and Freetail Brewery.

Of course, downtown San Antonio is filled with popular bars and music-thumping clubs. Local favorites include The Esquire, The Brooklynite, and The Last Word bars, all specializing in craft cocktails, and VFW Post 76. The "oldest post in Texas" serves up live music and cold drinks from a riverside Victorian mansion. Dance clubs include Kremlin and the Bonham Exchange,

with three levels of dance floors in a late-19th-century building. Just northwest of downtown, the LGBT strip on Main Street offers some of the city's most spirited nightlife. Known for its dive bars, casual dining, and unpretentious dance floors, the North Saint Mary's strip is especially popular with college students. The recent addition of live music venue Paper Tiger, which brings national touring bands to SA, has begun a surge of redevelopment to this district.

Other popular shopping and dining areas include the Quarry Market, North Star Mall, The Rim, The Shops at La Cantera, and the expanding Shops at Rivercenter. Just about any retail store or major restaurant chain can be found in strip centers along the northern loops of 410 and 1604 as well as Interstates 10 and 281. Homegrown H-E-B is San Antonio's grocery store, with locations throughout the greater San Antonio area. High-end grocery stores Central Market and Whole Foods are located in Uptown and north San Antonio.

PERFORMING ARTS AND FILM

The arts take center stage at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. This

and Leon Creeks and the San Antonio and Medina Rivers. Popular parks along the ring include McAllister and Hardberger, each featuring miles of walking and running trails, playgrounds and picnic areas, and a dog park. Woodlawn Lake Park offers canoeing, fishing, and strong winds for kite flying. San Pedro Springs Park is the second-oldest municipal park in the nation and home to the city's McFarlin Tennis Center and the San Pedro Springs Pool, a free swimming pool. Extensive remodeling and expansion projects will develop downtown's Hemisfair Park into a sustainable center of recreation and relaxation.

Government Canyon State Natural Area offers scenic overlooks and overnight camping just northwest of the city. Wilderness lovers enjoy more than 40 miles of hike-and-bike trails that traverse remote canyonlands, gently rolling grasslands, and historic ranching sites. Birders hoping to spot the endangered golden-cheeked warbler gather at this stunning natural area before heading south to Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, which hosts more than 300 bird species such as pelicans, egrets, roseate

spoonbills, and hawks.

Deep in the heart of Texas, an abundance of rivers and lakes lure visitors for a relaxing day trip. The nearby Guadalupe, Comal, Blanco, Medina, and Frio Rivers as well as Canyon Lake, Medina Lake, and Lake McQueeney host a multitude of water recreation activities, including boating, fishing, waterskiing, and swimming. Just two hours away, the Gulf Coast offers sand, sunshine, warm water, and story-worthy fish. Throughout the region, deer, duck, and dove hunting are popular, depending on the season. Dude ranches near the town of Bandera, "the Cowboy Capital of the World," turn city slickers into cowboys with trail rides, cookouts, and livestock demonstrations.

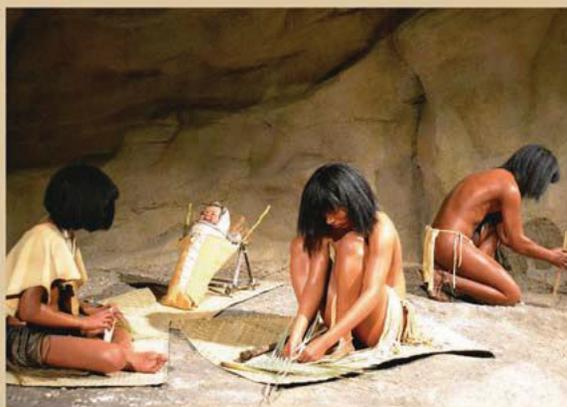
The city's value of community is evident in its recreational activities. For those who prefer to mix the social with their sport, the free year-round program Fitness in the Park schedules a variety of classes such as boot camp and Zumba at parks throughout the city. Traditional fitness and community centers like the YMCA, as well as yoga and CrossFit studios, are also prevalent. The San Antonio Rock 'n' Roll Marathon & Half Marathon

and the Tower of the Americas 952-step Tower Climb and Run are two of the city's most popular public competitions. Twice a year, the YMCA's Síclovía turns major city streets into parks for pedestrian play, exercise classes, and biking.

GOLF

More than 50 local-area golf courses and 300 days of sunshine a year make it easy for San Antonians to play a lot of golf. Resort courses offer the most variety and receive the most attention. Hosting both the annual Valero Texas Open and the Champions Tour, the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa boasts two PGA TOUR-operated TPC courses. La Cantera Hill Country Resort is home to the Resort Course, which is a 15-year PGA TOUR stop, and the Palmer Course, designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer. The Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa hosts the Hill Country Golf Club, which offers 27 holes on 200 acres of wide-ranging terrain, masterfully sculpted by course architects Arthur Hills and Associates. These championship courses wind through the Hill Country, taking advantage of

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natural topography and providing stunning views.

Several of San Antonio's best public courses are less than a 15-minute drive from downtown. Brackenridge Park Golf Course holds a special place in the hearts of San Antonians and the archives of state history. Designed in 1916, the oldest 18-hole public golf course in Texas is also the home of the Texas Golf Hall of Fame. Recent renovations echo the original layout by designer A. W. Tillinghast and keep the course on par with the city's premier courses. Following scenic Salado Creek, the Republic Golf Club has consistently been voted the city's number one course by the *San Antonio Express-News*. At the Quarry Golf Club, golfers tee off from elevated boxes and fire balls over the imposing chasm of a 100-year-old limestone quarry pit.

Nestled between suburbs and shopping centers, Silverhorn Golf Club is a Hill Country oasis. Novice and pro golfers alike enjoy the course's beautifully framed, contoured greens and strategic use of sand and water, which create multiple levels of challenge. Named one of the Top 10 Public Courses in Texas by *Golfweek* magazine, New Braunfels' Bandit course is worth the drive. This 71-par track winds in and around Long Creek and Lake McQueeney and features significant elevation changes and water hazards. Those seeking to develop their swing with the luxuries of a full bar and dining menu enjoy Topgolf, where the only elevation changes are the three floors of temperature-controlled tee boxes that overlook a 240-yard outfield.

For those golfers who prefer slinging plastic to swinging clubs, San Antonio offers several disc golf courses with varying terrains and levels of difficulty.

Bryan McClain and Universal City Parks both offer 18 holes of wooded and open runs. John Houck designed the 38-basket course at Live Oak Park, which challenges the player with varying elevations and landscapes, including several water hazards. Only a ten-minute drive from downtown San Antonio, the hilly six-hole course at Trinity University, also designed by Houck, provides college students and disc enthusiasts more opportunities to unwind.

SPORTS TEAMS

With five professional athletic teams, San Antonio champions the sport of spectating. The Alamo City is home to the five-time NBA champions San Antonio Spurs, the WNBA San Antonio Stars, and the multitude of fans who love them. Other options—the seven-time Texas League champions San Antonio Missions, a minor league baseball team, and the San Antonio Rampage, an American Hockey League team—both let fans get close to the action. In 2016, San Antonio welcomed its first United Soccer League team, the San Antonio Football Club (SAFC). The Alamodome doesn't house a professional football team, but college football fans get pumped for UTSA games, which draw big crowds to this downtown stadium. For a truly authentic San Antonio sporting experience, check out the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and the *charreada*, or Mexican rodeo.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Families especially enjoy the River Walk's 4.5-mile Museum Reach expansion. This stroller-friendly path connects people to the Brackenridge Park, Zoo, and Golf Course, the Sunken Garden Theater, the Japanese Tea Garden,

and the newly renovated Witte Museum, whose updated, interactive exhibits specialize in natural history, science, and South Texas heritage. The museum's H-E-B Body Adventure pumps up kids' wellness IQs and heart rates through interactive exhibits, including a cycling race through a virtual San Antonio river landscape. Special exhibits like 2017's *Above and Beyond* exploration of flight appeal to kids of all ages. Part of the Witte's \$100-million transformation, the new Mays Family Center, hosts special events and summer exhibitions.

Just across the playground on Lion's Field, The DoSeum is a kids' (and parents') paradise that promotes learning through activity and exploration. With 104,000 square feet of dream-play-learn space, both indoors and out, this reimagined children's museum welcomes kids of all ages to play, discover, and then fall asleep on the ride home. Outside, children roll down the soft grass of Tumble Hill, splash and swim in the three-foot-deep Children's River, and settle down for a story in the shade of a salvaged oak tree. Indoors offers multiple



opportunities for children's artistic self-expression and scientific discovery, including the role-play village Little Town, the multisensory Sensations Studio, and engineering dreamland Innovation Station. Future explorers use their bodies to zoom in and out of maps both terrestrial and extraterrestrial in the Explore exhibit, and even older children will delight in the challenging secret missions of Spy Academy.

Downtown San Antonio hosts many popular children's activities as well. The Magik Theatre brings children's favorite stories to life onstage and offers popular drama camps in the summer. Kids delight in riding up to the observation deck of the 750-foot Tower of the Americas, site of the 1968 World's Fair. Downtown's favorite backyard is Hemisfair's Yanaguana Garden, which features open green spaces, playscapes, and splash pads. Steps away, the Institute of Texan Cultures details the history and works of the more than 20 ethnic groups that settled in Texas—and what kid wouldn't be thrilled at the sight of a hat made of woven golden retriever fur?

Outside Loop 1604, SeaWorld San Antonio and Six Flags Fiesta Texas continue to draw large crowds. Both offering waterparks, these attractions are especially popular with families during the hot summer months. SeaWorld's Aquatica features a variety of rides and attractions for all ages and swimming abilities, some of which pass by or even through animal habitats. At Discovery Point, SeaWorld's newest addition, guests may observe dolphins from above or below the water's surface and even take an opportunity to swim with the beloved marine mammals. Visitors at Six Flags Fiesta Texas' waterpark enjoy extreme air-drying on the park's newest thrill rides, which anchor the redevelopment of the Fiesta Bay Boardwalk. Enjoy this vibrant pedestrian pathway's interactive game offerings, but you might want to hold off on its many culinary offerings until after your 360-degree spin on Fireball's 72-foot loop, your spin on Hurricane Force 5's nearly five-story high half-pipe, and your whirling adventure on Spinsanity, a modern adaptation of a traditional Tilt-A-Whirl. Thunder Rapids, billed as "America's first rocket blast water coaster," opened in June 2017. It stands three stories tall and uses water jet propulsion technology to propel riders through a series of dizzying twists and turns.

The Morgan's Wonderland theme park is a significant destination for fun-seekers of all abilities. This 25-acre adventure land meets all accessibility requirements so that anyone can ride any ride and participate in any activity, including fishing, splashing in the water play area, and exploring the Sensory Village. Children and adults with or without wheelchairs ride the twelve gondolas of the park's newest ride, The Whirling Wonder Ferris wheel, up five stories into the air. In June 2017, Morgan's Wonderland debuted the world's first fully-accessible water park, Inspiration Island, using waterproof wheelchairs featuring cutting-edge technology.

MUSEUMS

Appropriately situated in the heart of downtown San Antonio, the Briscoe Western Art Museum presents a retrospective tour of the art, history, and culture of the American West through exhibitions, educational programs, and public events.

