# CONSUMER TRENDS: ARIZONA EDITION

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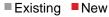
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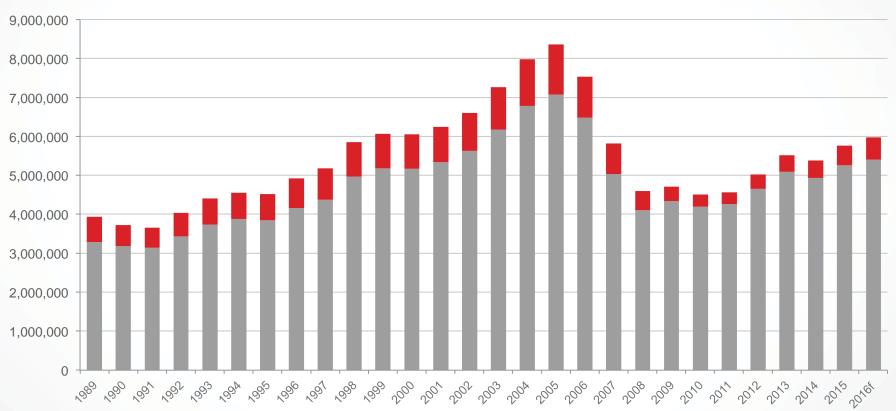
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# SALES ARE RETURNING TO NORMAL

Existing back to pre-boom levels, but new sales remain depressed

#### US Home Sales 1989-2016 forecast





Source: National Association of REALTORS® Existing Home Sales Report



#### **EXPLORING THE GROWTH IN SALES**

#### Existing home sales grew 6.5% in 2015

Leveraging monthly NAR® existing sales data and REALTOR® Confidence Survey data, we can see that not all types of sales increased:

First-time +12% Second Home -8%

Normal/Non-distress +10% Investor -10%

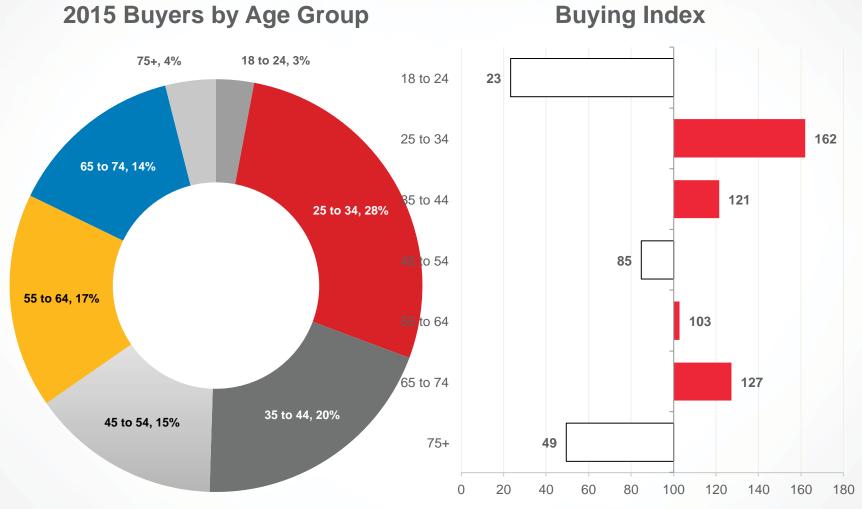
Relocation/Job Change +8% International Buyer -12%

