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Community Life

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Low crime, excellent schools, scenic waterways, and active, involved residents make Benicia an ideal small town home within the greater Bay Area.

Homes. Benicia was among *Money* magazine's "Best Places to Live 2005" and more recently, Solano Magazine called Water's End and Downtown two of its "Best Neighborhoods" (2008). Homes here are competitive with Bay Area housing prices.

Schools. Benicia was named "Best Place to Raise a Family" in a recent *San Francisco Chronicle* survey. Our schools were ranked in the top 15% in the nation by SchoolMatch, a private corporate site location firm, and Benicia Unified School District's 2012 test scores were the highest in Solano County.

Safety. Our low crime rate is one reason Benicia is so popular with families and businesses.

History. Benicia was the third California State Capitol, and the only California capitol where the original building still stands. More recently, the military arsenal and officers quarters have been refurbished as a showcase for artists and commercial enterprises.

Recreation. Sunset magazine called Benicia "the East Bay's funkier little art town." Combined with a walkable downtown that leads to a pier overlooking the bay, it's not surprising Benicia attracts many visitors. We also have more parks per capita than any other Solano County city.

You may also like: [Visit Benicia](#) (separate website)

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Cost of Living

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Cost of Living

This index compares the relative cost of living in different locations. Using the United States as the base location (i.e. a value of 100), an index value of 120 means that the cost of living in that particular community is 20 percent higher than in the base location; a value of 94 indicates a more affordable location.

Location	Cost of Living Index
City of Benicia	150
City of Walnut Creek	171
City of San Ramon	200
City of Vacaville	130
City of Dublin	170
City of Martinez	150
City of Napa	159

Source: Sperling's Best Places www.bestplaces.net, (as of March 2012). The total of all cost of living categories is weighted as follows: 30% housing, 15% groceries, 10% transportation, 6% utilities, 7% health care, and 32% miscellaneous (clothing, services, entertainment); state and local taxes are not included.

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Climate

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Climate					
January Low / High ¹	July Low/High ¹	Prevailing Wind speed ¹	Annual Precipitation ¹	Elevation ¹	Comfort Index ²
39.3° / 54° F	59 ° / 83° F	8 mph / SW	18.5 inches	10 feet	49
<i>Sources: (1) Weather Underground www.wunderground.com; (2) Sperling's Best Places www.bestplaces.net Note: Comfort index is based on humidity during the hot months (value of 100). A higher value indicates a more comfortable climate. 2011 data (as of March 2012)</i>					

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Public Safety

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Crime Rate		
Jurisdiction	Property Crime Rate per 1,000	Violent Crime Rate per 1,000
City of Benicia	18.1	1.9
City of Brentwood	21.0	2.1
City of Concord	31.3	4.5
City of Dixon	27.5	3.9
City of Fairfield	32.6	4.8
City of Richmond	254.0	11.4
City of Rio Vista	16.5	3.2
City of Suisun	24.6	3.0
City of Vacaville	20.2	3.0
City of Vallejo	44.6	7.2
County of Solano	30.9	4.8

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reporting www.fbi.gov, 2010 Data (as of March 2012)

Police Services		
Benicia Police Department 200 East L (707) 745-3411 Erik Upson, Chief of Police	1 Station	36 sworn

Source: Benicia Police Department www.ci.benicia.ca.us;

Fire Protection

Provider	# Stations
Benicia Fire Department 150 Military West (707) 746-4275 Jim Lydon Fire Chief	2

Source: Benicia Fire Department www.ci.benicia.ca.us;

Insurance Service Offices		
Insurance Services Office (800) 444-4554	n/a	ISO (Insurance Services Office) determines the ISO ratings and that information is purchased (by subscription) by insurance offices. Your insurance agent should have current information and provide you with your ISO rating for your particular address.