Pedestrians traveling by the River Walk's Museum Reach extension can conveniently stop by some of the best of the city's art collections: historic, contemporary, and in process. Housed in the retrofitted 19th-century Lone Star Brewery, the San Antonio Museum of Art displays antique, folk, and contemporary art from around the world. SAMA offers inspiration for students at the nearby Southwest School of Art, which offers a four-year BFA program as well as enrichment classes open to the community. In addition to showcasing art exhibitions, both institutions offer beautiful courtyards overlooking the San Antonio River.

Nestled between the suburban neighborhoods of Alamo Heights and Terrell Heights, the McNay Art Museum holds a staggering collection of more than 20,000 works, spanning the 19th through 21st centuries and including European and American paintings, sculpture, photographs, art glass, and one of the finest collections of prints and drawings in the Southwest. The first modern art museum in Texas, this exquisite Spanish Colonial mansion and modern addition sit on beautifully landscaped grounds, providing a favorite spot for wedding photographers and picnicking families on weekends. 



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Employment

Don't be fooled by Fiesta. San Antonians play hard, but they work even harder. The Alamo City's economy is thriving, thanks to a variety of established and expanding areas such as manufacturing, health care, and information technology. Financial services, education, defense, and hospitality/tourism are also well represented in this big small town. San Antonio is thriving, and emerging areas such as the new energy industry offer even more opportunity. Employment in general is up, and the city's unemployment rate is consistently lower than the national average.

And all of that hard work has paid off. The diversity of the city's economy has helped to create a healthy stability. According to the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF), an organization devoted to business and industry recruitment, "San Antonio is a key reason why Texas is doing so well during this recession." The Milken Institute recognized San Antonio as one of 2016's best-performing cities, where

America's jobs are created and sustained, and judging by its booming workforce, the city is still growing strong, according to SAEDF. In April 2017, in fact, television network Hulu chose San Antonio as the site for its new customer service headquarters, which will bring approximately 500 jobs to the Alamo City over the next two years. Other outlets are taking note as well: Forbes recently ranked San Antonio 61st among its Best Places for Business and Careers, and the Brookings Institution named San Antonio one of the strongest-performing economies among the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the nation and No. 1 in overall performance based on employment and unemployment levels.

GROWING FOR THE FUTURE

SA2020, a citywide initiative begun in 2010, is helping to guide that growth. The initiative has identified 11 factors that are integral to shaping the Alamo City's future. Areas like arts and culture, downtown development, family well-being, and economic competitiveness recognize the core values not only of our community's next generation but also of its past and present. As part of its vision for San Antonio's economy, SA2020 notes that "the city fosters entrepreneurship as the engine of economic prosperity. It capitalizes on its unique historical and cultural heritage, as well as local institutions like its military bases, universities, medical centers and international airport system to become a leader in the global economy."

San Antonio's profile in that global economy has been steadily rising in recent years. The Brookings Institution recently included the city on its list of top global cities whose resources—in this case strong academic institutions and "anchor" businesses—make it ideal for trade. According to the SAEDF, in any given year, 10 to 12 percent of the companies with whom they work are foreign based. The organization has ongoing efforts to increase that percentage and to better represent the international community in San Antonio. One of the city's newest manufacturing operations belongs to Mission Solar Energy, a solar panel facility whose original parent company, Nexolon, was based

in South Korea. KACO New Energy, a German company that makes solar power inverters, moved its North and South American headquarters from California to San Antonio in 2013. The company recently expanded its manufacturing facilities, which brought more jobs to the Alamo City.

While these companies represent the city's successful efforts to attract international business, they also exemplify San Antonio's commitment to renewable energy. The city is unique in that it's one of the few U.S. metros that owns its gas and electric utility, which means that the city will directly benefit from its successful efforts to foster renewable energy. Renewable energy represents one of three "horizon sectors," or key areas that have been targeted to diversify San Antonio's economy for future growth. Aerospace and information technology and security are the other two sectors of importance. Growing interest in cybersecurity in particular puts San Antonio at the forefront of this sector. The city boasts more than 80 companies devoted to information technology and security. Of these, Delta Risk, Denim Group, Digital Defense, and Globalscape maintain corporate headquarters in the city.

Cybersecurity is shaping San Antonio's economic future. The Alamo City

is second only to Washington, D.C., in terms of this industry's growth and development. Quickly becoming known as the Silicon Valley for cybersecurity, San Antonio has rich resources such as the deep talent pool being trained at the 24th Air Force at Port San Antonio and the Institute for Cyber Security at the University of Texas at San Antonio. A 2017 list of top national cybersecurity companies recognized a number of local businesses that are leading the industry into the future. Compiled by market research firm Cybersecurity Ventures, the "Cybersecurity 500" put Digital Defense at No. 16 for its managed security risk assessment solutions that benefit businesses big and small in more than 65 countries. Inspired eLearning, which provides IT and security awareness training, came in at No. 85. Infocyte Inc.'s newest software platform, Pulse, assesses cybersecurity vulnerabilities of large-scale clients and ranks at No. 280 on the list. Denim Group, at No. 292, focuses on customized software security and works with both government and corporate clients. Globalscape (No. 120) and Dragos Security (No. 437) also made the "Cybersecurity 500" list in 2017. San Antonio is committed to sustaining and expanding this burgeoning industry by nurturing existing companies



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and cultivating new ones. And the city's cooperative relationships with its government, commercial, and academic institutions help to make that possible.

Lackland Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston/U.S. Army top the list of major employers in San Antonio, which isn't surprising, given the city's extensive military history. In fact, the U.S. Army was one of the first businesses to relocate to San Antonio after the Texas Revolution. Its presence gradually encouraged other businesses to follow suit. Today, the military continues to have a strong impact on the city's economy, helping to shape key areas of growth such as defense, health care, and information security. The 24th Air Force, located at Port San Antonio, and the 25th Air Force, located at Lackland AFB, are indispensable to the nation's cybersecurity and intelligence missions. The San Antonio Military Health System, the hospital component of Brooke Army Medical Center command

at Fort Sam Houston, is the largest inpatient medical facility in the Department of Defense and fulfills a critical function in patient care, graduate medical education and research, and taking care of wounded service members.

A VITAL WORKFORCE

But what is it like to work in the Alamo City? San Antonio's educated workforce draws from its 15 colleges and universities as well as a talent pool of transplants and returning young adults who appreciate the city's energy, warmth, and pro-business atmosphere. Members of this workforce value corporate leaders like USAA, a diversified company that provides financial, banking, insurance, and investment services for members of the military and their families. *Fortune's* 2017 list of the country's 100 Best Companies to Work For ranks USAA at No. 35, and the company works

overtime to be a leader within the larger San Antonio community through its veteran-friendly work culture and hiring practices. NuStar Energy, which handles pipeline and liquid storage operations, landed in the No. 37 spot on *Fortune's* list for its employee-focused leadership, top pay, and job security. NuStar's community involvement is also impressive. New hires are encouraged to commit in writing to volunteering in their local communities.

San Antonio's business roster is flush with large international companies, but it's their commitment to the local community that really sets them apart. Lockheed Martin's Commercial Engine Solutions is headquartered in the Alamo City, where it repairs, maintains, and overhauls aircraft engines for commercial and government clients. In addition to providing scholarships to high school robotics and science programs, Lockheed Martin is heavily invested in San Antonio's Alamo Academies and its hands-on, STEM-based instructional programs. Boeing is another company with international reach and local heart. Located at the retired Kelly Air Force Base Air Logistics Center, Boeing provides aircraft maintenance and modifications to defense and commercial aircraft while partnering with the Alamo Academies to train high school students in manufacturing-related fields. Another local supporter of Alamo Academies is the Methodist Healthcare System, which annually wins *San Antonio Express-News's* People's Choice Award. With nine hospitals in the San Antonio area alone, Methodist is the largest health care provider in the region. Spurs Sports and Entertainment recently chose Methodist as the health provider for all four of its sports teams, positioning San Antonio to become a leader in sports medicine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also chose Methodist as the first hospital system in the country to pilot the CDC's Ebola Microsite to educate the nation's health care workers about the disease.

The variety of corporate headquarters located in San Antonio speaks to how attractive the city's resources are to companies of every stripe.





San Antonio skyline



Personal training

Grocery store chain H-E-B opened its first San Antonio stores in 1940, followed by a milk plant in the mid-1970s. The company, which awards more than \$600,000 in cash prizes to the top educators throughout the state each year, employed approximately 20,000 local residents in 2014 and was the third-largest employer in the city behind Lackland Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston. Valero Energy is another top employer with longtime roots in San Antonio. Named for the San Antonio de Valero Mission (a.k.a. The Alamo), Valero ranks No. 32 on Fortune 500's 2017 list. The world's largest independent refiner employs more than 1,500 locals, and its commitment to giving back is well-known. In 2016, Points of Light named Valero to its Civic 50 list of top community-focused companies for the third year in a row. A few years ago, optical manufacturing company HVHC chose San Antonio's downtown core for its corporate headquarters. In 2015, it solidified this investment by overseeing a major expansion of its facilities. Today, it employs approximately 1,200 local residents and continues to open more retail eyewear outlets throughout the country.

Information technology company Rackspace is also headquartered in the Alamo City and ranks as one of its top regional employers. The company came in at No. 15 on *Fortune's* 2017 list of 30 Best Workplaces in Technology for its inspiring corporate leaders and collaborative team environment. The company is also an example of one of the industries that SA2020 has targeted for continued strength and growth. Advanced manufacturing and health and biosciences are additional areas of potential growth, and as with information technology, these areas offer high demand and competitive pay. Another company on the *Express-News* list was CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, which has five hospital campuses throughout San Antonio and New Braunfels. Its downtown location, the Children's Hospital of San Antonio, is the first hospital in the city dedicated to the care of children. Not surprisingly, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa offers its employees attractive health benefits, and it also receives top marks for its commitment to furthering employees' education by offering continuing education benefits. Perks like these

matter to local workers, and many of the companies that are ranked high for employee satisfaction maintain programs that give back to the community. The *San Antonio Express-News* poll rated tech services and management consulting firm Accenture among the city's top places to work, partly for its community involvement. Employees cited its Skills to Succeed volunteer program, which allows workers to share their expertise with underprivileged members of the community, as one of the company's best assets.

