

**INITIAL RESEARCH****HOUSING****Housing Market Prices (Buying & Renting)**

Determine Your Budget, Considering Both Your Down Payment And Monthly Expenses. Also Take Into Account HOA Fees, Utilities, And Property Taxes.

External Link : [Mortgage Calculator](#)

**Buying**

Buying - There Are A Million Home Search Websites That Will Give You An Idea Of The Prices Sellers Are Asking For Homes, But Don't Rely On Them To Be Accurate When It Comes To Their Estimates. For Example, On Zillow's Website, They State That The Zestimate Is Within 5% Of The Sales Price Only 77% Of The Time. If You Are Searching For Homes In Northwest Arkansas, You Can Use HomeSearch.NaturallyNWA.Com To Check Out All Of The Properties For Sale In NWA.

External Links : [www.homesearch.naturallynwa.com](#) [www.zillow.com](#)  
[www.realtor.com](#)

**Renting**

Renting - Unfortunately, A Lot Of The Best Rentals Never Get Advertised Online Or Listed With A Real Estate Agent, Because The Landlords Can Just Stick A Sign In The Yard And Have It Rented The Next Day. If You Are Limited To Searching Online, Craigslist And FaceBook Marketplace Are Probably The Best Places To Find Desirable Rental Properties.

External Links : [craigslist rentals in northwest arkansas](#)  
[facebook marketplace rentals in northwest arkansas](#)

**Types Of Housing Available**

Decide If You Want A Single Family Home, Townhouse, Condo, Or An Apartment. Weigh Out The Pros And Cons Of Each To Determine Which Best Suits Your Needs And Lifestyle.

**Location**

Research Neighborhoods Or Areas Considering The Proximity To Work Or Desired Amenities, Future Development Plans For The Area, And Safety. The Best Sources For This Information Are Google Maps, Or Any Of The 3rd Party Home Search Websites Such As HomeSearch.NaturallyNWA.Com, Zillow Or Realtor.Com. You Can Also Search On Local Social Media Groups To Ask Local Residents Which Areas They Would Suggest.

External Links : [📍 Rogers](#)

[NWA Council 5 Year Plan](#) [2035 NWA Regional Transportation Plan](#)  
[Bentonville Planning Website](#) [Rogers Planning Website](#)  
[Fayetteville Planning Website](#) [Springdale Planning Website](#)  
[Siloam Springs Planning Website](#) [Bella Vista Planning Website](#)  
[Farmington Planning Website](#) [Prairie Grove Planning Website](#)  
[Pea Ridge Planning Website](#)



## INITIAL RESEARCH &gt;

## COST OF LIVING &gt;

**Utilities**

Look At The Availability And Cost Of Utilities Like Water, Electricity, Natural Gas, And Internet/Cable Services. City Websites Will Typically Provide A List Of Utility Companies, And Then You Can Contact The Utility Companies Directly To Get The Most Accurate Information, But Their Websites Will Have Rate Information And Details About Basic Service Charges, Usage Rates And Tiered Pricing.

**External Links :** [Bentonville Utility Information](#) [Rogers Water Utility Website](#)  
[Fayetteville Water Department](#) [Springdale Utility Information](#)  
[Siloam Springs Utility Information](#) [Farmington Utility Information](#)  
[Prairie Grove Utility Information](#) [Pea Ridge Utility Information](#)

**Grocery Prices**

Grocery Prices Are A Significant Indicator Of The Overall Cost Of Living In An Area. A Locale With High Food Prices Might Also Have Higher Costs For Other Goods And Services. Most Of The Major Grocery Chains Have Apps Or Websites That Will Allow You To Browse Selections And Prices. You Can Also Use Apps Like Instacart Or Amazon Fresh To Provide Prices From Various Stores In An Area, Or Price Comparison Websites Like MySupermarket.Com Or Basket.Com To Compare Prices Across Multiple Supermarkets In An Area.

