

## How to find a phone number from name, city, and state

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This is a very common question. And, I figured I would answer and explain here. The question comes in many forms but one of the most common requests is:

**QUESTION:** Can you get me a valid phone number if I provide you with someone's name, city, and state? Most of the other sites I've tried provide old numbers. What is the cost to find a current number?

**ANSWER:**

**In short, yes, our investigators can do this for you. But, that's not the entire story.**

One of the reasons other sites provide old numbers is because people move and change [phone numbers](#). And, most find phone number services use flat file databases or old phone books and cross reference additional information. Then they make best guesses based on computer algorithms. These searches are only as good as the database or people programming the algorithms.

But, there's a way to get a valid landline phone number that's attached to a physical address, even if you don't have the address. You can do a [find address and phone number search](#) if you have a person's name, city, and state, but not their physical address. This is a professional search performed by a private investigator, not a computer. So, you get a real address and usable phone number.

Now, keep in mind that not everyone has a land line phone these days. Many people only use cell phones. So, the above search may only produce an address. Also, if the person you're looking for has a common name, and you only have the city and state, it may be unsuccessful.

If you wish to locate someone's cell phone number, please check our [cell phone number lookup](#) search (note: this search requires a previous or recent address). So, you may want to do some research yourself

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and locate the address if you don't have the address on hand.

We have a couple self-service people search tools you can use to locate an address:

1. Individual [People Finder](#) Tools
2. [People Search](#) by name and state

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