CULTIVATING THE CITY'S NEWCOMERS

Community investment is also visible in San Antonio's recent efforts to revitalize its downtown area. A variety of construction projects have recently been completed, including H-E-B's first downtown grocery store and an expansion of its centrally located corporate headquarters. Rackspace co-founder Graham Weston is one of the investors in a 23-story office tower, the first to be built in the downtown area in three decades. Weston also created Geekdom, the largest coworking space in Texas,

Corporate Headquarters in San Antonio

Employer	Sector	Number of Local Employees
H-E-B	Super Market Chain	20,000
USAA	Financial Services and Insurance	17,000
Cullen / Frost Bankers	Financial Services	3,982
Bill Miller Bar-B-Q	Fast Food Chain	3,540
Rackspace	IT Managed Hosting Solutions	3,300
CPS Energy	Utilities	3,022
Toyota Motoring Manufacturing	Auto Manufacturing	2,900
Clear Channel Communications, Inc.	TV and Radio Stations, Outdoor Ads	2,800
Southwest Research Institute	Applied Research	2,715
Valero Energy	Oil Refiner and Gasoline Marketing	1,653
Harland Clarke	Check Printing	1,500
KCI	Medical Supplies	1,400
Tesoro	Oil Refiner and Petroleum Products	1,300
HVHC	Optical Manufacturing	1,200
Security Service Federal Credit Union	Financial Institution	1,200
SWBC	Insurance	1,200

Source: The 2015 Book of Lists, The San Antonio Business Journal, and company representatives.

with 45,000 square feet of entrepreneurs, innovators, and start-up companies in the city center, an area that some trendspotters see as an emerging tech district. Rackspace is also leading multiple efforts to create collaborative workplaces and training programs to develop more tech talent throughout San Antonio. In mid-2014 University

Health System unveiled its ten-story Sky Tower, which brought expanded emergency services, 35 new surgical units, and 420 new private rooms to the downtown area. These projects will likely attract more people and businesses to downtown, an area that already appeals to one of the city's fastest-growing demographics: millennials.

In 2014, *Forbes* ranked San Antonio as the hottest city for millennials, who seem to appreciate its polite Southern vibe and family-friendly outlook, and two years later the magazine described the city as one of the nation's "youth magnets." San Antonio's millennials seem to appreciate the city's polite Southern vibe and family-friendly outlook. (In fact, *Travel & Leisure* recently called San Antonio "America's Friendliest City.") Networking is easier in a community that values friendliness, and striking a balance between work and play is doable in a city that cultivates family and community. The city's relatively low housing prices also appeal to this younger demographic. San Antonio is home to 150,000 college students. One of SAEDF's priorities is to retain these young degreed professionals to lay the foundation for the city's future workforce.

San Antonio is equally welcoming to the newcomer who follows a transferred spouse or partner and is also looking for new employment. SAEDF sets up spousal employment programs with some of the approximately 170 companies that are SAEDF



H-E-B High School Culinary Mentoring Program

Major Regional Employers in San Antonio

Employer	Sector	Number of Local Employees
JBSA Lackland	Military	37,097
JBSA Fort Sam Houston—U.S. Army	Military	32,000
H-E-B	Super Market Chain	20,000
USAA	Financial Services and Insurance	17,000
Northside ISD	School District	12,751
JBSA Randolph	Military	11,068
North East ISD	School District	10,052
City of San Antonio	San Antonio	9,145
Methodist Healthcare System	Health Care Services	8,118
San Antonio ISD	School District	7,000
Baptist Health System	Health Care Services	6,498
JP Morgan Chase	Financial Services	5,200
Wells Fargo	Financial Services	5,153
AT&T	Phone, Wireless, and Internet services	4,200
Bill Miller Bar-B-Q	Fast Food Chain	3,540
Christus Santa Rosa Health Care	Health Care Services	3,360
CPS Energy	Utilities	3,022
Rackspace	IT Managed Hosting Solutions	3,300
Toyota Motor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	2,900
Clear Channel Communications	TV and Radio Stations, Outdoor Ads	2,800
Boeing	Aerospace and Manufacturing	2,800
Southwest Research Institute	Applied Research	2,700
Frost Bank	Financial	2,100
Accenture	Professional Services/Technology Services	1,800
Valero Energy	Oil Refiner and Gasoline Marketing	1,653
Harland Clarke	Check Printing	1,500
KCI	Medical Supplies	1,400
HVHC	Optical Manufacturing	1,200
WellMed Medical Management Inc.	Medical Management	1,200
Security Service Federal Credit Union	Financial Institution	1,200
SWBC	Insurance	1,200
Wal Mart Distribution Center (New Braunfels)	Distribution	1,000
Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union	Financial Institution	928
Caterpillar	Manufacturing	900
Gunn Automotive Group	Automobile Dealer	803

Source: The 2015 Book of Lists, The San Antonio Business Journal, and company representatives

members. The foundation works with many companies that are just establishing new facilities, and they look for positions where spouses may be able to fit. Thriving companies are expanding their workforces on a regular basis and offering viable career

opportunities in a variety of fields. Starting fresh in the Alamo City can be an exciting possibility.

So once you're settled in San Antonio, take a closer look at Fiesta's 11 days of festivities. The annual spring event celebrates the city's spirit,

culture, and community, and it offers newcomers a feel for how San Antonians mix work and play. Fiesta also showcases San Antonio's unique blend of hospitality and tourism, just one of the many vibrant and expanding industries the city has to offer. 



Family-friendly living

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HOUSING



Housing

With its extensive natural resources and dynamic culture and community, San Antonio was attracting new residents long before German settlers first arrived in the Alamo City after the Texas Revolution. A lot has changed since then, but the city's warmth and festive spirit, not to mention its affordable cost of living, continue to attract newcomers. San Antonio maintains one of the healthiest real estate markets in the country, thanks in part to the relocation of corporations such as Toyota and other manufacturers. The National Association of Realtors lists the city's median single-family home price at just over \$210,000, which makes moving especially affordable for those coming from either coast. And from the ornate mansions of the King William Historic District (the city's first suburb) to the accessibly priced single-family homes in military-friendly Universal City, San Antonio offers a range of options for both the homebuyer and the renter.

MARK BOWDEN

Whether you're looking for the collegial feel and newly renovated homes of Tobin Hill or the up-and-coming revitalization happening in Monticello, you'll find evidence of San Antonio's unique mix of culture and community throughout the region. Tuscan and Mediterranean designs remain popular in many neighborhoods, although modern urban styles with open floor plans are on the rise. Going green with eco-friendly design and construction materials has also been trending locally. And even if you find a home with the perfect layout and location but are less than thrilled with its design, keep in mind that the city's wealth of building materials makes renovation a good investment. Inspiration abounds at the San Antonio Home & Garden Show, a family-friendly event that happens every spring and showcases the latest in home design ideas. And rest assured that San Antonio's deep construction resources mean that area homes tend to be larger and well built.

Real estate agents typically urge homebuyers to start their search before they relocate if possible. Begin by getting your finances in order. Determine your credit score, and start to research mortgage options. Then ask real estate companies where you currently live for referrals in their San Antonio branches. Make a wish list that reflects your wants and needs.

Rely on your realtor for San Antonio specifics, like city ordinances and homestead laws that may affect when and how you purchase or renovate a home. And while a seasoned real estate agent will help you navigate the Alamo City's range of living options, do some initial research on your

MAKE A WISH LIST THAT REFLECTS YOUR WANTS AND NEEDS. RELY ON YOUR REALTOR FOR SAN ANTONIO SPECIFICS.

own to avoid being overwhelmed. Want a short commute? Prioritize location. Eager to spread out? Consider one of the city's master-planned communities outside the central core. Looking to ease a military transition? Check out the area northeast of the city near Fort Sam Houston and Randolph Air Force Base, which is popular with military families. And with three financial services firms headquartered in San Antonio, you'll have plenty of access to financing and mortgage resources.

Rents have been on the rise in recent years, but according to Zillow.com, the city's median rental price in the metro area is around \$1,072 per month. With a healthy college population of approximately 150,000 students and a growing

demographic of young, degreed adults, the Alamo City offers a wide selection of rental options at a variety of price points. And while you may not be taking on a mortgage as a renter, you'll still want to be smart about shopping around. Make sure to factor in utilities and all necessary deposits when determining your budget. Be specific about the length of lease you'll need, and make that a priority along with location and price. Have a dog or cat? Ask about a rental's pet policy, and consider purchasing renter's insurance. Try to visit your top picks at different times of the day to determine if shared walls or noisy neighbors may become an issue. Over the last several years, San Antonio has seen a tremendous increase in its millennial population, and the city has recently completed a number of projects in the downtown core to attract even more young professionals, including the first H-E-B grocery store to be built within the city center. Newly expanded Hemisfair Park, part of this growing "urban district," hosted Fiesta's kick-off event for the first time in 2017. Upscale features like state-of-the-art fitness centers, bark parks, granite countertops, and large closets exist in many of San Antonio's downtown rentals, and similar features are becoming available in units throughout the city. So take your time, do your homework, and choose carefully. You'll be glad you did. 🌱



Blue Star Housing



Stone Oak

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Neighborhoods

Given its thriving economy, vibrant history and culture, burgeoning arts and culinary scenes, and natural beauty amid a developing urban core, it's no wonder everyone's moving to San Antonio. Long recognized as a top tourist destination, San Antonio has also been named one of seven Enterprising Cities by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and one of the Best Places for Business and Careers by *Forbes*. And with a range of neighborhoods and housing options as diverse as the more than two million people who make this nation's seventh-largest city their home, San Antonio offers the amenities of a major metropolis with the charm and community of a small town. *Bienvenidos* to your new hometown. Let us show you around.

DOWNTOWN

The Alamo, the River Walk, La Villita, El Mercado . . . your new home? The SA2020 vision aims to turn downtown into San Antonio's neighborhood. Thanks to recent economic initiatives and urban developments, San Antonians are moving back into the heart of the city and enjoying its multitude of cultural, recreational, and culinary offerings. In addition to River Walk extensions to the north and south and the many accompanying riverside bars, restaurants, and developments such as the world-class Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, downtown San Antonio expects to see 7,500 new housing units by the end of the decade.

Luxury condominiums have begun to rise high amid contemporary apartment complexes, mixed-income developments, student housing, and unique gems tucked into the

upper floors of historic stone buildings, all steps away from the Alamo City's top attractions. South Flores Market H-E-B caters to downtown and Southtown residents with groceries, basic staples, and ready-made, take-home meals, all a pleasant walk away. This "Decade of Downtown" will culminate in the completion of extensive renovations to Hemisfair Park, SA's version of Central Park. By 2020, downtown will be *the* neighborhood of the Alamo City.

High-rolling residents at the Grand Hyatt's Alteza luxury condominiums sip their margaritas with sweeping views of the city from the rooftop pool, and Vidorra residents enjoy the short walk to concerts at Sunset Station and festivals at La Villita. Young professionals and singles at the 1221 Lofts walk their dogs along the River Walk's Museum Reach to grab a cup of coffee at Rosella or check out a new Impressionist exhibit at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Residents at The Vistana and the Agave Apartments take advantage of the expanded retail shops at Rivercenter Mall and free outdoor concerts at Main Plaza. Proudly filling the narrowing gap in the Broadway corridor, Rivera residents enjoy the best of downtown and The Pearl. The E, Via's free bus service, connects residents and visitors to many downtown destinations.

When downtown is your town, you have convenient access to everything.

CENTRAL

Because most of San Antonio's recent development has focused on downtown, people who want to be near (and in some cases in) the action live in the areas to the immediate north (Midtown), east (Dignowity Hill), and south (Southtown). Each of these areas has its own unique flavor and community vibe and will be discussed at length in the directionally organized sections that follow.