**External Link :** [Amazon Fresh](#) [Instacart](#) [Walmart Grocery](#) [Whole Foods](#) [Aldi](#)  
[Natural Grocers](#) [Harps Grocery - Northwest Arkansas Regional Chain](#)

**Transportation Costs**

If You Have A Personal Vehicle, You'll Want To Know The Fuel Costs, Costs Of Parking, Average Vehicle Maintenance Costs, Annual Costs For Registration And Licensing, And Car Insurance Rates. The State Department Of Transportation Websites Can Have Information On Tolls, Gas Prices, And Infrastructure Costs. AAA Can Provide Information On The Average Cost Of Owning And Operating A Vehicle In A Particular Region, And There Are Multiple Fuel Price Checker Apps And Websites Available For Understanding The Costs Associated With Driving.

**External Links :** [Arkansas Department Of Transportation](#) [Gas Price Checker](#) [AAA](#)

**Taxes**

National And Regional Tax Authority Websites (Like The IRS) Are The Primary Source For Tax Rates And Regulation. For State Or County-Specific Taxes Such As Sales Tax, Income Tax And Property Tax Information, Check The State And City Government Websites. There Are Also Online Calculators Available For Estimating Taxes Based On A Location.

**Income**

Some States Or Counties Have Their Own Income Taxes, And There Could Be An Income Tax Levied By The City. [Arkansas Paycheck Calculator](#)

**Property**

Property - Learn The Rates And Assessment Procedures For Residential Properties, And Understand The Possible Exemptions, Deductions, Or Rebates, As Well As How Often Properties Are Reassessed And The History Of Rate Increases

**External Links :** [Benton County Tax Record](#) [Washington County Tax Record](#)

**Sales**

Learn The Rates And What Goods And Services It Applies To, As Well As Any Additional City Sales Taxes That Are Required. Also Understand If There Are Any Tax Exemptions On Certain Goods Or Services In An Area.

**External Link :** [Arkansas Tax Rates By City](#)



## INITIAL RESEARCH &gt;

EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES >**Job Market And Major Employers**

Determine Which Industries Or Sectors Are Strong In That Area And Identify The Largest Employers In The Area. Look At Whether The Local Job Market Is Expanding, Contracting, Or Stable. Local News [2023 Arkansas Labor Market & Economic Report](#)

**Average Salary And Wage Information**

Use Tools Like [Glassdoor.Com](#), [Payscale.Com](#), Or The Bureau Of Labor Statistics To Compare Salaries In The New Location Compared To Your Current One.

External Links : [GlassDoor.Com](#) [Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#) [PayScale.Com](#)

**Employment Agencies Or Job Fairs**

Identify Reputable Staffing Or Recruitment Agencies That Cater To Your Profession Or Industry. Also Search For Upcoming Job Or Career Fairs Where You Can Network, Submit Resumes And Get A Feel For The Local Job Market In Person.

External Links To Local Recruitment And Staffing Agencies In NWA:

[Cameron Smith & Associates](#) [Pinnacle Executive Recruiters](#)  
[Stout Executive Search](#) [Robert Half Fayetteville Office](#)

## EDUCATION &gt;

**Quality Of Local Schools (Public & Private)**

Use Sources Like [GreatSchools.Com](#), [SchoolDigger.Com](#), Or The National Center For Education Statistics To Get An Idea Of School Rankings Based On Standardized Test Scores And Other Factors. Review The Types Of Courses Offered, Including Advanced Placement (AP) Or International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs, And Investigate The Variety And Quality Of Sports, Clubs, And Other After-School Activities. For Families With Children Requiring Additional Support, Look Into The Availability And Quality Of Special Education Programs. Research The Quality Of Physical Facilities Like Libraries, Gyms, Science Labs, And Arts Facilities. You'll Also Want To Get An Idea Of The Class Sizes, As Smaller Class Sizes Often Lead To More Personalized Attention For Students.

External Link : [GreatSchools.Org](#) [SchoolDigger.Com](#)  
[National Center For Education Statistics](#)

**Higher Education Institutions**

Identify Prominent Institutions In The Area, Their Specialities, And Reputations. Community Colleges Can Offer More Affordable Education Options And Often Provide Community-Focused Courses And Programs.

External Links To Local Recruitment And Staffing Agencies In NWA:

[University Of Arkansas](#) [John Brown University](#)  
[Northwest Arkansas Community College](#)

**Adult Education Or Vocational Training Centers**

Identify Schools Or Centers Offering Training In Specific Trades Or Vocations . Some Vocational Centers Have Direct Affiliations With Industries, Offering A Pathway To Employment After Training.