Distressed Sales -19%



#### **VOLUME AND REPRESENTATION VARY**

#### Older Gen-X and Younger Boomers are MIA

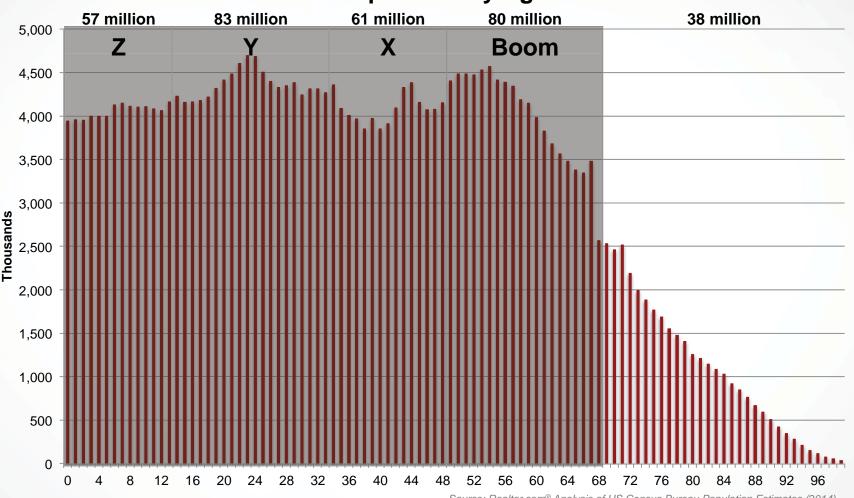




# **DEMOGRAPHICS SET THE TABLE**

When viewed by age, importance of Millennials becomes clearer

#### **US Population by Age**

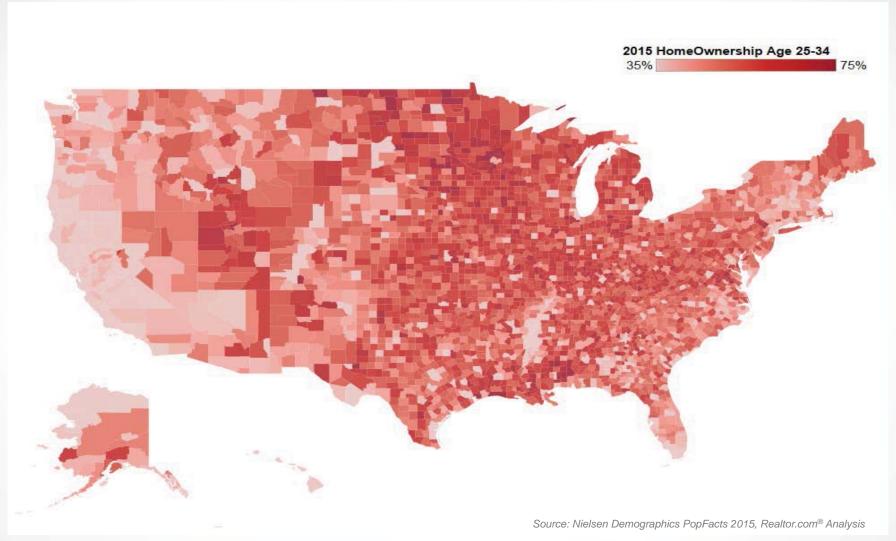






# MILLENNIAL OWNERSHIP VARIES

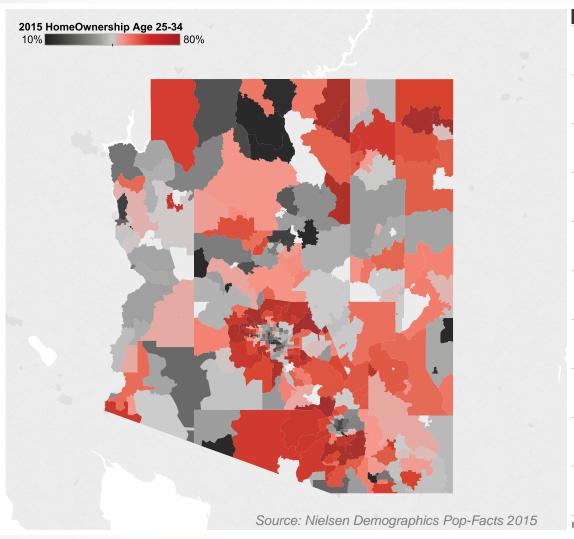
Strong correlation with affordable markets





# **MILLENNIAL OWNERSHIP**

#### 25-34 homeownership rate in Arizona is 42%



T	op 10 Zip	o Codes in Home Owner	ship	
1	86535	Dennehotso, AZ	93%	
2	85355	Waddell, AZ	90%	
3	85145	Red Rock, AZ	88%	
4	86507	Lukachukai, AZ	86%	
5	86044	Tonalea, AZ	86%	
6	85387	Surprise, AZ	85%	
7	85373	Sun City, AZ	85%	
8	85264	Fort McDowell, AZ	84%	
9	85298	Gilbert, AZ	82%	
10	85083	Phoenix, AZ	82%	
Includes Zips with a minimum of 80 HHs				