What central neighborhoods share is the controversial issue of regentrification. Back when more-affluent residents vacated downtown for the northern suburbs of Uptown and beyond, many of these neighborhoods fell into disrepair. All of that is changing now as people move back in while costs remain relatively low. Property values are rising as developers build contemporary loft spaces for young professionals, garden homes for empty nesters, and concrete-floored apartment complexes for college students. Ambitious do-it-yourselfers restore modest to grand bungalows with wraparound porches and kid-friendly yards, award-winning architects renovate and reinvent multimillion-dollar mansions, and investors transform dilapidated duplexes into

desirable, income-generating multifamily properties. But turn a corner, and you might see the crumbling or abandoned edifices of neglected communities. Profitable investment opportunities await those willing to restore distressed homes to their former beauty and continue revitalizing these historic neighborhoods.

One of the many advantages of these central areas is their walkability and relatively close proximity to downtown. Walkability and bike-ability are important because the only public transportation currently operated by the city is the Via bus system. Many residents and visitors in these central areas take advantage of the bike-sharing B-cycle program, but even the hippest of hipsters rely on cars. Ridesharing programs like Uber and Lyft have become a familiar part of the San Antonio commute.

Families who live in central San Antonio often send their children to one of the public schools served by the San Antonio Independent School District. Some schools offering a dual-language immersion (Spanish/English) program, such as Bonham Academy, are especially popular and have waiting lists for families living outside of the districts. Other families, particularly those in more-affluent neighborhoods, choose one of San Antonio's many private, parochial, or charter schools or add their names to the waiting lists for Alamo Heights ISD schools. (For more information on schools, please see Education on page 64.)

MOVING NORTH

Until about a decade ago, most of San Antonio's development happened north of downtown, where locals built stunning communities with active commercial corridors. Today, northward expansion continues as the city boundaries swell and sometimes surround small, independent cities. The neighborhoods north of downtown remain the most sought-after areas of San Antonio, particularly because of their schools, community engagement, and beauty, both natural and architectural. Amenity-rich neighborhoods possess everything a family needs.

Midtown (Central)

Which neighborhoods constitute Midtown is somewhat debatable, particularly because the term has come to



Alteza Residences in Downtown



King William District

define those neighborhoods near downtown that are up and coming or have already undergone extensive redevelopment. For the purpose of this article, “Midtown” refers to all neighborhoods east of I-10, west of I-35, and south of Hildebrand Avenue.

The closest central area to historically affluent Uptown, Midtown has seen development at a faster rate than its other central counterparts and, according to some residents, hosts some neighborhoods that rival the luxury and comforts of its Uptown neighbors. Friendly zip code competition aside, parts of Midtown are indisputably the trendiest in the city.

Ongoing redevelopment of the 19th-century Pearl Brewery into the mixed-use Pearl Brewery Complex has infused Midtown with vigor and style, particularly its closest neighbors, Tobin Hill and Government Hill. In addition to the campus of the Culinary Institute of America, some of the city’s best restaurants and retail make their home at Pearl, and so can you. Singles, married couples, and anyone else wanting to be a part of this local cultural icon and culinary hub live at the Pearl’s Can Plant apartments, which vary significantly in rent, depending on amenities in the specific building. With the original Pearl Brewery to the

north, the River Walk’s Museum Reach to the west, Pearl Plaza to the east, and the downtown skyline to the south, residents at The Cellars at Pearl apartments enjoy 360 degrees of San Antonio style.

Young families who desire the action of the city with the residential space of the suburbs are loading up the kids and moving just west of Pearl into Tobin Hill’s single-family homes, which represent a variety of architectural styles, including holdovers from the late Victorian

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era, Craftsman bungalows, and Colonial Revival and Tudor-style homes. With many homes dating back to the 1920s, Tobin Hill is currently seeking designation as an historic district. Tobin Hill also offers garden homes and apartments, many of them newly constructed with a contemporary feel, that are popular with young professionals and college students

attending nearby San Antonio College. Pearl’s high-end aesthetic has had a tremendous impact on the neighborhood, crossing the river in the form of the area’s newest developments—East Quincy Townhomes and SoJo Crossing—both of which attract people eager to enjoy Pearl’s amenities. Major thoroughfare North St. Mary’s Street is home to cafés, bars, live music venues and clubs, and the equally popular Main Street is the epicenter of the city’s LGBT social scene.

Just east of Pearl is Government Hill, which borders Fort Sam Houston to the south. Another historic neighborhood that developed in the “Gilded Age” of the city’s history, Government Hill features turn-of-the-20th-century single-family homes, many of which were converted into multifamily dwellings when the area went into decline. Slower to embrace the transition than Tobin Hill, Government Hill offers some of central San Antonio’s more affordable housing in a neighborhood whose location promises to increase in value. In addition to having easy access to Pearl and downtown, G’Hill residents enjoy “SoBro,” the rapidly developing stretch of Broadway (south of Uptown) that’s jumping with new bars, restaurants, and apartment residences.

On the southwestern edge of

Midtown is Five Points, a neighborhood progressively transforming its reputation from dangerous to desirable. A working-class area of mostly distressed, single-family and multifamily homes, Five Points is likely to experience a slow but steady revitalization, given its location. With the historic and serene San Pedro Park to its north and new restaurants and shops blooming on the North Flores commercial corridor, Five Points hopes to become a popular neighborhood for renters who work downtown and don't want to live in an apartment complex as well as for people who, in exchange for living near the action, are willing to take action in home restoration. Neighborhood staples M.K. Davis Restaurant and The Cove (a bar/live music venue/laundromat/playground/restaurant serving organic and local farm-to-table fare) are popular destinations for people throughout central San Antonio.

While many of Midtown's neighborhoods suffered when San Antonio moved north, the Monte Vista Historical District retained its residents, whose wealth has maintained the neighborhood's beauty. One of the largest and oldest historical districts in the nation, Monte Vista is one of those neighborhoods that you show out-of-town guests even if you don't live there. On large to sprawling lawns, 20th-century bungalows and mansions showcase an array of styles: Georgian, Moorish, Antebellum, Victorian, Queen Anne, Spanish, and Hollywood. Similarly, Monte Vista's variety of residents—families, LGBT couples, Trinity University students, and empty nesters—coexist beautifully under the live oaks on residential streets and across tables at favorite restaurants like La Fonda on Main and Barbaro. Monte Vista residents can enjoy shopping and dining in the local commercial districts on Main and McCullough and never have to stray far from home. One of the most affluent neighborhoods of Midtown, Monte Vista is home to the competitive private schools Keystone School and San Antonio Academy of Texas. Split almost perfectly in half by Hildebrand Avenue, the neighborhood may have its head in Uptown, but its feet are rooted in historic San Antonio.

West of Monte Vista, active neighborhood associations work to restore

beauty to the more modest but nonetheless striking early-20th-century Victorian-style homes and bungalows of Alta Vista and Beacon Hill. Generally regarded as up-and-coming neighborhoods, both continue to undergo revitalization as young couples and other do-it-yourselfers renovate affordably priced distressed homes. Much of the area's significant rental market exists in the form of renovated historical homes, which maintain the neighborhoods' original charm. San Pedro Avenue and Blanco Road provide convenient shopping, dining, and retail to both neighborhoods, and children love San Pedro Springs Park with its gem of a public pool shaded by lovely overhanging Cypress trees.

East of Broadway, residents of Mahncke Park enjoy the best of the city's central green spaces. The neighborhood derives its name from the narrow strip of open green space in its center, but Mahncke Park also shares borders with Brackenridge Park, the San Antonio Zoo, and the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Built in the first half of the 20th century, Mahncke's charming small homes (typically less than 2,000 square feet) display a variety of architectural styles and are popular with young couples and families. In addition to a multitude of rental houses and duplexes, the Brackenridge apartment complex offers contemporary units with luxurious amenities. Children enjoy interactive exhibits at the nearby Witte Museum of South Texas history, culture, and natural science and at the reimaged DoSeum, formerly the

San Antonio Children's Museum. Broadway connects Mahncke's residents to the action of nearby "SoBro" and Pearl in addition to the multitude of commercial offerings in Uptown.

Another community that takes advantage of San Antonio's parks and public spaces is River Road, a paradoxically active yet quiet area so under-the-radar that even some locals don't know it exists. Tucked into a corner of Brackenridge Park, between the San Antonio River and the I-281 overpass, River Road is characterized by winding, narrow, tree-shaded streets and an eclectic combination of small, early- to mid-20th-century homes. Rather than going on the market, homes are often discreetly sold to friends and neighbors. Indeed, the River Road community is so tight-knit, it sometimes seems like a co-op or a social experiment.

Uptown

Like Monte Vista, many of Uptown's neighborhoods boast spectacular homes with tree-lined streets, child-filled playgrounds, and packed local restaurants. What sets Uptown apart from Monte Vista are the school districts, specifically Alamo Heights Independent School District and North East Independent School District. Monte Vista might have more opulence, but neighborhoods like Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, and Olmos Park have better public schools, which make these neighborhoods the most desirable for families with school-age children. Supporting these families are thriving commercial centers and corridors, where



Northside housing

Uptown residents can find everything they need—groceries, medical care, housewares, clothing, and entertainment—just a short SUV trip away.

No number elicits as much of a reaction from locals as 78209, the zip code of Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, Terrell Heights, and Lincoln Heights. Attribute the response to whatever you like, but the undisputed truth is that “09ers” live in some of the most beautiful and self-sufficient neighborhoods of San Antonio.

Only about four miles north of downtown, the incorporated cities of Alamo Heights and Terrell Hills have their own city halls, police and fire departments, commercial shopping centers, and the highest-rated school districts in the greater San Antonio area. Since development began in the early 20th century, both neighborhoods now offer a mix of historic and new-construction homes—quaint bungalows, ranch homes, impressive mansions, and environmentally sustainable LEED-certified homes. In Terrell Heights, to the north, 1940s and 1950s single-family homes are among the more modestly sized and priced homes within the school district. As more families move into the neighborhood, however, many of the small homes are being remodeled and expanded to twice their size (and value). Lincoln Heights, developed in the 1990s, offers larger luxury homes for larger luxury prices. Situated just south and center of the I-410 North Loop, Lincoln Heights might be (in some residents’ minds) the center of San Antonio.

In addition to enjoying the parks of Midtown, 09ers walk the trails in Olmos Basin, push their jogging strollers past manicured green lawns, and explore the 23-acre grounds of the gorgeous McNay Art Museum, the first museum of modern art in Texas. And while “SoBro” is a hot spot for the younger, night-reveling crowd, Uptown’s Broadway (which hasn’t quite taken to being called “NoBro”) has been popular for decades, though perhaps more for older couples sharing brunch and children’s sports teams celebrating with frozen yogurt. This commercial strip, along with the Lincoln Heights shopping center and Quarry Market, offers Uptown residents a variety of upscale boutiques, retail chains, cafés, and professional offices. Grocery stores

include Central Market, Whole Foods, H-E-B, and Trader Joe’s. The southern end of Austin Highway, which borders Terrell Heights, is undergoing a surge of redevelopment as low-rise office parks, banks, and major retail chains replace crumbling motels and pawnshops.