External Link : [Adult Education Programs At NWACC](#)  
[Adult Education Programs In Fayetteville](#)  
[Adult Education Programs - Northwest Technical Institute](#)  
[Adult Education - Arkansas Division Of Workforce Services](#)



## INITIAL RESEARCH &gt;

## TRANSPORTATION &gt;

- **Public Transportation Options**

If You Rely On Public Transportation, You'll Want To Know The Extent Of The Coverage Offered In Your New Area, As Well As Transit Fares. [Ozark Regional Transit](#)

- **Major Highways And Traffic Conditions**

Major Highways And Traffic Conditions - Evaluate How Close Major Highways Are To Your Prospective Home And Workplace. Research The Number Of Entry And Exit Points, And If They're Conveniently Located For Your Needs. Look Into The General Condition Of The Highways, And Understand If There Are Upcoming Plans For Highway Expansions, New Constructors, Or Major Repairs Which Might Influence Traffic. Check Out The Accident Rates In An Area And Alternate Routes In Case Of Highway Closures Or Heavy Traffic. Determine If There Are Toll Roads On Your Regular Routes And Understand The Cost Implications. Do These Tolls Take Cash Or Do They Require Electronic Transponders? Some Good Resources For This Are Google Maps, Waze, Local Department Of Transportation (DOT) Websites, Local News Outlets, City Or Regional Planning Websites, And Community Forums Or Social Media.

**External Links :**

<a href="#">Arkansas Department Of Transportation</a>	<a href="#">Rogers Planning Website</a>
<a href="#">2035 NWA Regional Transportation Plan</a>	<a href="#">Pea Ridge Planning Website</a>
<a href="#">Bentonville Planning Website</a>	<a href="#">Fayetteville Planning Website</a>
<a href="#">Springdale Planning Website</a>	<a href="#">Siloam Springs Planning Website</a>
<a href="#">Bella Vista Planning Website</a>	<a href="#">Farmington Planning Website</a>
<a href="#">Prairie Grove Planning Website</a>	

- **Availability Of Parking**

If Commuting To Urban Areas, Research The Availability And Cost Of Parking, And Understand The Rules, Restrictions And Costs Associated With Street Parking.

- **Distance To Major Cities And Destinations**

- **Local Airports**

If You Are A Frequent Flyer, You'll Want To Know The Costs And Frequencies Of Flights From The Local Airport [Northwest Arkansas National Airport](#)

## HEALTHCARE &gt;

- **Hospitals And Clinics**

Investigate Their Reputations Through Patient Reviews And Rankings On Trusted Platforms Like [Healthgrades.Com](#), [RateMDs.Com](#) Or Even Google. If You Have Specific Health Concerns, Ensure The Nearby Hospitals Offer Specialized Departments. Familiarize Yourself With The Wait Times For Emergency Rooms And Ascertain Which Facilities Function As Trauma Centers. Some Hospitals Have Affiliations With Universities, Which Might Provide Advanced Treatments Or Research Opportunities.

- **Specialist Doctors And General Practitioners**

Seek Recommendations From Your Current Providers And Verify Them With Online Reviews. Ensure Your Chosen Doctors Are Board-Certified In Their Specialty And Identify Their Hospital Affiliations. Gauge The Typical Wait Times For Appointments.

**INITIAL RESEARCH****• Health Insurance Options**

Research Both National And Regional Health Insurance Providers To Gauge Their Reputations. Ensure Potential Hospitals And Doctors Fall Within The Insurance's Coverage Network To Avoid High Out-Of-Network Costs. Learn What Types Of Plans Are Available Such As HMO, PPO, Or EPO, To Find The Best Fit Based On Cost And Flexibility

**External Links :** [HealthGrades.Com](#) [Washington Regional Hospital - Fayetteville](#)  
[RateMDs.Com](#) [Mercy Hospital - Rogers](#)  
[Northwest Hospital Bentonville](#) [Northwest Hospital Springdale](#)  
[Arkansas Children's Hospital - Springdale](#) [VA Hospital - Fayetteville](#)