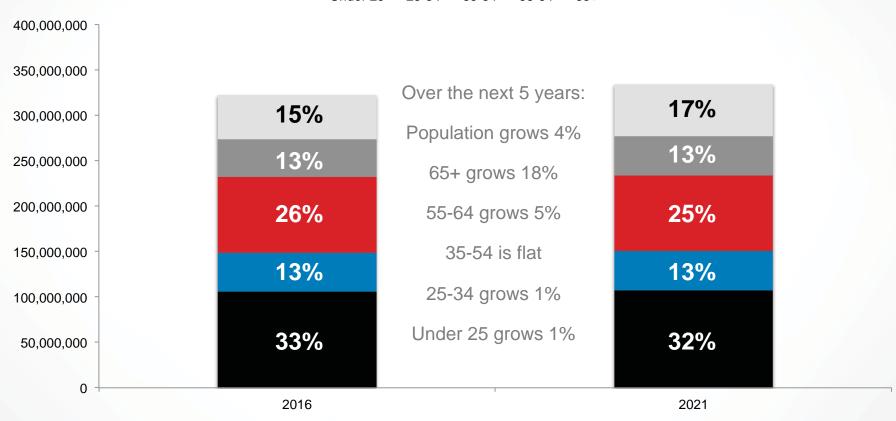


## **BOOMERS KEEP DISTURBING**

#### Boomer wave is causing a major population shift

#### Population by Age (US)

■Under 25 ■25-34 ■35-54 ■55-64 ■65+



Source: Nielsen Demographics Pop-Facts 2016

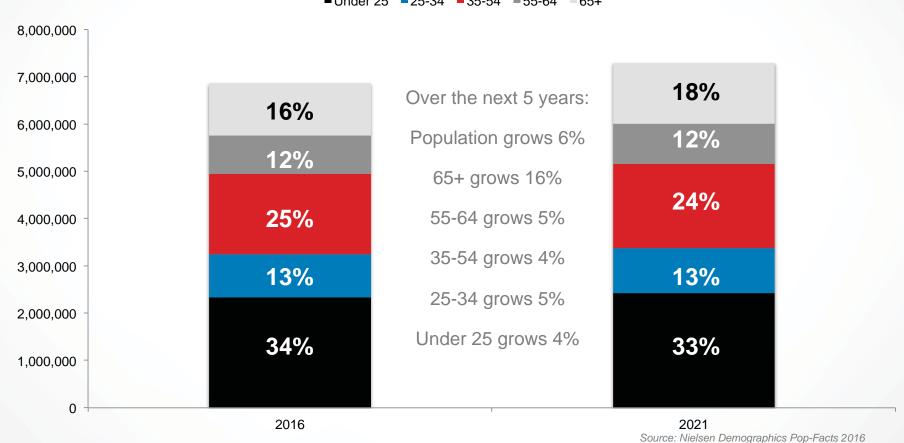


# **BOOMERS IMPACTING ARIZONA TOO**

#### But every age range has substantial growth

#### Population by Age (Arizona)

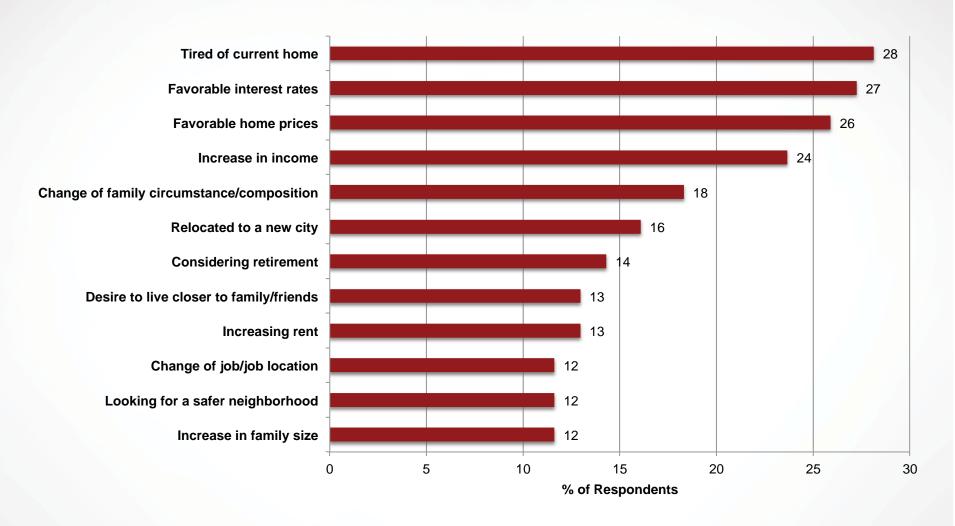
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#### **REASONS FOR PURCHASE VARY**

