Arizona’s Coming Changes

Demographic shifts that will shape tomorrow

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Arizona is a surprisingly urban state. 85 percent of the population lives on just 5 percent of the land.

Source: NASA imagery
Where do we live in Arizona?

The Sun Corridor and metro St. Louis shown at the same scale. Each area has the same number of people living in the same area, yet they have very different urban forms.
Population Changes

1980

Total Population: 2.7 million

Source: Census Bureau
Population Changes

2015

Total Population: 6.8 million

Source: Census Bureau
Foreign Born Status by Age

Age

Native  Foreign born

<1  5  10  15  20  25  30  35  40  45  50  55  60  65  70  75  80  85  90+

0  20,000  40,000  60,000  80,000  100,000
Modest Growth in the Future

Arizona’s average growth 1940-2000: 3.5% annually

Projected growth through 2050: 1.4% annually

Source: Census Bureau
Total Population: 6.8 million

Source: Census Bureau
Geographic Differences

Maricopa County Total Population: 3.9 million

Source: Census Bureau
Geographic Differences

Pima County Total Population: 1.0 million

Source: Census Bureau
Geographic Differences

Balance of AZ Total Population: 1.6 million

Source: Census Bureau
In the next 10-15 years, youngest boomers will become eligible for retirement
Arizona has 552,000 workers older than age 55
Increasing numbers of over-65 workers

Boomers started leaving the workforce in 2000

Arizona workforce by age

- 18-29
- 30-41
- 42-54
- 55-64
- 65+

Data from American Community Survey 2014 5-year PUMS estimates
Opportunities for the upcoming workforce

- Filling jobs vacated by retiring boomers
- Building housing and infrastructure that boomers will need in retirement
- Providing services such as healthcare and personal services for an aging population
Educational Attainment by Age

Source: Census Bureau
University Growth

Percent Change Since 1979

Source: Census Bureau
University Enrollment

Source: Census Bureau, ABOR, JLBC
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