

# WELCOME TO Ogden

RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION GUIDE





# Urban Living & Outdoor Recreation

## IN OGDEN



### Urban Living

Ogden is a city with a unique identity and all the benefits of urban life. Downtown Ogden is set apart from other communities in the area by its walkability, distinctive architecture, and great variety of dining, shopping, nightlife, and events. More residents are choosing to live downtown, with exciting new housing options that include townhomes, live/work units, and apartments. Whether you want to visit the farmers market, grab a drink after work, or entertain in your downtown loft, you can do it in Ogden.



### Outdoor Recreation

Ogden is known for its incredible access to outdoor recreation - right in our backyard. An extensive trail system on the East Bench is ten minutes from downtown, perfect for before or after work outings. Thirty minutes from town is Ogden Valley, which offers additional recreation opportunities: world-class ski resorts, Pineview Reservoir, and hiking, biking, climbing, and fishing. Recreation within Ogden city limits includes a paved trail along the scenic Ogden River, the Ogden Nature Center, a kayak park, golf courses, and beautiful city parks.



To find out more about life in Ogden, check out the Ogden Adventure Guide at <http://www.visitogden.com/content/download/371/3113/version/1/file/cvbbooklet.pdf>. You can also explore an interactive map of Ogden at <http://welcomemap.ogdencity.com>.

# High Quality Life

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Consider Ogden's unique combination of urban living and outdoor recreation. Now throw in our **high quality of life and low cost of living**. Ogden is a great place to live - and it's very affordable. In 2013, Forbes ranked Ogden the 8th best city in the U.S. for raising a family. This ranking is based on Ogden's relatively high incomes and low cost of living, along with affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, and good schools. **Ogden offers the benefits of both a city and a mountain town - without the usual high costs of either.**

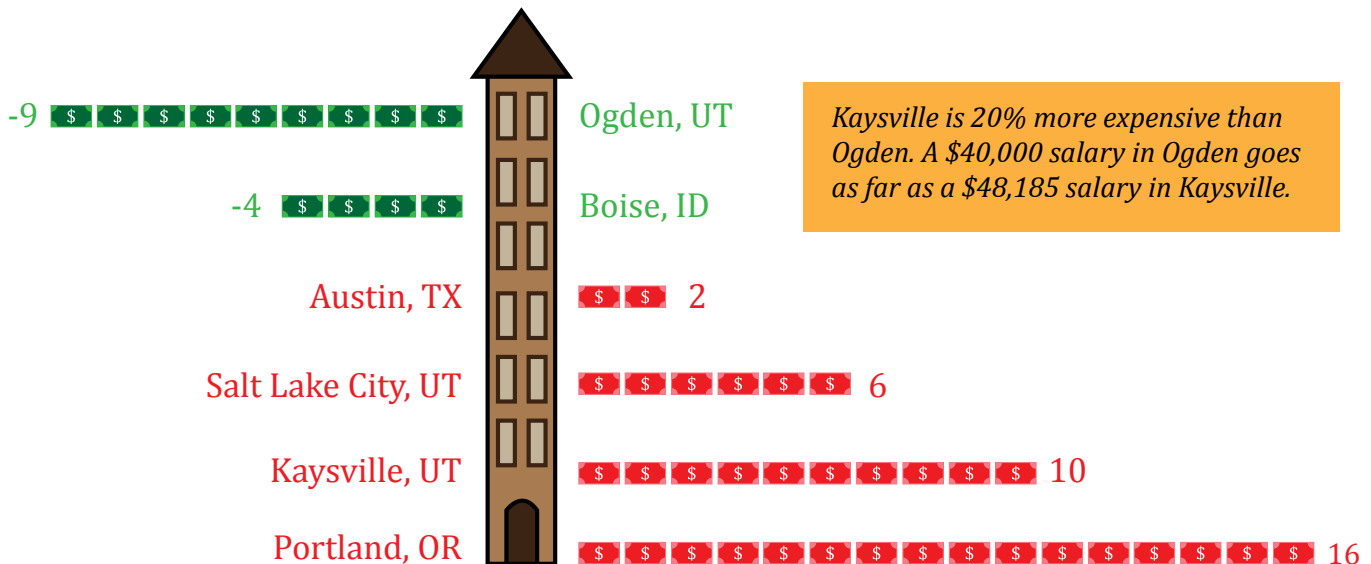
### Did you know?