Insurance Services Office www.isomitigation.com (as of March 2012)

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Housing

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Housing Cost		
Starter	Mid-level	Executive
\$41,900 to \$349,000	\$289,000 to \$509,000	\$540,000 to \$1,498,000
1 or 2 BR; 1000 + sf; 20+ yrs. old	3 or 4 BR; 1200 sf; 10+ yrs. old	4+ BR; 2000+ sf; 5+ yrs. old
Source: Homes.org www.homes.org ; (as of July 2013)		

Rental Housing Cost	
Single Family Homes	Apartments / Townhomes
\$1,500 to \$1,800 (2-bedroom)	\$850 to \$2,000 (1-bedroom)
\$1,950 to \$2,750 (3-bedroom)	\$945 to \$1,710 (2-bedroom)
\$2,250 to \$3,550 (4-bedroom)	\$1,500 to \$2,200 (3-bedroom)
Source: Trulia www.trulia.com (as of July 2013)	

Median Value of Owner-Occupied Homes		
Local	State	U.S.
\$309,634	\$325,403	\$171,345
Source: Claritas www.claritas.com/sitereports 2013 data (as of July 2013)		

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K-12 Education

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K-12 Education

Benicia Unified School District

Elementary Schools	Enrollment	Avg. Class Size
<u>Mary Farmer Elementary</u> (K-5)	488	27
<u>Joe Henderson Elementary</u> (K-5)	552	26
<u>Matthew Turner Elementary</u> (K-5)	534	25
<u>Robert Semple Elementary</u> (K-5)	436	26
Junior / High Schools	Enrollment / Graduation Rate	Avg. Class Size
<u>Benicia Middle School</u> (6-8)	1,170	28
<u>Benicia High School</u> (9-12)	1,651	28
<u>Liberty High School</u> (9-12) (Alternative)	82	17
Community Day (7-12) (Alternative)	13	n/a
Private Schools	Enrollment	Avg. Class Size
Kindercare Learning Centers (PK-K)	118	10
St. Dominic's (K-8)	320	15

Source: National Center for Education Statistics www.nces.ed.gov 2012 Data; (as of July 2013)
 * Academic Performance Index Testing

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Healthcare Facilities

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Healthcare Facilities				
Name	Location /Distance	# of Beds	Services / Specialties / Other Information	
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center 975 Sereno Drive Vallejo CA 94589 (707) 651-1000	Vallejo 9.5 mi	276	Allergy; Alternative Medicine, Anesthesiology, Behavioral Medicine, Cardiology, Chemical Dependency, Chronic Pain, Continuing Care Dermatology, Emergency Department, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Head and Neck Surgery, Hospital Medicine, Infectious Disease, Interventional Radiology, Minor Injury and Illness Center, Nephrology, Neurology, Occupational Medicine, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics Pathology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy, Plastic Surgery, Podiatry, Psychiatry, Pulmonology, Radiology, Rheumatology, Surgery, Teen Clinic, Urology	
John Muir Medical Center 2540 East St. Concord, CA 94520 (925) 682-8200	Concord 10.5 mi	313	Home Health, Interpreter Services, Medical Equipment Loan Program, Palliative Care, Senior Services, Spiritual Support, Chemical Dependency, Psychology/Psychiatry, Orthopedics, Osteoporosis,	

			Neurosciences, Cancer, Cardiovascular, Lung Health (Pulmonary Rehabilitation), Women's Heart Program, Medical Imaging, Lab Services, Nutrition Services, Metabolic Nutrition Program, Weight Loss Surgery, Diabetes, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Wound Care, Emergency Services, Primary Care, Trauma Services, Urgent Care, Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Hospital-Based Rehabilitation, Outpatient Physical Rehabilitation, Women's Health Center, Continence & Pelvic Health, Children's Nutrition Services, Pregnancy & New Parent
Sutter Solano Medical Center 300 Hospital Drive Vallejo, CA 94589 (707) 554-4444 Cancer Center 100 Hospital Drive Vallejo, CA 94589 (707) 554-5326	Vallejo 9.3 mi	102	24-Hour Emergency Care, Ambulatory Surgery, Auxiliary Services, Cancer Program, Cardiology, Intensive Care, Digital Imaging, GI/Endoscopy, Inpatient Rehabilitation, Laboratory and Pathology, Medical/Surgical Services, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Orthopedic Care, Respiratory Therapy, Surgery

