# PHOENIX, CENTRAL AND Northern Arizona

## END OF YEAR HOUSING REPORT



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## HOUSING MARKET TRENDS

For the overall real estate market in Phoenix and Central Arizona, the seller's market conditions continue. The inventory of homes for sale continued to decline in 2017, while sales increased further. The shortage of listings has not been a drag on home sales, however it has created a very competitive environment, raising median sales price **7%** in Phoenix. We expect continued strength in the real estate market in 2018.



## PHOENIX RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES AND LISTING INVENTORY



| Area            | <b>Closed Residential Sales</b> | Active Listings* |  |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Yuma            | -3% 射                           | -3% 🞽            |  |  |
| Casa Grande     | +10% 🔪                          | -17% 🔰           |  |  |
| White Mountains | +15% 🔪                          | +18%             |  |  |

Flagstaff closed residential sales remain virtually unchanged.



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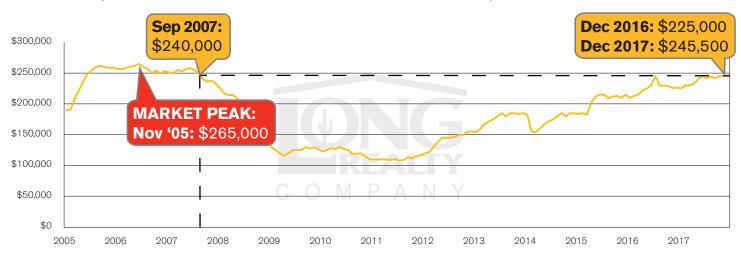
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\* Active Listings reflect the percent of change from December 2017 vs December 2016.

Statistics based on information obtained from ARMLS, Yuma MLS, White Mountains MLS and Northern Arizona Association of REALTORS MLS on 01/04/2018. Information is believed to be reliable, but not guaranteed.

### **PHOENIX MEDIAN SALES PRICE**

The median price of sold homes in Phoenix was **\$245,500** in December 2017 and **\$240,000** for all of 2017. Prices have recovered to September of 2007 levels and are 93% recovered from the market's peak in June of 2006 of **\$265,000**.

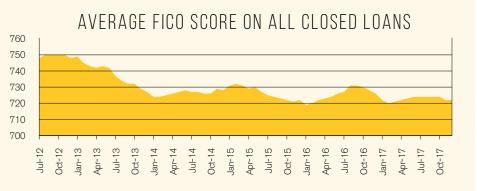


| Area            | Median Sales Price in 2017 | % Change from 2016 | Trend |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Phoenix         | \$240,000                  | +7%                |       |
| Casa Grande     | \$170,000                  | +10%               |       |
| Yuma            | \$134,900                  | +1%                |       |
| White Mountains | \$167,000                  | +8%                |       |
| Flagstaff       | \$315,000                  | +11%               |       |

#### RECORD HIGH OPTIMISM FOR HOME FINANCING

## **59%** of consumers believe it is easy to get a mortgage.\*

Average FICO scores on closed loans have remained lower in recent years with a current average of **724.** 



Source: Ellie Mae



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\* Source: Fannie Mae National Housing Survey, June 2017

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### **PHOENIX MONTHS OF INVENTORY**

Think of Phoenix as a tale of different markets. The price range up to \$500,000 has a very tight supply of inventory and high buyer demand. In a seller's market like this, buyers need to move quickly and be competitive.

The range from \$500,000 to \$800,000 is more balanced between supply and demand.

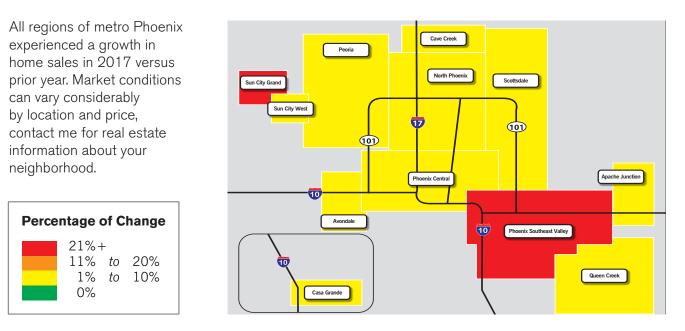
In the luxury market, above \$800,000, there is still a greater supply of homes for sale as compared to buyer needs. While luxury sales have increased, sellers should continue to price competitively to attract buyers.