**SAFETY AND CRIME****• Crime Rates And Types**

Compare Local Crime Rates To Regional And National Averages, As Well As Your Current City. Focus On Both Violent And Property Crime Statistics To Get A Comprehensive View. Additionally, Obtain A Breakdown Of Specific Types Of Crimes Prevalent In The Area, Such As Burglaries Vs Vehicle Thefts. Monitor Trends To Discern Whether Crime Rates Have Been Rising, Stable, Or Decreasing Over The Years. Useful Resources For This Research Include The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, Local Police Department Websites, And Crime Mapping Services Like [CrimeReports.Com](#) Or [NeighborhoodScout.Com](#).

**External Links :** [Neighborhood Scout](#) [Fayetteville Police Department](#)  
[Bentonville Police Department](#) [Rogers Police Department](#)  
[Bella Vista Police Department](#) [Lowell Police Department](#)  
[Springdale Police Department](#) [Siloam Springs Police Department](#)  
[Washington County Sheriff's Office](#) [Benton County Sheriff's Office](#)

**• Local Police And Fire Departments**

Investigate Average Response Times To Nearest Police And Fire Departments. Check Out The Level Of Community Involvement And Outreach Programs Initiated By The Police Department. Assess The Capabilities, Equipment, And Training Of The Local Fire Department, Especially If Specific Concerns, Such As High-Rise Or Forest Fires Are Relevant. Official Websites Of These Departments, Local News Outlets, And Community Forums Like NextDoor Can Be Valuable Resources.

**• Neighborhood Watch Or Community Safety Programs**

Explore The Activities They Undertake, Such As Regular Meetings, Patrols, Or Community Training Sessions, And Evaluate Their Reported Impact On Local Safety. The National Neighborhood Watch, Community Centers, And Local Libraries Can Provide Insight Into Existing Programs, Their Initiatives, And Effectiveness In Bolstering Community Safety.

**External Link :** [NextDoor.Com](#)



**INITIAL RESEARCH****RECREATION AND LIFESTYLE****Parks And Outdoor Activities**

Seek Out Green Spaces Of Various Sizes That Are Suitable For Relaxation, Exercise, Or Family Outings. Investigate Outdoor Activities Available, Such As Hiking Trails, Biking Paths, And Water Sports Facilities. Check For Amenities Within Parks Like Playgrounds, Sports Courts, Or Picnic Areas. Local Municipality Websites, Trail Platforms Like [AllTrails.Com](#), And Tourism Sites Are Great Resources For This Research.

**External Links :** [AllTrails.Com](#) [Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Trails](#)  
[Razorback Greenway Map](#) [Fayetteville Outdoor Activities](#)  
[Outdoor Activities In Northwest Arkansas](#)

**Gyms And Fitness Centers**

Survey The Types Of Gyms Available (Chain Vs Locally Owned) And Check Out The Range Of Facilities And Classes They Offer, And Any Special Amenities Like Pools Or Saunas. Be Aware Of Membership Fees And Potential Contract Terms. Platforms Like Google Maps, Yelp, And The Gyms' Own Websites Are Great Tools For This Research.

**External Links :** [Ozark Iron Gym - Johnson](#) [Elm Street Gym - Springdale](#)  
[J Street Gym - Bentonville](#) [Fitness One - Rogers](#)  
[Crunch Fitness - Fayetteville](#) [Fayetteville Athletic Club](#)

**Clubs, Bars And Nightlife**

Gauge The Spectrum Of Options, Identify Venues That Are Popular Or Have Top Reviews, And Assess The Safety Of Areas Known For Nightlife. Yelp, Local Entertainment Publications, And Social Media Channels Can Offer Insights Into The Most Happening And Recommended Spots In Town.

**External Links :** [Trip Advisor](#) [Visit Bentonville - Nightlife](#)  
[Northwest Arkansas Travel Guide - Fayetteville](#)

**Cultural Events, Theaters And Museums**

Stay Updated On Festivals, Exhibitions, And Live Performances. Local Tourism Sites, Platforms Like Eventbrite, And Venue-Specific Websites Are Invaluable For Schedules, Exhibitions, And Ticketing Details.

