



LEAVING CALIFORNIA HOW TO MOVE TO ANOTHER STATE

Are you one of the many Californians thinking about selling your home and leaving the Golden State – but you're not sure where to head next? Here are some tips and resources to get you going.

FIND A STATE THAT BEST SUITS YOU



It's important to find a new hometown that matches your quality-of-life goals. Make a list of criteria that's most important – like weather, schools, housing costs, politics, job and recreation opportunities.

Some resources:

- [Sperling Best Places](#) - Compare cost of living, crime, cities, schools, and more.
- [Climate Change Maps](#) - ProPublica's investigative journalists analyzed predictive scientific data to create detailed maps of future weather transformations in the United States.
- [State-by-State Relocation Rankings Map](#) - Click on each state to see cost of living and job market info (a.k.a. buying power) and its political leanings. Read the accompanying [Orange County Register article](#) that ranks the states.

FIND THE PERFECT CITY TO CALL HOME



In the social media age, it is easier than ever to get a sense of a community's personality, ask questions, and share stories. For example, a bunch of Facebook groups have popped up supporting Californian migration. Some resources:

- [Leaving California | Facebook](#)
- [Life After California | Facebook](#)
- "Moving To (fill in the city name)" – Search Facebook for your city of interest.
- [50 Best Places to Live in the U.S.](#) - U.S. News & World Report's annual list.
- [Voting Patterns](#) – If living in a politically like-minded community is important to you, this resource provides in-depth voting records, down to the neighborhood level.
- Old School Connections – Ask friends, co-workers, and acquaintances if they know anyone living in a city of interest. Get their contact info and call or email. Don't be shy!

BUY THE PERFECT HOUSE – WITHOUT STEPPING FOOT INSIDE



The pandemic has made it extra tough to travel and tour homes for sale. Fortunately, virtual tools, photography, and video take the guesswork out of the long-distance home shopping experience. Reach out to your Abio agent for a referral to a trusted Realtor. We have connections all over the country.

- [Video](#) - Once you partner with a real estate agent in your desired area, ask them to take you on live FaceTime tour.
- [3D Tours](#) – Many property listings these days include immersive 3D tours and schematic floor plans using software like Matterport. They help you visualize and measure spaces.
- [Google Street View](#) - This technology works with Google Maps and Google Earth to provide interactive panoramas from positions along many streets in the world. Type in an address and "walk" around the street.