East of I-281, stately and stunning Olmos Park is Monte Vista’s northern neighbor with passes into Alamo Heights ISD schools. This incorporated city offers convenient access to popular Uptown commercial shopping districts while supporting its own lively strip of restaurants and shops along McCullough Avenue and Olmos Drive. With tree-lined streets of beautiful limestone mansions and high-end boutiques and galleries, Olmos Park still appreciates a casual good time. Mexican restaurant staples Panchito’s and Taco Taco fill to capacity, and Trinity University professors hide from their students at Olmos Pharmacy, a popular restaurant and bar housed in the former Gilmore Pharmacy.

Other nearby areas popular with families of school-age children are Oak Park, Northwood, Ridgeview, Shearer Hills, and Oakwell Farms, where school districts significantly affect home prices. Just south of Loop 410, the majority of these more affordable Uptown neighborhoods are served by the highly respected North East Independent School District. These well-established neighborhoods feature modest mid-century ranch homes as well as new construction on a range of lot sizes. Closer to I-10,

Ridgeview and Shearer Hill residents are mere blocks away from North Star Mall, which houses department stores like Saks Fifth Avenue and Macy’s as well as more than 200 specialty stores. Closer to I-35, the upscale gated community of Oakwell Farms offers residents a community pool and tennis facility. Tobin Park’s hike-and-bike trails are nearby, while riding stables and a driving range are just a short walk from home. And in the center, the ever-shifting school district boundary runs through Oak Park and Northwood, where newer, more luxurious homes rise on those blocks that fall within the Alamo Heights district. Though North East ISD ranks sixth in the San Antonio metro, the question on every prospective resident’s mind is, “Where’s the district line?”

North Loops

From urban to suburban to deer-in-your-driveway rural, the many neighborhoods, gated communities, and cities from Loop 410 to just north of Loop 1604 have convenient access to everything San Antonio offers. Gorgeous green spaces at McAllister Park, Hardberger Park, and the Salado Creek and Leon Creek Greenways feature miles of hike-and-bike trails, playgrounds, athletic fields and courts, and off-leash dog parks, while golfers tee off at the Alamo, Silverhorn, and Northern Hills Golf Clubs.

Shopping centers cluster along major freeways. Strips of large retail chains, smaller shops, restaurants, and office



buildings ring this part of San Antonio, from the popular North Star Mall on 410 to the open-air, upscale Shops at La Cantera on 1604. Local boutiques and restaurants are scattered about these areas but mostly appear closer to residential areas, such as The Alley on Bitters and Northwest Military Highway in Castle Hills. Many residents in this area need only to drive ten minutes from their wooded lawns to pick up friends and family at San Antonio International Airport. Also nearby is the South Texas Medical Center, featuring University Hospital, ranked No. 1 in San Antonio and No. 6 in the state of Texas for the last six years by *U.S. News & World Report*.

With good schools, a convenient location, and an abundance of amenities, some of the city's most desirable neighborhoods lie between the north loops. Here, too, school districts significantly affect home values, with larger, more expensive homes appearing within the boundaries of the North East Independent School District. Popular neighborhoods include Castle Hills and Bluffview, with a mix of early-20th-century and newer homes on

large lots with beautiful landscaping; Hill Country Village and Hollywood Park, with a blend of country living and city convenience; and Deerfield and Inwood, featuring private community pools and other upscale recreational facilities. East of I-35, the incorporated city of Windcrest, best known for its magnificent lighting display in December, offers more-affordable housing options for families who hope to send their children to NEISD schools.

Ranked No. 9 in the greater San Antonio area, Northside Independent School District (NISD) also attracts many families, who move into modestly priced ranch-style homes, garden homes, and apartments in the Vance Jackson and Whispering Oaks areas. On the higher financial end, the separately incorporated town of Shavano Park offers large lots with large homes, mid-century and new construction, and the Elm Creek gated community encompasses 140 acres of commonly owned and maintained green spaces and walking trails.

Once the concrete division between city and country, Loop 1604 (as well as

its intersecting freeways of I-10, I-281, and I-35) has become a river of commercial development. The University of Texas at San Antonio's northern campus, shopping centers, and North Central Baptist Hospital are just a few of the establishments that serve the communities both inside and outside Loop 1604. Farther out, luxury golf resorts like the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort and the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort take advantage of the striking natural beauty of the Texas Hill Country for their award-winning golf courses.

North of 1604 and west of I-281, Stone Oak and Sonterra are master-planned, deed-restricted, and multi-use developments with many choices of gated communities. In Stone Oak, the more affluent of the two, homes are among the priciest in San Antonio, while in Sonterra a wider range of single-family homes and rental properties is available. Both have convenient access to The Club at Sonterra and the Canyon Springs Golf Club, and they are within the boundaries of the North East Independent School District,



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San Antonio neighborhood park

thus making them attractive neighborhoods for families. East of 281 and also in NEISD, Encino Park and its surrounding subdivisions feature newer-construction homes and numerous amenities.

Approximately 20 miles north of downtown San Antonio on I-10, the Dominion is probably the best-known master-planned community because of its exclusivity, high security, and roster of famous residents. Designed by some of the city's most renowned architects, the Dominion's homes appear in a range of styles, many sitting on multi-acre estates covering green belts and lakes. The Dominion Country Club is considered one of the finest in the state. The community falls within the boundaries of Northside Independent School District. Some parents drive their children back into the city, where they attend private schools.

MOVING SOUTH

Southtown (Central)

When the *Huffington Post* called San Antonio "the new Austin," its point of reference was Southtown. Directly south of downtown, Southtown is one of the hubs of the city's developing visual arts and culinary scenes. Four distinct neighborhoods are part of this area and enjoy its thriving commercial corridors. South Alamo Street features an eclectic mix of award-winning restaurants, icehouses, and art galleries, and the mixed-use Blue Star Arts Complex includes numerous contemporary art galleries and restaurants, as well as the eponymous Blue Star Brewery. Always active, these areas

overflow with people on First Fridays, when the streets fill with local artist booths and live music. The Mission Reach extension of the River Walk links these neighborhoods and connects the residents to the parks and historical Spanish Colonial missions farther south. Popular with anyone who wants to live in beautiful history with lots of action, Southtown is becoming a favorite for young families, who send their children to the highly regarded Bonham Academy in SAISD as well as nearby private schools.

Named the most eccentric neighborhood in Texas by *Texas Monthly* magazine, King William was also the state's first historic neighborhood, established by prominent German families in the mid-19th century. King William's stunning Greek Revival, Victorian, and Italianate mansions rest along the banks of the San Antonio River. Smaller but still impressive bungalows, many of which have been lovingly restored by residents, extend over to the east side of South Alamo Street, and previously abandoned warehouses have been converted into hip multifamily dwellings and apartments by prominent local architects. The area's newest residential developments include Southtown Flats, Steel House Lofts, and, close enough to claim, the Peanut Factory Lofts just west of I-10.

The oldest existing neighborhood in San Antonio, Lavaca has been experiencing a considerable revival. This more affordable neighborhood's smaller homes are quickly being restored and

renovated to accommodate the influx of married couples and young families, and home values are increasing at a fast rate. At its northeastern border, the Hemisview Apartments offer mixed-income possibilities for a variety of residents. Farther south, the single-family homes of the gradually improving Roosevelt Park and Lone Star areas offer the most affordable prices in the Southtown area. Anticipating the significant redevelopment of the old Lone Star Brewery into a mixed-use site, new residential complexes such as The Park at Lone Star have begun taking shape throughout this up-and-coming neighborhood.

MANY OF UPTOWN'S NEIGHBORHOODS BOAST SPECTACULAR HOMES WITH TREE-LINED STREETS, CHILD-FILLED PLAYGROUNDS, AND PACKED LOCAL RESTAURANTS.

Southern and Southwestern Suburbs

A variety of suburbs with more-modest, affordable homes lie south of I-10 with schools served by Southside ISD, Harlandale ISD, and South San Antonio ISD, all of which rank near the bottom of San Antonio school districts. Originally the site of a U.S. Army Air Corps base, Brooks City Base now boasts a 1,200-acre campus for a varied community of businesses, employees, and

residents. To the west, Lackland ISD, which supports those serving at nearby Lackland Air Force Base, is a welcome exception to these Southside school districts and ranks No. 4 in San Antonio.

MOVING EAST

Dignowity Hill (Central)

Just east of downtown sits the historical district of Dignowity Hill. San Antonio's first exclusive residential suburb, Dignowity was the home of prominent 19th-century merchants and business owners who built large estates on expansive lots. Like its central city counterparts, Dignowity fell into disrepair when its wealthier residents moved to the outlying northern suburbs. But today, location, outstanding views of the downtown skyline over the park, and low prices are spurring revitalization. Ambitious local architects and do-it-yourselfers take advantage of low home prices and restore and reinvent dilapidated homes. Businesses are also taking a fresh look at Dignowity. Near the historic Hays Street Bridge, Alamo Beer opened a brewery designed by renowned architecture firm Lake | Flato. Other neighborhoods on the east side enjoy convenient access to the Alamodome and the AT&T Center, home court of the five-time national champions Spurs basketball team. The Dignowity Park Project currently under

development will bring together the Eastside's "twin" parks to create a lush "urban oasis" with views from the highest point overlooking San Antonio's cityscape. As Dignowity revitalization increases, largely the fruits of federal grants and civic efforts, bordering neighborhoods Denver Heights, Jefferson Heights, and Harvard Place/Eastlawn should also see improvement.

MOVING WEST

Avenida Guadalupe (Central)

The Avenida Guadalupe Association is working to revitalize and support the mostly Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods to the west of downtown and promote local culture. The historic Guadalupe Theatre anchors the neighborhood. Plaza Guadalupe, a beautiful park, and El Progreso Hall serve as gathering places for the community. El Parian Business Center provides low-cost office space and stimulates activity in the area. Festivals, concerts, and lectures (even a speech from Barack Obama when he was a senator) draw crowds from all over San Antonio to Avenida. To the west, in Prospect Hill, is the campus of Our Lady of the Lake University.

West End

Northwest of downtown, in the West End area, active neighborhood associations are also undertaking revitalization efforts. Picturesque Woodlawn Lake Park offers boating and plenty of wind for kite flying in the fields. The neighborhoods of Woodlawn Lake, Jefferson, and Monticello Park comprise single-family homes in an eclectic variety of sizes and styles, reflecting the vibrant mix of residents. A drive down the gallery-filled and art-covered commercial corridor on Fredericksburg Road makes evident the neighborhood's popularity with artists and the artists' love of their community. The restaurants, gas stations, Putt-Putt golf course, Woodlawn Theatre, and even the local H-E-B grocery store appear in the Art Deco style, which gives the area its name: Deco District. Homes proudly showcase their handiwork and make these neighborhoods truly unique. Area teens have the pleasure of attending classes in the architecturally stunning Thomas Jefferson High School, part of the San Antonio ISD.

BEYOND

As more people have headed north to take advantage of wide-open spaces and cheaper land values, development has followed. Depending on the view, this progress looks like a starry night sky over rolling hills of cedar, a field of densely packed matching homes with no landscaping but grass, or something in between. For the most part, people get more bang for their buck outside of Loop 1604, so these areas can be a smart choice for those who need a larger home but can't afford to spend a lot of money. Still, others choose to spend their extra dollars building million-dollar mansions in exclusive gated communities.

