

OLD SCHOOL BOXING YOUTH FOUNDATION

Community Financial & Youth Needs Profile

Community anchor: 3616 W. Thomas Rd., Suite 7, Phoenix, AZ 85019 | **Primary geography:** ZIP 85019
Data: 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

Why this community matters

Old School Boxing Youth Foundation is located in Phoenix’s 85019 community. Current Census data show a young, economically constrained neighborhood: the median age is 29.9, median household income is \$68,528, and 21.8% of residents live below the poverty line. The local poverty rate is about twice the Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler metropolitan rate of 11.0%.

Indicator	85019	Phoenix Metro	Context
Population	27,429	4.94M	Dense urban community
Median age	29.9	37.9	Substantially younger
Median household income	\$68,528	\$88,301	About 22% lower
Per-capita income	\$22,851	\$45,239	About half metro level
Persons below poverty	21.8%	11.0%	About twice metro rate
Bachelor's degree+	12.2%	35.3%	Roughly one-third metro rate
High school graduate+	68.8%	89.7%	Lower attainment

Housing pressure and family budgets

Housing costs add another layer of pressure. Census-based estimates show that 47.9% of renters in 85019 are housing-cost burdened. Maricopa County’s 2024 Community Needs Assessment reports that rents increased nearly 40% since 2019 and fewer than 9% of county rents were below \$1,000 by 2023. It also reports county food insecurity at 12.0%, with many households in need earning too much to qualify for SNAP or WIC.

Why this matters for youth participation

For families balancing housing, food, transportation and other necessities, the added costs of organized youth sports - gloves, protective gear, shoes, registration and travel - can become meaningful barriers. OSBYF works to reduce those barriers while providing structured boxing, physical fitness, mentorship and opportunities to build discipline, confidence, accountability, resilience and healthy habits.

Grant-ready community need statement

Old School Boxing Youth Foundation is based in Phoenix’s 85019 community, where 21.8% of residents live below the federal poverty line - about twice the Phoenix metropolitan rate. Per-capita income is \$22,851, roughly half the metropolitan level, and the neighborhood’s median age of 29.9 reflects a comparatively young population. These economic conditions can make the costs associated with organized youth athletics a significant barrier for local families. OSBYF uses structured boxing, physical fitness and mentorship to expand access to positive youth development while helping reduce equipment and participation barriers.

How OSBYF responds

OSBYF supports youth through structured boxing and fitness programming, mentorship, equipment assistance and opportunities to participate and compete. The Foundation’s grant strategy prioritizes durable investments and direct youth support that improve safety, access and long-term program capacity in Greater Phoenix.

Sources

U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2024 5-year estimates, via Census Reporter (ZIP 85019 and Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler Metro Area). CensusEasy, ZIP 85019 housing-cost-burden indicators, based on ACS 2024 5-year data. Maricopa County Human Services Department, CAP Community Needs Assessment 2024. Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Community Health Needs Assessment resources.

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