PHOENIX MARKET CONDITIONS BY PRICE



|                   | YUMA                 |                     | CASA GRANDE          |                     | WHITE MOUNTAINS      |                     | FLAGSTAFF            |                     |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                   | 3 Month<br>Trend MOI | Market<br>Condition |
| \$1-299,999       | 6.0                  | Slightly Buyer      | 2.5                  | Seller              | 4.8                  | Slightly Seller     | 2.8                  | Seller              |
| \$300,000-499,999 | 14.3                 | Buyer               | 6.8                  | Slightly Buyer      | 6.3                  | Balanced            | 3.2                  | Seller              |
| \$500,000-799,999 | 67.0                 | Buyer               | 15.3                 | Buyer               | 11.2                 | Buyer               | 8.0                  | Buyer               |
| + \$800,000       | 17.0                 | Buyer               | n/a                  | n/a                 | 133.0                | Buyer               | 15.8                 | Buyer               |

## YEAR OVER YEAR CHANGE IN CLOSED HOME SALES





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Long Realty is a member of the largest global luxury real estate brand, Luxury Portfolio International, providing a unique opportunity to reach an international market of buyers.

As we look forward, the global market for luxury real estate is expected to pick up momentum – with **14%** of affluent consumers looking to buy and only **12%** looking to sell. This trend is expected to increase over the next three years when **25%** of global high net worth individuals expect to buy compared to only **17%** looking to sell.

#### **Global Intentions for Residential Luxury Real Estate**





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## **RECENT TAX CHANGES**

There are a number of tax changes in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that may affect homeowners and homebuyers. For a detailed list, visit <u>http://longre.biz/TheTaxCutsandJobsAct</u>. Some changes include:

- Doubling the standard deduction, and repeal of personal exemptions
- Mortgage interest deduction on new loans, up to \$750,000 loan limit
- Limit of \$10,000 on deductions for state and local taxes
- Continues existing law on exclusion of gain on sale of a principal residence

For homeowners that itemize their tax deductions, they can continue to benefit from real estate specific deductions including mortgage interest and property tax, within the limits as defined in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. There are many tax changes, and we recommend consulting a tax professional to learn more about your specific situation. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, below is the average impact to families and individuals in the U.S. of the tax changes in 2019, by income range. What other impact may the tax changes have, relative to real estate?

Deductions for property taxes, and state and local income taxes are now capped at \$10,000 per year. For homeowners that live in high property tax states, this new limit may increase their cost of homeownership and prompt some to consider moving to lower tax-base states, such as Arizona.

New corporate tax rate cuts may help strengthen businesses. In addition, builders may use some of their tax savings to reinvest in expanding new construction starts, catching up on a shortage of inventory to meet a growing housing demand.

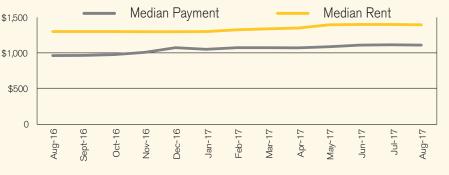
| Income Range        | Average Income | Average Tax Change |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Less than \$24,090  | \$14,600       | -\$100             |
| \$24,090-\$41,910   | \$32,900       | -\$350             |
| \$41,910-\$66,850   | \$53,400       | -\$650             |
| \$66,850-\$112,160  | \$86,400       | -\$1,040           |
| \$112,160-\$239,600 | \$155,700      | -\$1,680           |
| \$239,600-\$607,090 | \$356,800      | -\$7,270           |
| \$607,090 +         | \$2,023,900    | \$1,750            |

Source: itep.org/finalgop-trumpbill

### **CHEAPER TO OWN VS RENT**

The tax changes have also refocused consumers on the fundamental benefits of homeownership: building equity in owning real estate and the pride of homeownership. In many markets, like ours, rental rates have continued to increase and with mortgage rates still attractive, it is cheaper to own through financing than rent. Contact me for more information.