**External Links :** [Crystal Bridges Museum](#) [The Momentary](#) [Walton Arts Center](#)  
[Harps Grocery - Northwest Arkansas Regional Chain](#)  
[WalMart Arkansas Music Pavillion](#) [Experience Fayetteville](#)  
[Visit Bentonville](#) [NorthwestArkansas.Org](#) [FindingNWA.Com](#)

**SHOPPING AND AMENITIES****Shopping Centers And Malls**

Understand The Diversity Of Stores And Check For Additional Amenities Like Cinemas Or Food Courts. Google Maps, Shopping Center Websites, And Local Business Directories Can Offer Deeper Insight Into Store Listings And User Reviews

**External Links :** [Pinnacle Hills Promendae - Rogers](#)  
[Northwest Arkansas Mall - Fayetteville](#)

**INITIAL RESEARCH**

- **Grocery Stores**

Determine The Types Of Stores Available, Whether They're Large Supermarkets, Local Grocers, Or Specialty Markets. Consider The Price Points And Product Range. Google Maps, Yelp And Store Flyers Can Offer Valuable Insights Into Store Locations And Offerings.

External Links : [Walmart Grocery](#) [Whole Foods](#) [Natural Grocers](#) [Aldi](#)  
[Harps Grocery - Northwest Arkansas Regional Chain](#)

- **Restaurants And Cafes**

Gauge The Variety Of Cuisines Available And Seek-Out Popular, Well-Reviewed Spots. Discern The Balance Between Upscale Restaurants, Mid-Tier Eateries, And Budget-Friendly Options By Using Platforms Such As Yelp, Zomato, And Google Maps. [Finding NWA - Food & Drink](#)

**CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY**

- **Average Temps, Rainfall And Snow**

Understand The Seasonal Variations And Monthly Temperature Ranges, As Well As The Precipitation Patterns And Unusual Weather Patterns Or Extremes The Area Might Experience. Resources Like The National Weather Service, Weather.Com, And Local Meteorological Departments Provide Comprehensive Climate Data To Guide Your Understanding.

External Links : [National Weather Service](#) [The Weather Channel](#)

- **Natural Disasters Common To The Area**

Understand The Frequency And Type Of Natural Disasters In Your New Area, And Familiarize Yourself With Local Community And Government Preparedness And Response Strategies For These Disasters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Local Emergency Management Departments, And The U.S. Geological Survey Offer Invaluable Information On Disaster-Prone Areas And Safety Measures.

External Links : [FEMA](#) [Washington County Emergency Management](#)  
[US Geological Survey](#) [Benton County Emergency Management](#)

- **Geographical Features (Mountains, Lakes, Rivers, Etc)**

What Recreational Activities Are Available And What Ecological Significance Do These Features Have To The Area? Google Earth, Local Tourism Websites, And National Or State Park Platforms Are Great Resources For This Type Of Research.

**COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ASPECTS**

- **Demographics**

Check Out The U.S. Census Bureau, City-Data.Com, And Local Government Websites For Gathering Detailed Demographic Details Like Age Distribution, Ethnic Composition, Education Levels, And Economic Data Like Income Levels And Dominant Industries To Get A Clearer Picture Of The Community's Socio-Economic Landscape

External Links : [US Census Bureau](#)  
[City-Data.Com](#)



**INITIAL RESEARCH**

- **Community Events And Social Groups**

Using Platforms Like Meetup.Com And Eventbrite, You Can Explore Local Community Events, And Connect With Social Groups Aligned With Your Personal Interests

External Links : [MeetUp.Com](#) [Eventbrite.Com](#)

- **Religious Institutions**

Using Google Maps, Local Directories, And Various Institution Websites, Check Out The Variety Of Religious Institutions, Service Timings, Languages Of Service, And Community Outreach Initiatives That Resonate With Your Beliefs.

**UTILITIES AND SERVICES**

- **Internet And Cable Providers**

Websites Like [BroadbandNow.Com](#) And Official ISP Sites Offer Comprehensive Details About The Available Providers, Their Packages And Pricing, And Assess Their Service Quality Through Customer Reviews.

- **Water And Trash Services**

Local Government Websites And Utility Company Websites Will Provide You With Details On The Providers In The Area, Whether Municipally Provided Or Privatized, And Their Service Schedules And Associated Costs.