About 35 miles northwest of downtown San Antonio is the town of Boerne, whose residents enjoy a blend of modern convenience and Hill Country charm. Boerne boasts the No. 2 school district in the greater San Antonio area, prompting families to join the city's southern neighbors in Fair Oaks Ranch and Anaquia Springs, which are also served by this district.

Affordable convenience can be found in the suburbs, which have seen exponential growth. To the east, off I-35, Schertz is the third-largest city in the San Antonio–New Braunfels area and is nationally recognized for its family atmosphere, innovation, and commitment to economic prosperity. Local communities include Live Oak, Kirby, Converse, Marion, Cibolo, Universal City, Garden Ridge, and Selma. Farther northeast, the major cities of New Braunfels and San Marcos offer affordable housing options and big-city conveniences with a small-town feel. Connected by I-35, these cities are the go-to places for couples who divide their work between San Antonio and Austin.

La Vernia, Elmendorf, and Poteet, famous for its annual Strawberry Festival and King of Country Music George Strait (Poteet-born), are all about a half hour's drive from San Antonio. To the west, the towns of Helotes and Castroville offer small-town charm and popular attractions like the John T. Floore Country Store in Helotes and Castroville Regional Park. 🍷





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SA2020: PROMOTING A HEALTHIER SAN ANTONIO BY 2020

Part of the San Antonio and Hill Country lifestyle is enjoying the flavors that originated from the different cultures that have contributed to our region. But the churros at Fiesta, the oysters at Oyster Bake, and the German sausages at Oktoberfest have started to take their toll on our community's health. We don't plan on cutting out our old favorites, but we are definitely on a mission to become a city that's known for being healthy and living a more balanced lifestyle.

SACOC

In 2010, the San Antonio community came together to establish a vision for how the year 2020 would look and feel for the city. A list of goals was created for 11 different causes, from Community Safety and Transportation to Economic Competitiveness and Health & Fitness, based on surveys, online feedback, and public forums. SA2020 became a Texas nonprofit corporation and is charged with helping to carry out the plan and track progress toward the goals. Partners like the San Antonio Police Department, the Urban Land Institute, and the University of Texas at San Antonio have been assigned to lead each cause, a partnership with Trinity University has been formed, and citizens all across the city are working together to achieve these goals.

Obesity, a serious health problem in San Antonio in recent years, is one of the issues that SA2020 intends to address with its Health & Fitness cause. In the SA2020 *Final Report*, the vision for Health & Fitness is described:

In 2020, San Antonio residents are among the healthiest in the country.

San Antonio promotes well-being by providing healthy and affordable food choices, convenient access to green spaces and recreational facilities, and a

robust network of physical and mental healthcare designed to eliminate existing health disparities in the community.

The report also outlines metrics that will show whether San Antonio is meeting its Health & Fitness goals. According to the report, 68 percent of adults in San Antonio were either obese or overweight, and 30.2 percent of children had an unhealthy weight. The target achievement is a 10 percent reduction in the adult obesity rate and a 25 percent reduction in children having an unhealthy weight. We've also set a long-term goal to reduce the percentage of overweight children by half before the year 2025. Other goals are associated with improving the overall health status of the community, which includes increasing the percentage of those who exhibit consistently healthy eating and exercise habits, reducing teen births, reducing the diabetes rate, and increasing access to health care.

After a sharp decline in obesity rates between 2010 and 2012, numbers rose again between 2012 and 2014. Over the last two years, however, obesity rates are back on the decline. The current rate of 35.6 percent means San Antonio needs to redouble its efforts to improve healthy habits to meet its SA2020 program goal of reducing obesity by 10 percent by 2020.

San Antonians are committed to improving the health of the community today, and giving future San Antonians a healthier start to life. To learn more about SA2020 and to view the full reports, please visit sa2020.org.

Hospital Information

We hope that as a new resident of San Antonio, you'll join us on our journey to become a healthier city. But should you ever need health care, you can rest assured that you and your family have world-class options available right outside your door. The area has five main hospital systems: CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, University Health System & Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, the Baptist Health System, the San Antonio Military Medical Center, and the Methodist Healthcare System. Read on for an overview of each.

CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA HEALTH SYSTEM

The CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System includes four full-service hospital locations: Alamo Heights, at the Medical Center, Westover Hills, and in New Braunfels. The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word formed the original hospital (Santa Rosa Infirmary) in 1869, and it was renamed Santa Rosa Hospital in 1930. Today it remains the only Catholic nonprofit system in the area.

A proud centerpiece of the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System is Children's Hospital of San Antonio, which opened in 1959 and was the first hospital in the area solely focused on children's health care. Since its opening, Children's Hospital has added a children's dental clinic, a surgical tower, and a pediatric orthopedic unit. While those milestones are remarkable, they aren't enough for CHRISTUS. In the spring of 2012, conversion and renovation of the CHRISTUS downtown campus into a freestanding children's hospital totaling 800,000 square feet was approved. Support and guidance partnerships were developed with the Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital, UT Health Science Center, and Vanguard Health Systems. These partnerships have afforded specialists, ideas, and technologies at the hospital, and have created learning opportunities for those entering the medical field.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM & AUDIE L. MURPHY MEMORIAL VETERANS HOSPITAL

U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals 2016-17 rankings named University Hospital the No. 1 hospital in the San Antonio metro area, which also includes New Braunfels. While the system offers a full array of services, it has five signature service areas: cardiovascular, children's health/pediatrics, neurosciences, trauma center, and the University Transplant Center. Teaching is a large part of University's mission, and a partnership with UT Health at San Antonio helps accomplish that while bringing research and medical breakthroughs to San Antonio.

SACOC



UT Health Science Center

Fitness Initiatives & Programs

dreamsa

Reducing teen pregnancy to help teens reach their dreams.
idreamsa.org

Fit City SA

Fit City SA is the main community portal for health and fitness in San Antonio and is powered by the Mayor's Fitness Council. The mission of the Mayor's Fitness Council is to lead San Antonio to be one of the healthiest and most active communities in the nation in which residents, groups, and organizations work collaboratively to achieve targeted health and fitness goals.
fitcitysa.com

Fitness in the Park

This award-winning program offers myriad opportunities to improve your physical fitness, from Zumba to walking and running groups to high-intensity workouts and boot camps, all taught by professional instructors. The classes are offered in conjunction with the Mayor's Fitness Council.
sanantonio.gov/parksandrec

Metropolitan Health District

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District is the public health agency charged by state law, city code, and county resolution with the responsibility for providing public health programs in San Antonio and unincorporated areas of Bexar County.
sanantonio.gov/Health

iPor Vida!

A restaurant recognition program that helps adults and children make healthier food choices by identifying those menu items that meet nutritional guidelines developed by the Healthy Restaurants Coalition.
porvidasa.com | (210) 207-6030

Diabetes Prevention & Control

A partnership between the YMCA of Greater San Antonio and the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, this free program aims to help adults prevent and manage Type 2 diabetes.
fitcitysa.com/diabetes-prevention-program

BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM

In 1903 the Physicians' and Surgeons' Hospital was founded by members of the Bexar County Medical Society and a group of businessmen and professionals known as the San Antonio Associated Charities. A century later, five hospitals (Baptist Medical Center, Mission Trail, North Central, Northeast, and St. Luke's) make up what is today known as the Baptist Health System. One shared mission unites and drives the system: to help people achieve health for life through compassionate service inspired by faith. Specialty services at Baptist include cardiac care, emergency care, orthopedics, rehabilitation, surgery, and women's health.

BHS is also a participant in Target: Stroke Honor Roll, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association quality improvement program. The goal of the program is to improve outcomes for ischemic stroke patients by making sure that patients receive the

medical treatment they need in less than the national goal of 60 minutes. On average, Baptist has met that challenge for 72 percent of patients, while criteria to earn the designation requires 50 percent. In 2010, BHS became the first hospital system in the state to achieve this distinction.

SAN ANTONIO MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

The San Antonio Military Health System (SAMHS) is led by general officers from the various services and is responsible for providing management and oversight of business, clinical, and educational functions of all military health system medical treatment facilities located in the San Antonio metropolitan area. As one of the first enhanced multi-service markets, the SAMHS is comprised of USAF and USA units that include the 59th Medical Wing and Brooke Army Medical Center. The 59th Medical Wing includes the North Central Federal Clinic, Randolph Clinic, Reid Clinic, and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. Brooke Army Medical Center includes CPT Jennifer M. Moreno Primary Care Clinic, McWethy Troop Medical Clinic, San Antonio Military Medical Center, Schertz Medical Home, Camp Bullis Taylor Burk Health Clinic, Corpus Christi Occupational Health Clinic, and Center for the Intrepid.

METHODIST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

For more than half a century, the Methodist Healthcare System has provided world-class service to San Antonio and the surrounding areas through its nine acute care locations: Methodist Hospital, Methodist Ambulatory Surgery Hospital, Methodist Children's Hospital, Methodist Heart Hospital, Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital, Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, Methodist Texsan Hospital, Metropolitan Methodist Hospital, and Northeast Methodist Hospital.

In 1963, Methodist Hospital opened with 175 beds as the first hospital in the South Texas Medical Center. Today there are nearly 900 beds, and thousands of patients have been treated in many specialty areas, including cancer

Also affiliated with UT Health is the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, part of the South Texas Veterans Health Care System. ALMMVH includes a substance abuse residential rehabilitation treatment program, a spinal cord injury center, a domiciliary, and the Community Living Center.

ALMMVH provides quaternary services including bone marrow transplantation, open-heart surgery, magnetic resonance imaging, and positron emission tomography. A Level II research facility, ALMMVH sponsors projects that examine diabetes, cancer, cardiac surgery, HIV, and aging. It is also home to one of the VA's three National Institutes of Health-sponsored clinical research centers. The Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) is also a "center of excellence."

SAN ANTONIO 2020 Health & Fitness Report

- ★ Once ranked the second most obese city in the U.S., and after decades of increasing rates, local obesity rates declined from 35.1% in 2010 to 28.5% in 2012, according to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, thereby exceeding the goal for the year 2020 of 31.6%. However, that number increased in 2015 to 35.6%. But the city has shown it's capable of reducing obesity rates, and San Antonio will be back on track to meet the goal once again.

YEAR	VALUE
2012	28.5%
2013	34.7%
2014	32.1%
2015	35.6%



- ★ In 2014, as part of a collaborative effort of insurers, hospital systems, community-based organizations, SA2020, Bexar County, and the City of San Antonio, EnrollSA/Get Bexar Covered worked to enroll 76,414 new individuals into the health care marketplace. The city is on track to meet its goal of 82.9% rate of people under 65 with health insurance coverage.

% OF CIVILIAN POPULATION UNDER 65 WITH HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

YEAR	VALUE
2011	75.9%
2012	76.5%
2013	76.7%
2014	80.4%
2015	81.7%



- ★ Thanks to impressive efforts through the San Antonio Teen Pregnancy Prevention Collaborative, San Antonio has reached our original 2020 goal of reducing teen births by 15%. In 2014 San Antonio teen births were reduced by more than 26%, and the city has set a new target to reach a 50% reduction.