#### PHOENIX MONTHLY MEDIAN RENT VS MONTHLY MEDIAN PRINCIPAL & INTEREST PAYMENT\*



Source: Trulia



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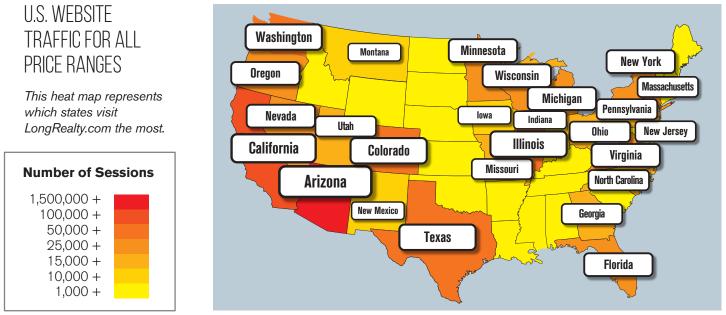
\* Monthly payments based on a 5% down payment on a median priced home.

Statistics based on information obtained from ARMLS, on 01/04/2018. Information is believed to be reliable, but not guaranteed.

# **COMMUNITY GROWTH AND ACCOLADES**

## WHERE ARE BUYERS COMING FROM?

Buyer interest in Arizona comes from across the country. California, the pacific northwest, upper Midwest, Texas, other southwest states and the northeast all show strong interest in Arizona real estate.



Source: Long Realty

## WHY ARE THEY COMING TO ARIZONA?

For more information on these and other 2017 Arizona accolades, visit www.longrealtyblog.com.





#### PHOENIX RANKED:



U.S. Market for INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING<sup>2</sup>

SCOTTSDALE RANKED:



#### BUSINESS ACCOLADES:

Casa Grande secured the Lucid Motorsports Manufacturing Facility<sup>5</sup>

Arizona's Mayo Clinic Campus ranks in **Top 20 Hospitals Nationwide**<sup>6</sup>

Arizona Ranks Among **Top** States for Job Growth Increase 2016-2017<sup>7</sup>



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Sources: 1. Bankrate 2. Colliers International 3. U.S. Census Bureau 4. WalletHub 5. AZ Big Media 6. U.S. News & World Report 7. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## **ROSEY'S MARKET INSIGHTS**



While the net impact of tax changes is yet to be determined, the underlying fundamentals of strength in real estate remain. A strong demand for housing, a shortage of listing inventory, attractive mortgage rates, a strong stock market, a growing pool of retiring baby boomers, and promising growth in local employment will bring the local housing market continued sales and pricing growth in 2018. In fact, the National Association of REALTORS® forecasts that Arizona housing will see a 5.6% increase in 2018. Coupled with baby boomer retirement, the number of Millennials purchasing homes will continue to grow, to an anticipated 43% of total home loans in 2018. These dynamics create a demographic "bookend" of real estate activity.

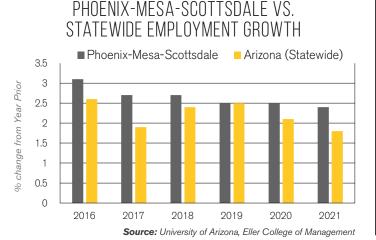
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## **BABY BOOMERS RETIRING**

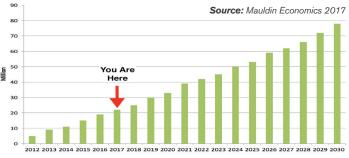
As the baby boomer generation ages, the number of baby boomers retiring continues to grow, which will spark further movement to fair weather locations like our area. Arizona continues to rank as one of the premier retirement destinations.

## **IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT**

Phoenix area job growth is projected to continue to outpace the statewide job growth. Job stability and growth will bolster consumer confidence, which in turn spurs large ticket purchases such as real estate.

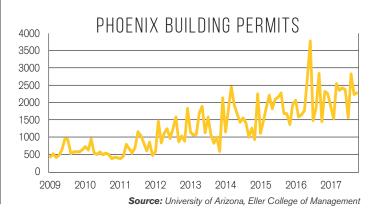


#### BABY BOOMERS OVER 65: 2012-2030(E) Source: Mauldin Economics 2017



## SHORTAGE OF LISTING INVENTORY

We remain in a seller's market due to low listing inventory and high demand. New construction activity in Phoenix has grown, however not enough to fill all the buyer needs. Thus we expect a continued shortage of inventory in 2018, and seller's market conditions, especially at lower price points.





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