- **Energy Providers And Options**

State Public Utility Commission Websites And DSIRE Will Provide Insights Into Licensed Providers And Their Rate Plans, And Renewable Energy Incentives.

External Links : [Bentonville Utility Information](#) [Rogers Water Utility Website](#)  
[Fayetteville Water Department](#) [Springdale Utility Information](#)  
[Siloam Springs Utility Information](#) [Bella Vista Utility Information](#)  
[Farmington Utility Information](#) [Prairie Grove Utility Information](#)  
[Pea Ridge Utility Information](#)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES**

- **Municipal Services (Waste Management, Recycling)**

Use Local Government Websites, Community Centers And Town Hall Meetings To Understand The Municipal Services, Like Road Maintenance And Public Health Offerings, As Well As The Locations Of Key Municipal Offices.

- **Local Regulations And Ordinances**

The City Or County Clerk's Office, Local Public Libraries, And Inline Municipal Codes Are Valuable Resources For Accessing And Understanding Zoning Laws, Traffic Rules, And Pet Regulations.

**INITIAL RESEARCH****Voting And Political Landscape**

Local Board Of Elections, Newspapers, And The State's Secretary Of State Website Are Great Resources For Understanding The Voter Registration Process, Local Election Schedules, And The Prominent Political Parties And Figures.

**External Links :** [City Of Fayetteville](#) [City Of Bentonville](#) [City Of Rogers](#)  
[City Of Bella Vista](#) [City Of Springdale](#) [City Of Siloam Springs](#)  
[City Of Lowell](#)

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT****Planned Developments Or Projects In The Area**

Local Planning And Zoning Offices, Government Websites, And Community Meetings Are Invaluable For Accessing Detailed Information On The Types Of Projects, Their Potential Impact On Traffic And Infrastructure, And Timelines.

**External Links :** [Arkansas Department Of Transportation](#)  
[2035 NWA Regional Transportation Plan](#)  
[Bentonville Planning Website](#) [Rogers Planning Website](#)  
[Fayetteville Planning Website](#) [Springdale Planning Website](#)  
[Siloam Springs Planning Website](#) [Bella Vista Planning Website](#)  
[Farmington Planning Website](#) [Prairie Grove Planning Website](#)  
[Pea Ridge Planning Website](#)

**Potential Changes In Property Values**

Real Estate Websites, Local Agents, And The County Property Appraiser's Office Are Vital Resources For Researching Historical Property Value Trends, Key Influencing Factors, And Expert Forecasts

**External Links :** [Benton County Tax Record](#) [Washington County Tax Record](#)

**Upcoming Infrastructure Projects**

The Local Department Of Transportation, News Outlets, And City Or County Public Works Departments Are Primary Sources Of Information To Be Informed Of Upcoming Infrastructural Projects Such As Road Constructions Or Public Transport Expansions. [Arkansas Department Of Transportation](#)

**CHILD AND ELDERLY CARE****Daycare Centers And Services**

Use Care.Com And Local Parenting Forums To Provide Valuable Insights Into Quality And Reputable Daycare Services In The Area, Their Accreditations, Associated Costs And Parent Feedback. [Care.Com](#)

**Elderly Care Facilities Or Home Care Services**

Resources Like The Department Of Health, Websites Like APlaceForMom.Com, And Community Centers Can Guide You In Understanding The Types Of Services Offered, Licensing, Costs, And Firsthand Reviews.

**External Links :** [Arkansas Department Of Health](#) [A Place For Mom](#)



**INITIAL RESEARCH****REVIEWS AND TESTIMONIES****Online Forums Or Community Boards For Personal Experiences**

Platforms Like City-Data Forums, Specific Reddit Subreddits, And Local Facebook Groups Offer City Or Neighborhood-Specific Discussions And Provide Valuable Insights Into Local Issues, The Community Spirit, And Firsthand Experiences Regarding Safety And Services In The Area.

**Testimonies From Current Or Past Residents**

Resources Like NextDoor Offer Neighborhood-Specific Insights Into The Quality Of Life, Prevalent Concerns, And General Recommendations For A New Area.