TEEN (15-19) BIRTH RATE PER 1,000

YEAR	VALUE
2010	50.9
2011	45.8
2012	42.8
2013	39.9
2014	37.3



Source: SA2020 Report

services, women's health care, neurosurgery, bone marrow transplants, and wound care.

In 2013, MHS announced an expansion and upgrade project that will provide a combined 445,000 square feet between the Methodist Hospital and Methodist Children's Hospital. Construction began in 2014 and is expected to run through 2017. Two new patient towers will be built, expansions will be made to the adult and children's emergency departments as well as to surgical and women's services, and a new parking garage will be built. Once the project is completed, more than 90 percent of all patient rooms will be private.

NIX HEALTH

The Nix Professional Building, now known as Nix Medical Center, was established in 1930 in the heart of downtown San Antonio, when Joseph M. Nix developed an adventurous concept of a multi-million dollar structure that would house a hospital, physician offices and a parking garage. This unique concept, a "medical mall," was the first of its kind in the United States and it transformed the face of healthcare in San Antonio and South Texas.

Over the years, Nix Health Care System has dramatically expanded its scope of services and continues to provide a different kind of healthcare that maintains a patient-centered environment. Nix physicians, nurses and administrators work in a true culture of collaboration for the good of the patient, which allows an offering of unfragmented and comprehensive care. Most recently, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) awarded the Nix Senior Care Clinic recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patient experience and reduce costs.

Nix Health provides an expertise of multiple disciplines in several convenient locations, including Nix Medical Center, Nix Specialty Health Center, Nix Behavioral Health Center, Nix Neurology Center and Sleep Clinic, and Nix Alamo Heights. 

Hospital Directory

PRIVATE CARE

Baptist Health System
baptisthealthsystem.com

Baptist Medical Center

111 Dallas St.
(210) 297-7000

Mission Trail Baptist Hospital

3333 Research Plaza
(210) 297-3000

North Central Baptist Hospital

520 Madison Oak Dr.
(210) 297-4000

Northeast Baptist Hospital

8811 Village Dr.
(210) 297-2000

St. Luke's Baptist Hospital

7930 Floyd Curl Dr.
(210) 297-5000

CHRISTUS Santa Rosa
Health System
christussantarosa.org

Children's Hospital of San Antonio

333 N. Santa Rosa St.
(210) 704-2011
chofsa.org

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - Alamo Heights

403 Treeline Park
(210) 294-8000

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - Medical Center

2827 Babcock Rd.
(210) 705-6300

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - Westover Hills

11212 TX Hwy. 151
(210) 703-8000

HealthSouth Rehabilitation
Institute of San Antonio
hsriosa.com

9119 Cinnamon Hill
(210) 691-0737

Methodist Hospital System
sahealth.com

Methodist Hospital

7700 Floyd Curl Dr.
(210) 575-4000

Methodist Ambulatory Surgery Hospital

9150 Huebner Rd.
(210) 575-5000

Methodist Boerne Emergency Center

134 Menger Springs Rd.
Boerne, TX 78006
(830) 331-3000

Methodist Children's Hospital

7700 Floyd Curl Dr.
(210) 575-7000

Methodist Heart Hospital

7700 Floyd Curl Dr.
(210) 575-6800

Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital

8026 Floyd Curl Dr.
(210) 575-8110

Methodist Stone Oak Hospital

1139 E. Sonterra Blvd.
(210) 638-2000

Methodist Texsan Hospital

6700 I-10 W.
(210) 736-6700

Metropolitan Methodist Emergency Center at the Quarry

250 E. Basse Rd.
(210) 638-4159

Metropolitan Methodist Hospital

1310 McCullough Ave.
(210) 757-2200

Northeast Methodist Hospital

12412 Judson Rd.
(210) 757-7000

NIX Health Care System
nixhealth.com

Nix Medical Center

414 Navarro St.
(210) 271-1800

Southwest General Hospital
swgeneralhospital.com

7400 Barlite Blvd.
(210) 921-2000

Warm Springs
Rehabilitation Hospital
warmsprings.org

5101 Medical Dr.
(210) 616-0100

MILITARY AND PUBLIC CARE

Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, STVHCS

southtexas.va.gov
7400 Merton Minter Blvd.
(210) 617-5300

Brooke Army Medical Center

bamc.amedd.army.mil
3551 Roger Brooke Dr.
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
(210) 916-4141

San Antonio State Hospital

dshs.texas.gov
6711 S. New Braunfels Ave., Ste. 100
(210) 532-8811

Texas Center for Infectious Disease

dshs.texas.gov
2303 S.E. Military Dr.
(210) 534-8857

University Hospital

universityhealthsystem.com
4502 Medical Dr.
(210) 358-4000

Urgent Care Directory

CARENOW

carenow.com

5755 NW Loop 410, #102
(210) 963-8445

COMPLETE CARE

completeemergencycare.com

4999 De Zavala Rd.
(210) 899-5019

10628 Culebra Rd., #200
(210) 579-9707

22250 Bulverde Rd., #120
(210) 446-5846

6496 New Braunfels Ave.
(210) 880-3223

2619 S.E. Military Drive
(210) 775-0705

CONCENTRA URGENT CARE

concentra.com

10200 Broadway St., Ste. 200
(210) 654-8787

400 E. Quincy St.
(210) 472-0211

3453 N. PanAm Expy, Ste. 110
(210) 226-7767

12651 Vance Jackson Rd., Ste. 114
(210) 762-3780

7555 N.W. Loop 410, Ste. 114
(210) 520-8070

12702 Toepperwein Rd., Ste. 120
(210) 653-4420

FASTMED URGENT CARE

fastmed.com

13909 Nacogdoches Rd., Ste. 111
(210) 655-0100

9234 N. Loop 1604 W., Ste. 110
(210) 257-0736

4130 S. New Braunfels Ave., Ste. 112
(210) 290-9537

9230 Potranco Rd., Ste. 108
(210) 481-4125

6841 San Pedro Ave.
(210) 901-6743

938 Wurzbach Pkwy., Ste. 104
(210) 538-0131

FULL SPECTRUM EMERGENCY ROOM AT THE RIM

spechealth.com

18007 I-10 W.
(210) 530-1040

**24-hour location*

IMPACT URGENT CARE

iuc.nextcare.com

16755 Huebner Rd.
(210) 493-4357

7110 FM 78, Ste. 110
(210) 310-2273

8000 Pat Booker Rd.
(210) 816-6486

1211 Austin Hwy.
(210) 774-5010

22906 U.S. Hwy. 281 N.
(210) 774-5018

8803 Hwy. 151
(210) 802-2872

11282 Culebra Rd.
(210) 802-2660

INWOOD EMERGENCY ROOM

spechealth.com

16403 Huebner Rd.
(210) 564-9790

**24-hour location*

MEDPOST URGENT CARE

medpost.com

2951 Thousand Oaks, Ste. 104
(210) 987-8665

16601 Huebner Rd.
(210) 622-2683

20210 Stone Oak Pkwy., Ste. 101
(210) 904-3967

PHYSICIANS PREMIER ER

mdpremier.com

3154 S.E. Military Drive, #103
(210) 337-0911

PRESTIGE EMERGENCY ROOM

prestigeer.com

2810 N. Loop 1604 W., Ste. 110
(210) 504-4837

QUALITY URGENT CARE OF AMERICA

qualityurgentcareofamerica.com

19422 U.S. Hwy. 281 N., Ste. 106
(210) 455-9000

318 W. Loop 1604 N.
(210) 523-CARE (2273)

8526 I-35 S., Ste. 101
(210) 564-9972

6032 FM 3009, Ste. 120
Schertz, TX 78154
(210) 878-4033

2106 W. Oaklawn Rd.
Pleasanton, TX 78064
(830) 569-1950

RANGER HEALTH

rangerhealth.com

250 W. Nottingham Drive, # 320
(210) 591-2399

TEXAS MED CLINIC

texasmedclinic.com

TX Hwy. 151 / Loop 410
8519 TX Hwy. 151
(210) 682-5577

I-10 W. / Leon Springs
23611 I-10 W., Ste. 101
(210) 698-6617

I-35 N. / Eisenhower
7460 I-35 N.
(210) 655-5529

Ingram / Loop 410
6570 Ingram Rd.
(210) 520-5588

Loop 1604 / Bandera
9207 N. Loop 1604 W.
(210) 695-4884

Loop 1604 / Stone Oak Pkwy
323 N. Loop 1604 W.
(210) 549-5893

Loop 410 / Broadway
1007 N.E. Loop 410
(210) 821-5598

SE Military / Roosevelt
1111 S.E. Military Dr.
(210) 927-5580

Blanco / Parliament
11811 Blanco Rd.
(210) 341-5588

SW Military / Zarcamora
2530 S.W. Military Dr.
(210) 476-5599

I-10 W. / Wurzbach
9885 I-10 W.
(210) 696-5599

**24-hour location*

Loop 1604 N. / Culebra
6530 W. Loop 1604 N.
(210) 476-5577

**24-hour location*

I-35 N. / Loop 1604
8341 Agora Pkwy
Selma, TX 78154

(210) 659-5533

**24-hour location*



Outdoor study group

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Education

From public to private, day care to doctoral programs, San Antonio's schools are shaping the hearts and minds of the people who will shape the world.

It's no wonder that as the seventh-largest city in the nation, San Antonio offers countless educational opportunities to its residents. Education is one of life's most important investments, and when San Antonio's students cross the stage at graduation, what they have achieved will benefit them, their families, and their communities. Whether you're looking for an accredited day care center for your toddler or a world-recognized teaching hospital, you're likely to find a good match for your criteria in SA.

SACOC

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

A variety of early education and child care offerings are available for families in the San Antonio area. Many private organizations, both secular and religious, offer day care and pre-kindergarten programs. Tuition rates vary dramatically, depending on program amenities and child-teacher ratio. Families in search of accredited programs or a list of helpful questions to ask when looking for a program may wish to consult the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) website. San Antonio currently has 33 programs that are accredited by the NAEYC.

In an effort to improve the quality of education in San Antonio, the Pre-K 4 SA program offers high-quality pre-kindergarten services for four-year-old children. The full-day program is free for qualifying students and also accepts tuition-paying students. Experienced educators teach a high-quality curriculum with bilingual options. Healthy meals and snacks are provided at no extra cost, and transportation is available. Admission is based on a lottery system. Another early childhood education option for low-income families is the City of San Antonio's Head Start

program, which provides center-based educational and family-strengthening services to eligible children, aged three to five, and their families.

PUBLIC, CHARTER, AND MAGNET SCHOOLS

Every child has a right to a free education, and San Antonio's approximately 19 school districts help to provide children with a solid foundation. In general, schools are divided into three levels: elementary schools for kindergarten through fifth grade, middle schools for grades six through eight, and high schools for grades nine through twelve. Texas state law mandates that schools maintain an average student-teacher ratio not to exceed 30:1, and 22:1 for grades K-4. Children who are five years old on or before September 1 of the school year attend kindergarten.

In accordance with the No Child Left Behind educational reform act, Texas schools assess student knowledge and skills through standardized tests, which are administered at specific grade levels.

