

PHOENIX ECONOMY AS A WHOLE

After years of hearing reports that Phoenix was among the nation's leading cities in growth and size, you may wonder how all of this recessionary talk will affect the Phoenix economy in the future. The answer to that concern is precisely what stabilizes Phoenix at the top of national investment radar screens.

Business

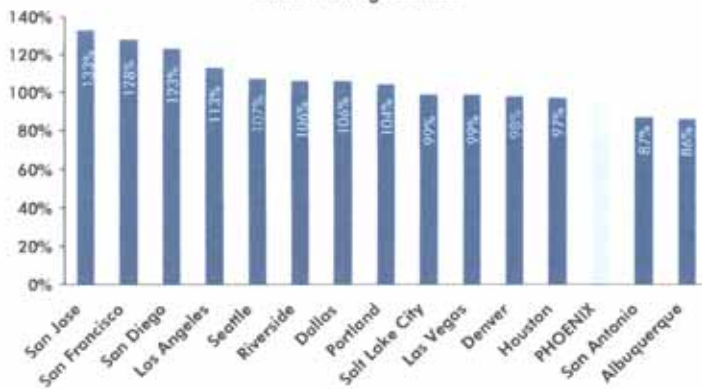
Phoenix remains:

- #1 destination for Americans relocating from other states
- #1 in the nation for entrepreneurial startups
- 3rd youngest metro area (of 2 million or more)
- Average age is 33.4 years, compared to the U.S. average of 36.4 years
- Newsweek magazine projects Greater Phoenix to be the 2nd largest "job engine" in the U.S. through 2025

This growth is in part spurred by the extremely business friendly government employed in Phoenix, which includes:

- NO Corporate Franchise Tax
- NO Business Inventory Tax
- NO Income Tax on Dividends from Out-of-State Subsidiaries
- NO Worldwide Unitary Tax
- Virtually ALL Services Exempt from Sales Tax

Cost of Doing Business



Source: economy.com 2006, 2007

Land Area Comparison



POPULATION

Metropolitan Phoenix - Population Growth by Decade



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Maricopa Association of Governments, 2006

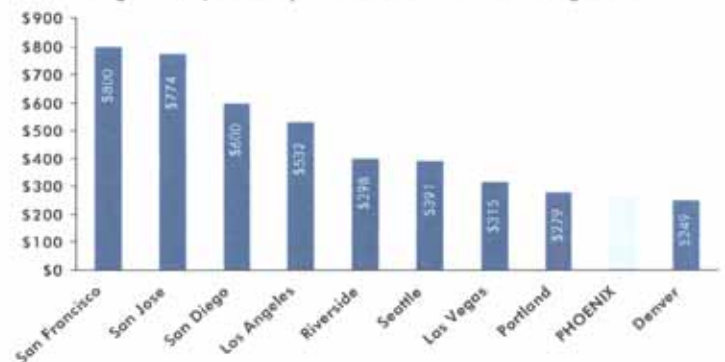
EMPLOYMENT

Year	Rank	# of MSAs
1997	3	26
1998	1	26
1999	2	27
2000	10	30
2001	10	30
2002	6	28
2003	3	28
2004	4	28
2005	1	28
2006	1	28

Source: Arizona State University, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

HOUSING

Single Family Homes | Median Sales Prices - Existing Homes



Source: economy.com

COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

Metro Area	Cost of Living	Metro Area	Cost of Living
San Jose	147%	PHOENIX	106%
San Francisco	142%	Denver	102%
Orange County	141%	Dallas	101%
San Diego	131%	Portland	101%
Los Angeles	115%	Houston	97%
Las Vegas	115%	Salt Lake City	95%
Riverside	115%	San Antonio	94%
Seattle	111%	Albuquerque	92%

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