#### Clear patterns emerge from top 12 triggers for 2015 buyers

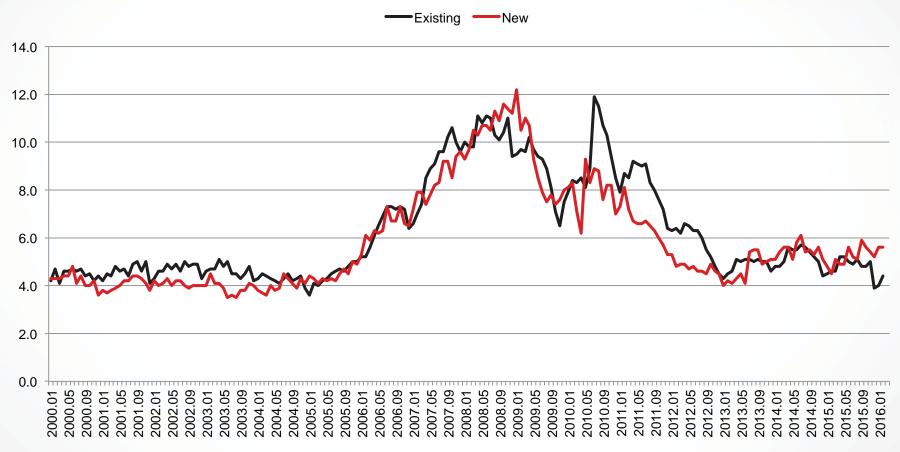




## **INVENTORY HAS BEEN A CONSTRAINT**

#### Demand continues to exceed supply

#### **Months' Supply of Homes for Sale**

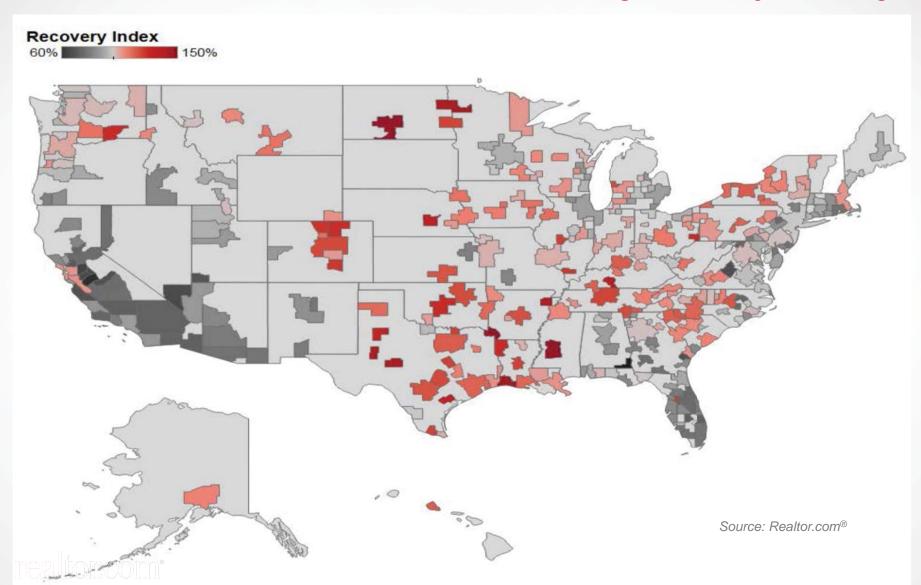






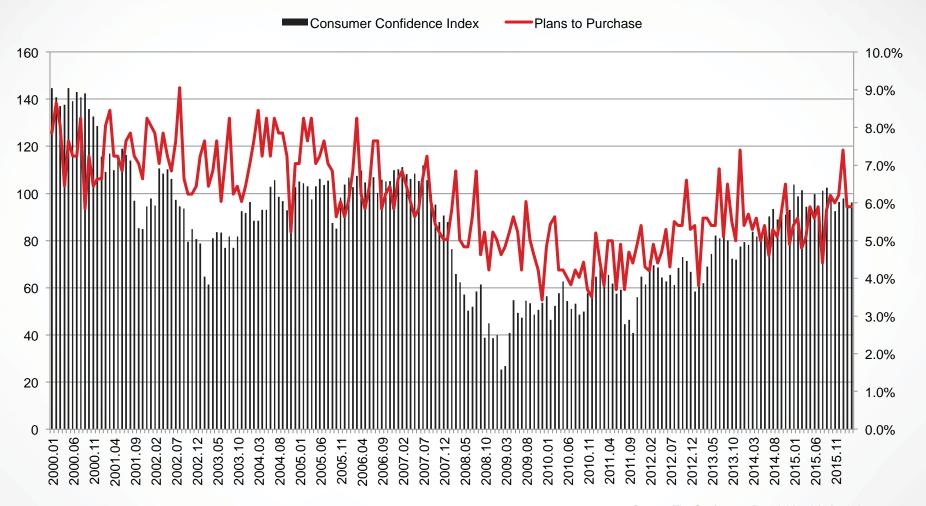
# **HOME PRICE RECOVERY VARIES**

Markets not recovered face the most existing inventory challenges