Ogden is:

- One of the Best Towns in America (Outside Magazine, 2008)
- Most affordable city for buying a home (CNN, 2012)
- 16th best city for business and careers (Forbes, 2013)
- A Top 10 Emerging Ski Town (National Geographic, 2013)

## COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

National Average = 100



# Schools IN OGDEN

## Ogden School District

Ogden School District has a strong commitment to education, enhanced by the values of a **culturally rich and diverse community**. The district's student body reflects the urban and multicultural character of Ogden's neighborhoods. Parents of successful Ogden students understand that rather than being disadvantaged by this diversity, their children have opportunities for uncommon experiences and personal success.

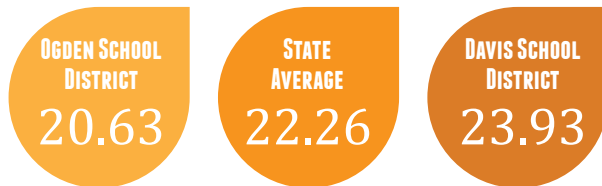
A unique aspect of the Ogden School District is that parents can often **choose the school environment** best matched to their children, allowing parents to enroll

their children in schools outside of the area where they live. Within each school, there is a great variety of programs that enable students to excel. From traditional neighborhood schools to language immersion, advanced learning, and science-based magnet schools, there are many options for tailoring education to the student.



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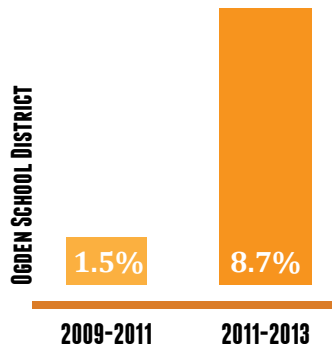
## STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO



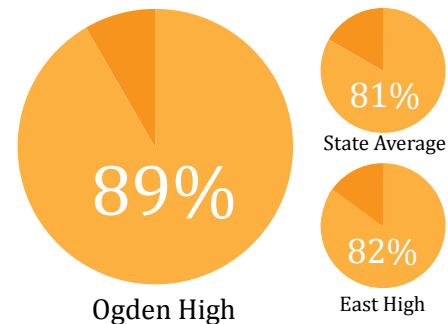
## OVERALL SCHOOL RANKING (UCAS)

Ogden High ranks higher than East High in Salt Lake City

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY INCREASE



## GRADUATION RATE





## District Highlights

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program
- Accelerated Learning Academy
- Advanced Placement Classes
- University Concurrent Enrollment and Early College
- AVID College Readiness Program
- Foreign Language Dual Immersion Schools
- Astro Camp Science and Space Center
- New STEM magnet school with community center and youth programs
- Award-winning theater, band, and bagpipe corp programs
- Strong athletic programs
- Renovated and newly constructed high schools

Charter schools (part of our public school system) and private schools also offer excellent education opportunities in Ogden.

## Public Charter Schools

- Ogden Preparatory Academy (K-9)
- DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts (K-12)

## Private Schools

- Evergreen Montessori Academy (Toddler through Upper Elementary)
- St. Joseph Catholic School (K-12)
- St. Paul Lutheran School (K-8)
- Deamude Adventist Christian School (K-8)
- Wasatch Christian School (K-6)
- Berean Baptist Academy (K-12)

## Parent Testimonials

*"I have two elementary age daughters that are enrolled in Ogden School District... As a parent, I love the focus on critical thinking and rigor across all subjects. In addition to a complex core, their learning experience has been enriched through unique hands-on environmental science field studies, music, technology and art... **Everyday they come home happy and excited to share what they have learned and proud of what they have conquered.**"*

