



TAX ADVANTAGES · 2026

Arizona's Tax *Advantages*

Why high-net-worth families are relocating — no estate tax, low income tax, and minimal property tax.

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Why the Wealthy *Are Moving*

Arizona has become a leading destination for individuals and families relocating from higher-tax states — and taxes are a primary driver. This guide explains the advantages, clearly.

An Important Note First

We are real estate professionals, not tax advisors. Every situation is different and the stakes are significant. The information here is general and for orientation only — always consult a qualified CPA or tax attorney before making decisions.

THE HEADLINE

One of the Most Tax-Friendly States

Arizona combines a low flat income tax, no estate or inheritance tax, and property tax rates well below the national average — a powerful combination for preserving and growing wealth.

The Tax *Picture*

The core advantages, at a glance.

ADVANTAGE	ARIZONA
State estate tax	None
State inheritance tax	None
Income tax (flat)	2.5%
Effective property tax	~0.47%
Social Security taxed	No

The California Comparison

For those exiting California, the contrast is striking: a flat 2.5% income tax versus California’s 13.3% top marginal rate, property taxes roughly a third lower, and no estate tax. For high earners and those with significant investment income, the differential can be substantial year after year.

Add a roughly 30% lower overall cost of living, and home equity that stretches dramatically further, and the financial case becomes compelling for those not tied to a California location.

Retirees, Families & *Movers*

Especially for Retirees

Arizona does not tax Social Security income at the state level, and its low income and property taxes make it attractive for those planning their later years. Combined with the climate and lifestyle, it's a leading retirement destination.

For Wealth & Legacy Planning

The absence of any state estate or inheritance tax is meaningful for families with significant assets — particularly those leaving states with estate-level taxes. Work with a qualified estate attorney to understand how this fits your overall plan.

OUR SPECIALTY

We Manage the Real Estate Side

As dual-licensed CA and AZ brokers, we coordinate the entire move — selling in California and buying in Arizona in parallel — while you and your CPA handle the tax planning. Ask for our California-to-Arizona Relocation Guide.



Plan Your *Move*

When you're ready to explore the real estate side of an Arizona move,
we're here — discreet, experienced, and dual-licensed.

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