# **CONFIDENCE IS STRONG**

#### Plans to purchase a home in the next 6 months at 9-year highs



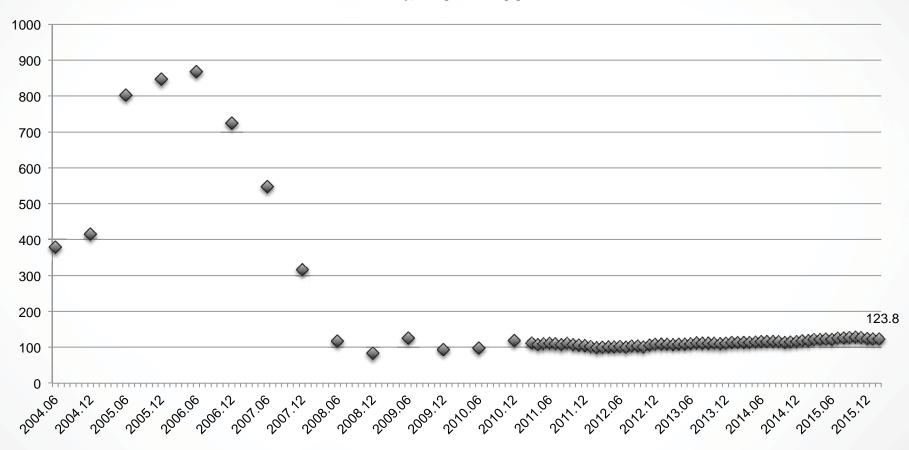


Source: The Conference Board, Moody's Analytics

#### **CREDIT ACCESS REMAINS TIGHT**

Mortgage access up only 4% year-over-year in February

# Mortgage Credit Availability Index Mar-2012=100

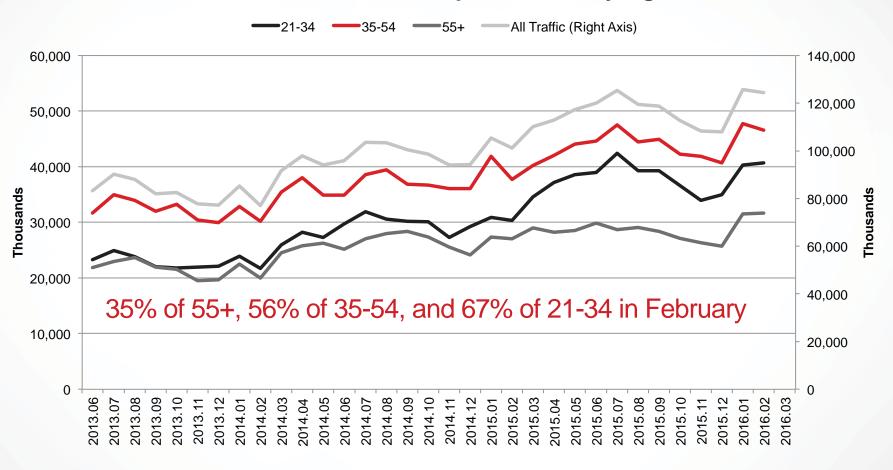