The top-ranked district in the greater San Antonio area is Alamo Heights ISD, serving the 78209 zip code, namely Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, Terrell Hills, and Terrell

Benefits of Pre-K



★ Studies have shown that early learning opportunities offer a higher return on investment than those later in life. As part of the SA 2020 initiative under the Education cause, Pre-K 4 SA was recommended to help four-year-olds build a solid educational foundation and a passion for learning to ensure future success. Nobel Laureate in Economics James Heckman created the equation that Pre-K 4 SA is using as a base for building the program. Heckman's equation stresses the importance of investing in a child's education from a young age, especially for disadvantaged children, given that

90% of the brain is developed from birth to age 5.

★ One year after being put into action, Pre-K 4 SA is already showing positive results. Following the first year of Pre-K 4 SA, San Antonio students when compared to a national sample, surpassed the normative sample in cognitive, literacy, and math skills. Over the entirety of the eight-year program, an estimated

2,400 area children will take part.

★ The program also calls for professional development for Pre-K through Grade 3 educators, which includes three weeks of professional development before classes start, weekly professional learning communities for teams of teachers at each of the four centers serving the San Antonio area, and additional external coaching and training.



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Heights. In the far northwest, Boerne ISD comes in at No. 2, and residents in the far northeastern suburbs attend schools in the No. 7 independent school district, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD. Independent school districts serving military bases Lackland and Randolph Field take spots No. 4 and No. 5, respectively. Children in north central San Antonio attend schools in North East ISD (No. 6) and Northside ISD (No. 9), both of which offer nationally ranked and recognized magnet high schools (public schools that concentrate in specific educational fields). North East's International School of the Americas pushes students to be active global citizens, while Northside's Health Careers High School (ranked No. 32 in the state by *U.S. News & World Report*) prepares students to enter careers in the health field.

San Antonio has seen increased interest in charter schools as well. These autonomous, open-enrollment institutions use state funding to provide innovative learning opportunities with greater flexibility than traditional public schools. Any student can attend so long as space is available, at which point admission is determined by lottery, or some other method of selection, depending on the charter network. In addition to the already-established KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program), four relatively new principal networks of charter schools—BASIS, Great

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SAN ANTONIO FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES: INDEPENDENT, PRIVATE, AND PAROCHIAL.

Hearts, IDEA, and Carpe Diem—have been expanding into San Antonio. Promising challenging curricula that prepare students for collegiate and career success, schools within the BASIS San Antonio system emphasize science and technology while those in the Great Hearts Academy system promote a Liberal Arts



School field trip

curriculum with special attention to “The Great Books.” With the success of its first school, Carpe Diem hopes to expand its focus on career and life preparedness into four additional schools. Students at the Frank L. Madla Early College High School graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree from

partner Palo Alto College at no cost. In the 2015–16 academic year, approximately 8,500 students were enrolled in charter schools in San Antonio. However, the vast majority of students attend San Antonio’s public schools.



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INDEPENDENT, PRIVATE, AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Non-public schools in San Antonio fall into three categories: independent, private, and parochial. Your educational, religious, and financial philosophies can help steer you to the non-public school that's most appropriate for your children. All three have distinct missions and rely on tuition, charitable contributions, and endowments, but while independent schools are led by an independent board of trustees, private and parochial schools are affiliated with another entity, such as a for-profit corporation or, as is most popular in San Antonio, a non-profit religious institution. In addition to secular subjects, parochial curricula include general religious education. Similarly, religious private schools generally require religious studies and attendance at worship services.

Among San Antonio's most reputable non-public schools are Saint Mary's Hall (pre-K through 12), San Antonio Academy (pre-K through 8), St. Luke's Episcopal School (K through 8), Sunshine Cottage for Deaf Children (pre-K through 5), TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas (grades 6 through 12), and Keystone School (pre-K through 12), where approximately one-fifth of graduating seniors each year are National Merit finalists. Serving the city's considerable Catholic population are many respectable schools, including coed St. Anthony's Catholic School (pre-K through 8), Holy Cross of San Antonio (grades 6 through 12), and Antonian High School. Providence Catholic School (grades 6 through 12) and Incarnate Word High School are SA's all-girls Catholic schools, while boys attend Central Catholic High School. The websites for the National

Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISASW) provide helpful resources for finding the best non-public school for your child.

Another choice apart from traditional public schooling is home-schooling your child. For more information and support on home-schooling, contact San Antonio Home Education or the Christian-based organization FEAST (Family Educators Alliance of South Texas).

HIGHER EDUCATION

More than 150,000 students attend San Antonio's 15 colleges and universities, which include public universities University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas A&M University–San Antonio, and the five colleges of Alamo Community District. Private

institutions include St. Mary's University, the University of Incarnate Word, Our Lady of the Lake University, Trinity University, and Wayland Baptist University. In 2017, *U.S. News & World Report* identified SA's Trinity University as the No. 1 university in the western region.

Higher learning happens outside of traditional classrooms as well. The acclaimed Culinary Institute of America built its most recent campus in the historic Pearl Brewery Complex, and in 2016, University Health System ranked second in the world for the quality and success of its workforce learning programs.

Military veterans in San Antonio may qualify for education benefits under both the federal-issued GI Bill and the state-issued Hazlewood Act. Under the latter, veterans, spouses, and dependent children may receive an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

All five of the Alamo Community Colleges provide continuing education and certification programs, including those tailored especially for community organizations, businesses, industries, and the military. Independent school districts such as North East ISD offer an array of community education and enrichment courses, including classes on salsa dancing, investing, and preparation for the GED test, as well as classes just for students 50 and older. Many church and community organizations also provide educational and enrichment opportunities.

LIBRARIES AND OTHER PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

San Antonio is served by the San Antonio Public Library system, a network of 26 libraries, collectively offering an impressive list of services both on-site and online, including ESL-learning programs, a jobs and small business center, and online career services and

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The City of San Antonio Department of Human Services website discusses educational services, such as child care assistance and after-school programs, as well as scholarships, internships, and free college counseling. Located downtown and online, the Dr. Manuel P. Berriozábal Café College is a one-stop free resource for all things college-related. SA Youth dropout prevention and recovery programs keep at-risk youth focused on getting an education and preparing for the world of work. SA Youth Literacy reading programs focus on early intervention and promote literacy skills for early-elementary-age students. 

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Military

San Antonio's military roots run deep. From its start as an outpost of Spain and its pivotal role in the Texas Revolution to its turbulent times during the Civil War and its memorable part in the Spanish-American War, the appropriately nicknamed Military City USA has shaped history, thanks to its military influence and preparedness. Expansion characterized the city's military into the 20th century, which led to key developments at local bases and installations. But perhaps the most interesting chapter of the city's military history has yet to be written. Texas boasts one of the highest veteran populations in the country.

More than 107,000 military personnel have chosen to retire in San Antonio, attracted no doubt by the city's abundant natural resources, dynamic community, and rich heritage. But San Antonio's military community offers even more, including topflight medical care and pioneering research on aging.

JOINING FORCES

San Antonio's military community continues to grow and change. Joint Base San Antonio is made up of three installations: Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, and Randolph Air Force Base. First called Post at San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston took shape on 93 acres donated by the city in the mid-1840s. It now includes more than 900 historic buildings on approximately 400 acres.

Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) opened at "Fort Sam" in 1938, helping to secure the fort's reputation as the home of military medicine. Sharing the BAMC campus is the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC), a cutting-edge facility that offers care to military personnel, their families, veterans, and civilians. The Center for the Intrepid is located nearby. This \$37 million rehabilitation facility works with amputees and other wounded military personnel. The Army Institute of Surgical Research, which operates the distinguished Army Burn Center, is also part of the campus. Adding to the first-rate medical service, Fort Sam Houston is the focal point for all military medical training.

Generations of pilots and other aviation personnel have trained at JBSA-Lackland, which is located southwest of the city and is the home of basic military training for the Air Force. More than 30,000 recruits attend training on JBSA-Lackland each year, and nearly 800 graduate every Friday. Originally part of Kelly Field, Lackland also assists students from more than 100 countries with developing language proficiency at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center. Also at Lackland are the 24th and 25th Air Force. The 24th Air Force, the Air Force component of the U.S. Cyber Command, oversees strategic cyberspace operations from two dedicated wings headquartered at

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Lackland. The 25th Air Force is the U.S. Air Force command and control element for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations.

In the northeastern part of San Antonio, JBSA-Randolph is home to the 19th Air Force (AF), who trains more than 30,000 U.S. and allied students annually in specialties ranging from aircrews, remotely piloted aircraft crews, and survival, escape, resistance, and evasion (SERE) specialists. The 12th Flying Training Wing supervises aviation training operations on two parallel runways. Randolph is also home to various Department of Defense entities such as the Air Force Personnel Center, which handles all Air Force human resource operations, and the Air Force Recruiting Command, which is home to all recruiting efforts nationwide.

In 2005, the Department of Defense implemented a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative in an effort to consolidate and streamline military installations around the country. As with most cost-cutting measures,

BRAC has required adjustments in the entire San Antonio community.

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Now, several years on, it is clear that BRAC has also yielded some surprising benefits. “The installations

are trying to create relationships in the community,” says Paul Volpe, president of Forward March, Inc., an organization dedicated to pairing veterans of the armed forces with companies that value military leadership, training, and skills. Volpe spent 30 years in the United States Army, a career that included multiple moves before he settled in San Antonio, his wife’s hometown. He understands the challenges of both relocation and transitioning out of the military, and he believes that San Antonio’s reputation as Military City, U.S.A., makes it uniquely qualified to support relocating individuals and those transitioning. “This region is very military-friendly. The cost of living is fabulous. And because San Antonio is Military

City, U.S.A., it’s also trying to become a transition leader,” says Volpe of the city’s efforts to make sure that all of its services and agencies are focused on making the transition process easier for veterans as well as for those in the midst of leaving the military.

Volpe is all too familiar with the overwhelming amount of information directed at transitioning military personnel and veterans. He recommends starting the research process early, even before it’s time for the actual transition itself. He also encourages transitioners and veterans to take advantage of all of the resources at their disposal, and then to use the assembled research as a tool to help narrow choices. To facilitate this task, Forward March is working with major San Antonio companies like H-E-B, Tesoro, and USAA to establish initiatives through workshops like Military 101, which educates employers about how to attract, hire, and retain veterans in the workforce. “When you come out of the military, you’re trying to re-brand, trying to change your stripes, if you will, to become new members of society,” says Volpe. Since 2014, the retention rate for first-time military hires had hovered around 13 percent, but in late 2016 that percentage began to climb. Volpe and the other veterans involved in Forward March are on a mission to create a more productive road map for both the military community and the larger San Antonio region.

COMPLETING THE MISSION

While the changes from BRAC are ongoing, Volpe already has seen a silver lining, starting with the formation of joint bases like the ones in San Antonio. “The combination of branches is a huge step forward in combining resources and combining efforts. We’re always taught in the military that it’s a ‘combined arms effort,’ meaning all branches working together. Now, you’re truly starting to see it,” says Volpe, who also has seen less duplication among the branches. The results speak for themselves. “San Antonio has wrapped its arms around the military and what we bring to the community. It’s really made us feel like this truly is Military City, U.S.A.”



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