*Danette Pulley*

*Attending Ogden School District schools has been a great experience for my children... **The challenging learning environment and diverse experiences that they have had at school have helped equip them with the tools they need to be successful in an ever-changing world.***

*Angie Osguthorpe*



*For more information about Ogden's schools, visit the interactive map at <http://welcomemap.ogdencity.com>.*

# Rent IN OGDEN

Rental properties in Ogden range from affordable apartment units to large single-family homes. Available rentals can be found through property management companies or various websites (try [ksl.com](http://ksl.com), [propertypond.com](http://propertypond.com), or [zillow.com](http://zillow.com)). Look for landlords who participate in Ogden's Good Landlord Program, which promotes responsible property management.



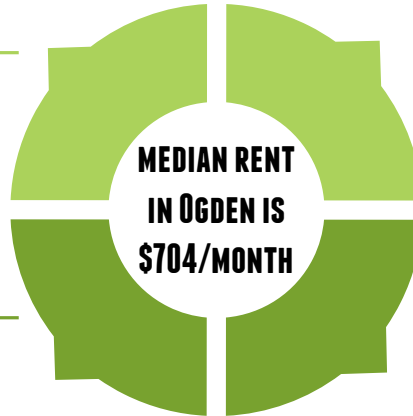
## RIVERBEND APARTMENTS

Apartments, townhomes, and live/work units.



## TOWERVIEW APARTMENTS

Condo-style rental units.



## COLONIAL COURT

Studio to 2 bedroom apartments.



## LIBERTY JUNCTION

Studio to 2 bedroom apartments.



# Buy IN OGDEN

## Neighborhood Guide

Ogden offers a great variety of housing for those looking to buy, from downtown townhomes to large single-family homes. Housing in Ogden is also very affordable, with a median home value of \$126,600. Brief descriptions of Ogden's neighborhoods and their housing options are provided below. For more detailed neighborhood info, check out the interactive map at <http://welcomemap.ogdencity.com>.

### NORTH END

North of 12th Street. This area contains both historic and newer residential neighborhoods, as well as farmlands. Homes are typically 1,000-3,000 sf on 0.1-0.3 ac lots. This area offers a more rural feel, as well as great views of the Great Salt Lake and Ben Lomond Peak.



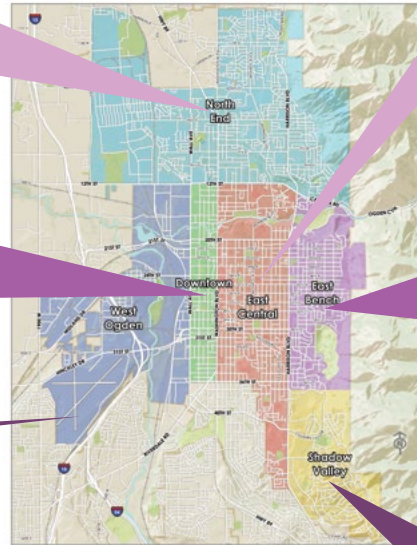
### DOWNTOWN

Centered along 25th Street and Washington Blvd. Historic 25th Street is home to many of Ogden's local businesses and unique historic buildings. Housing includes newer condos and townhomes, as well as historic single-family homes. This is the place if you're looking for downtown living and urban amenities.



### WEST OGDEN

Located west of Wall Ave. and is primarily an industrial and commercial area.



### EAST CENTRAL

Up-and-coming residential area between 12th and 36th Streets, west of Harrison Blvd. Homes are very affordable. Houses range from Victorian mansions to bungalows and cottages, along with new historic-style homes. Most are less than 2,000 sf on 0.1-0.2 ac lots. This area is centrally located and has a unique, funky character.



### EAST BENCH

Well-established residential area between 12th and 36th Streets, east of Harrison Blvd. Many homes in the area are cottages and ranch houses, and are generally in great condition. Homes are typically 1,000-2,000 sf on 0.1-0.3 ac lots. This area is known for stable neighborhoods and excellent access to trailheads.