# STRONG START TO 2016 IN TRAFFIC

Traffic up in February 23%yy; 21-34 year olds up 34% yy

#### **Real Estate Web Unique Visitors by Age**

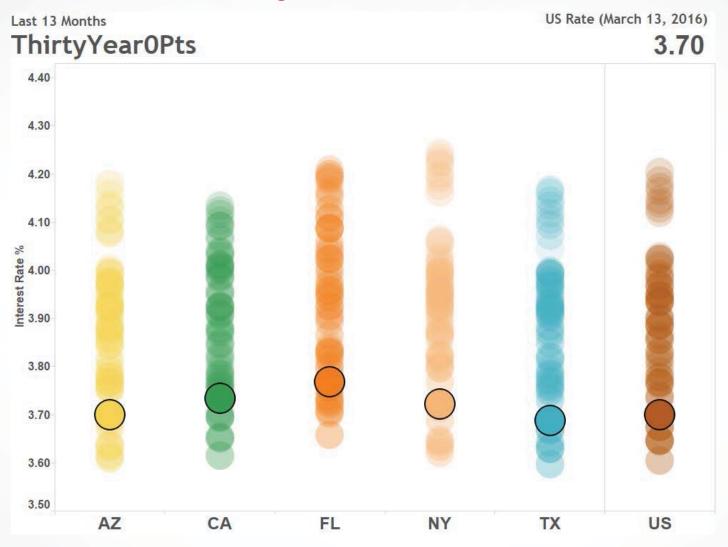




Source: Realtor.com® Analysis of comScore Media Metrix® Real Estate Category Unique Visitor Data

## **EVEN MORTGAGE RATES VARY**

30-Year-Fixed in AZ: High 4.18 (Jun'15) Low 3.61 (Feb '16)