Source: Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center www.permanente.net, John Muir Medical Center www.johnmuirhealth.com and Sutter Solano Memorial Hospital www.suttersolano.org (as of March 2012)

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Culture, Sports, and Recreation

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Culture / Sports / Recreation	
Theatre and Fine Arts	
Arts Benicia 991 Tyler Street (707) 747-0131	Benicia Plein Art Gallery 307 First Street
Benicia Antique Mall 918 First Street (707) 751-1400	Benicia Public Library 150 East L Street
Benicia Ballet School 938 Tyler St # 20 (707) 746-6757	Benicia Performing Arts Foundation 424 First St (707) 534-2277
Benicia Capitol State Historic Park (707) 745-3385	Fischer-Hanlon House 115 G Street (707) 745-3385
Benicia Community Arts (707) 745-2787	Gallery 621 309 First Street (707) 746-6211
Benicia Fire Museum 900 East Second Street (707) 745-1688	Lindsay Art Glass East F Street (707) 748-1336
Benicia Historical Museum at the Camel Barns 2060 Camel Road (707) 745-5435	Studio 41: an American Craft Gallery 700 First Street (707) 745-0254
Benicia Old Town Theater Group 140 West J Street (707) 746-1269	Tip Tap Toe Performing Arts Studio 4864 East 2nd Street
Sports Venues and Organizations	
Benicia Parks & Community Service Division 370 East L Street (707) 746-4285	The Parks and Community Services Department operates a variety of programs and services for the residents of Benicia. Aquatics Adult Sports Youth Sports Senior activities

The Parks Division upgrades and maintains approximately 211 developed acres of Park and landscape areas and a 577-acre regional Park.
[City Gym](#)
[Clock Tower](#)
[Jack London Park](#)
[Community Park](#)
[City Park & Gazebo](#)

[Benicia Little League](#)
 340 East I Street (707) 745-1872

[Benicia State Recreation Area](#)
 115 W G Street (707) 745-3385

[Benicia Youth Football & Cheer](#)
 1150 West 7th Street (707) 747-5014

[Benicia Youth Soccer League](#)
 985 Lincoln Street (707) 745-1419

Golf Courses within 20 miles of Benicia

[Blue Rock Springs Golf Club](#)
 655 Columbus Pkwy, Vallejo (707) 643-8476
 Open to the public 7.3 miles from Downtown Benicia

The 18-hole "West" course at the Blue Rock Springs Golf Club facility features 5,948 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. The course rating of 67.9 and it has a slope rating of 121 on Blue grass.
 The 18-hole "East" course at the Blue Rock Springs Golf Club facility features 6,064 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70. The course rating is 69.0 and it has a slope rating of 122 on Blue grass. Both courses designed by Joe Mortara Sr. and Fleming and Robert Muir Graves.

[Hiddenbrooke Golf Club](#)
 1095 Hiddenbrooke Pkwy, Vallejo (707) 558-0330
 Open to the public 13.13 miles from Downtown Benicia

The 18-hole course at the Hiddenbrooke Golf Club facility features 6,678 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course was designed by Arnold Palmer, has a rating of 72.8 and it has a slope rating of 142 on Rye grass.

[Mare Island Golf Club](#)
 1800 Club Drive, Vallejo (707) 562-4653
 Private Membership 11.6 miles / 35 minutes from Downtown Benicia

The 18-hole course at the Mare Island Golf Club facility features 6,222 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. The course rating is 70.5 and it has a slope rating of 124 on Blue grass. Designed by (R) Robin Nelson, ASGCA

Pine Meadows Public Golf Course
 451 Vine Hill Way, Martinez (925) 228-2881
 9 miles / 21 minutes from Downtown Benicia

The 9-hole "Pine Meadows" course at the Pine Meadows Public Golf Course facility features 1,502 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 27. Designed by James Coward.