### SHADOW VALLEY

Newer residential area south of Weber State University and east of Harrison Blvd. Most homes were built in the last 20 years, and lots are still available to custom build. Homes are typically 3,000-4,000 sf on 0.3+ ac lots with garages. This is the place if you're looking for a large home with all the modern conveniences.



## Ogden City Programs

Ogden City provides a variety of housing programs and incentives to give residents the opportunity to get into a great home. Additional details can be found at <http://ogdencityhomes.com> or by contacting Ogden City Community Development at [info@ogdencityhomes.com](mailto:info@ogdencityhomes.com) or 801-629-8940.

### Home Sweet Ogden

Home Sweet Ogden offers new and renovated homes for sale at a great bargain. Homes currently for sale can be viewed at <http://ogdencityhomes.com/programs/homes-for-sale>. Income guidelines apply.

### Own in Ogden

Own in Ogden assists home buyers with the down payment or closing costs of purchasing a home. This program provides \$3,000 or \$5,000 in assistance for targeted areas in Ogden City. More info is available at <http://ogdencityhomes.com/programs/owning-in-ogden/>. Income guidelines apply.

### Home Improvement Program

Ogden homeowners have access to low interest loans for qualifying exterior improvements and some interior updates to their homes. The Home Exterior Loan Program is open to all citizens on approved credit and is not income restricted or reserved for select neighborhoods. If your home is in need of roofing, driveway, windows, fencing, sprinklers, water heater, sewer, electrical, or plumbing, Ogden City may be able to help. More info is available at <http://ogdencityhomes.com/programs/home-exterior-loan-program/>.





# Transportation & Transit

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### Utah Transit Authority

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) provides commuter rail, light rail, bus service, and vanpools in Ogden and along the Wasatch Front. Maps and schedules, as well as info about fare card and discount fare programs, are available at [www.rideuta.com](http://www.rideuta.com).



#### Frontrunner

Commuter rail service connects downtown Ogden to many other communities along the Wasatch Front, including Salt Lake City and Provo. The trains are clean, comfortable, and reliable. Frontrunner offers a great way of getting to Salt Lake City for a Jazz game, concert, or day of shopping - without the hassle and cost of parking.

#### Buses

Ogden is well-served by UTA's robust bus service. Commonly used bus routes include routes along Washington Blvd. and Monroe Blvd., intercity service to Salt Lake City and Brigham City, and service from the Frontrunner station to Weber State University. Routes also serve some of Ogden's major employment centers, such as Business Depot Ogden.

#### Ski Bus

Ogden is now connected by bus to two world-class ski resorts: Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. The ski bus offers a great alternative to driving, especially in bad weather or when your kids want to hit the slopes with their friends. The ski bus makes our great mountains even more accessible.



### Bicycle Lanes & Trails

Ogden has an extensive system of bike lanes and trails, providing a great opportunity for active transportation around town. Ogden is the only community in Utah that has been designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The designation is thanks to Ogden's 16 miles of shared-use paths, 18 miles of natural paths, and low speed limits on most streets. Six bicycle repair stations around town are coming in 2014. For a map of bike lanes and trails, check out <http://welcomemap.ogdencity.com>.



### Airports

Ogden-Hinckley Airport offers direct flights to the Phoenix/Mesa, AZ airport. Additional flights from Ogden will be added in the near future. Ogden's airport provides hassle-free air travel - no long lines or expensive parking! Check out flight schedules at [www.flyogden.com](http://www.flyogden.com). In addition, Salt Lake City International Airport is 40 minutes from Ogden and offers flights to all major destinations.



### Interstates & Highways

Ogden is conveniently located near the crossroads of Interstate 15, which is Utah's main north-south artery, and Interstate 84, which provides a connection to the east. Interstate 80 is located about 40 minutes south of Ogden and is a major east-west artery. Ogden also offers great access to many of Utah's scenic highways and byways.