Other Recreational Facilities and Opportunities

Boating

Benicia Marina	Benicia Yacht Club
266 East B Street (707) 745-2628	400 East Second Street (707) 746-6600

Fitness

Benicia Boxing & Martial Arts 2002 Columbus Pkwy (707) 747-1722	Curves 2038 Columbus Pkwy (707) 745-2150
Benicia Fitness 606 First Street (707) 745-1511	From The Core Pilates-Fitness Studio 560 1st Street # D200 (707) 373-9245
Benicia Health & Fitness Club 1150 West 7th Street (707) 751-0273	Griffin Fitness 2038 Columbus Parkway (707) 747-6677
CrossFit 707 4856 East 2nd Street (707) 853-3556	Jazzercise 378 Military East (707) 748-0827

Movie Theaters

Brendan Theaters (10.5 miles) 1985 Willow Pass Rd Ste C, Concord (925) 677-0450	Contra Costa Cinemas (9 miles) 555 Center Ave, Martinez (925) 228-9980
Century 14 (9 miles) 109 Plaza Drive, Vallejo (707) 553-1205	Solano Drive Inn (8.4 miles) 1611 Solano Way, Concord (925) 825-1951
Century 16 (10.3 miles) 125 Crescent Drive, Pleasant Hill (925) 288-1371	

Other

<p>Caterpillar Puppets Shows (707) 746-559</p>	<p>Pinole Valley Bowl (8.4 miles) 1580 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole (510) 724-9130</p>
<p>Benicia Historical Society 2060 Camel Road (707) 745-5435 Downtown Historical Walking Tour Self-guided Historic Homes Walking Tour Docent-led Historic Homes Tour: Each year, the Benicia Historical Society sponsors a historic homes tour, either in May or December. Benicia Walking Tour Tour brochures are available at the offices of Benicia Main Street, the Benicia Historical Museum, or the Benicia Chamber of Commerce.</p>	
<p>Source: City of Benicia, Parks & Community Services Division www.ci.benicia.ca.us; Benicia Little League www.benicialittleleague.com/; Benicia Youth Football www.byfpanthers.com/; Benicia Youth Soccer League http://beniciasoccer.org/; Golf Link www.golflink.com/; Benicia Chamber of Commerce Member Directory www.beniciachamber.com/; Blue Rock Springs Golf Club www.bluerockspringsgolf.com/; Hiddenbrooke Golf Club www.hiddenbrookegolf.com/; Mare Island Golf Club http://www.mareislandgolfclub.com/; Benicia Fitness www.beniciafitness.com/; Benicia Health & Fitness Club www.beniciahealthandfitnessclub.com/; Caterpillar Puppet Shows www.caterpillarpuppets.com/; CrossFit 707 www.facebook.com/pages/CrossFit-707/161622310526105; Curves www.curves.com/; Pinole Valley Bowl www.amf.com/pinolevalleylanes; Fit for Me www.myfitforme.com/; From the Core Pilates Fitness Studio http://pilatesfromthecore.com/; Griffin Fitness http://griffinfitness.com/; Susie Harper School of Dance http://www.susieharperdance.com/; Jazzercise www.jazzercise.com/; The Dailey Method www.thedaileymethod.com/; Benicia Boxing & Martial Arts http://www.beniciabma.com/; Benicia Marina http://beniciamarina.net/; Benicia Yacht Club www.beniciayachtclub.com; Contra Costa Cinemas www.cinemawest.com; Brendan Theaters www.brendentheatres.com/; Century Theaters www.cinemark.com; Solano Drive Inn www.westwinddriveins.com/; Benicia Historical Society http://www.beniciahistoricalmuseum.org and Visit Benicia http://www.visitbenicia.org (as of April 2012)</p>	