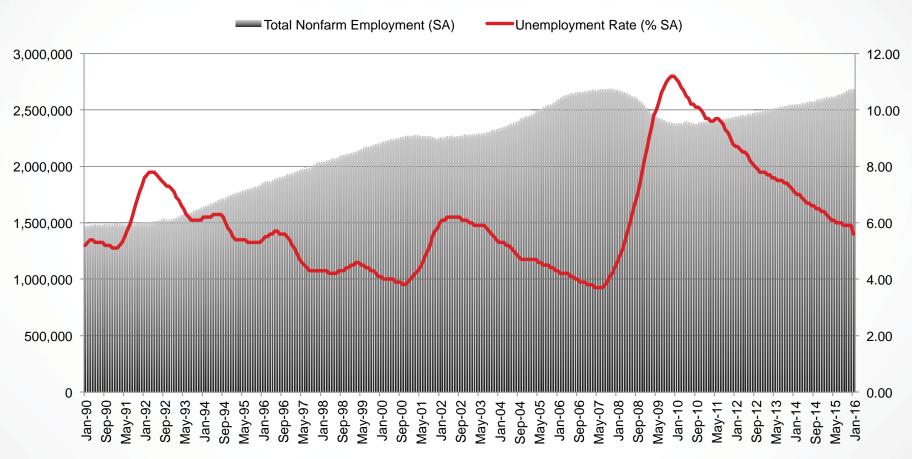




# <4,000 JOBS AWAY FROM RECOVERY

#### Unemployment down substantially

#### **Employment and Unemployment Rate in Arizona**

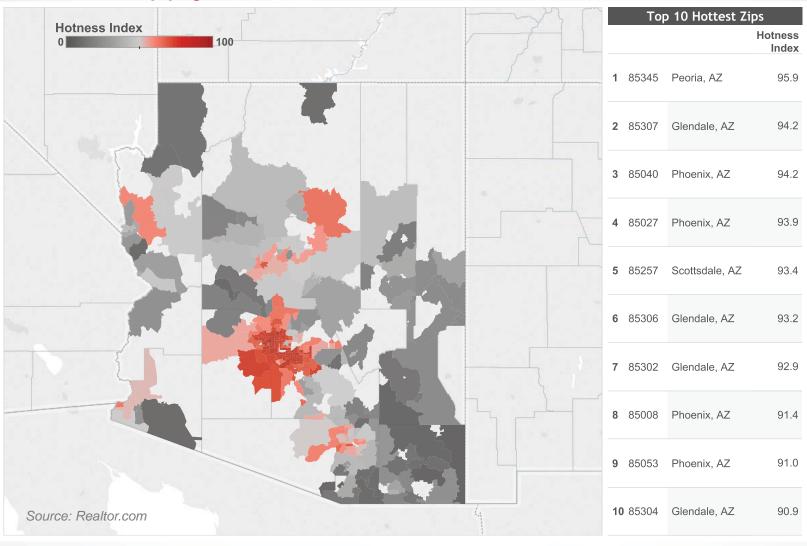






# **HOTTEST ZIPS IN ARIZONA Q4 2015**

#### Based on Supply and Demand



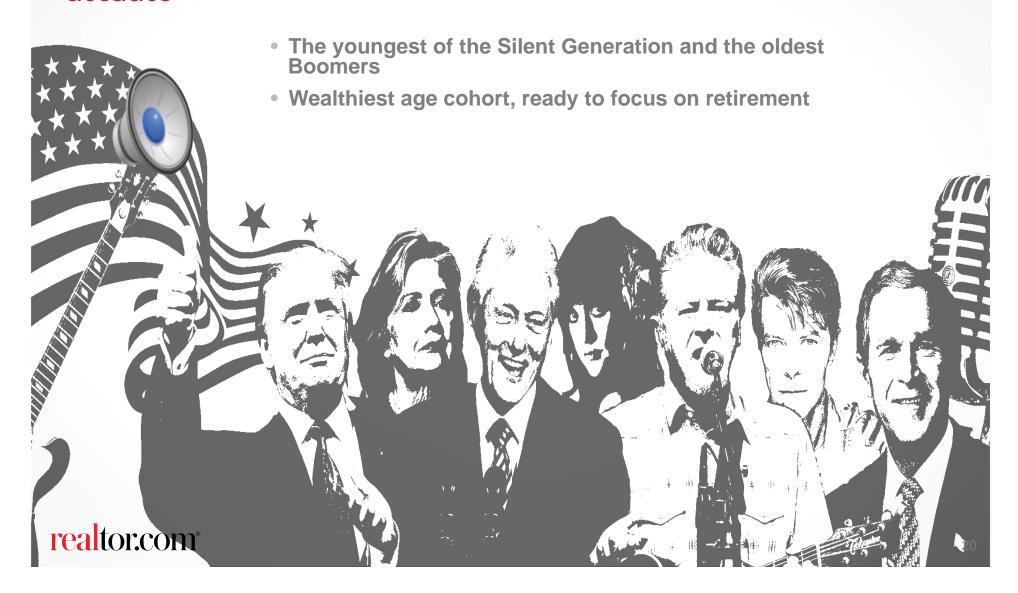


# CRYSTAL BALL



## **KEY SEGMENT: RETIREES**

Born 1942-1951, these wild things have rocked the world for decades



#### **KEY SEGMENT: RETIREES**

65 is the new 55, and housing is central to their plans



Why: Second Age Cohort Most Likely to Buy

Timing: Spring

Current Tenure: Own But Motivated to Downsize

Type: Mix, Active Adult

Preference: Newly Constructed Homes

Reason: Desires, Cost of Living

Focus: Ability to Customize

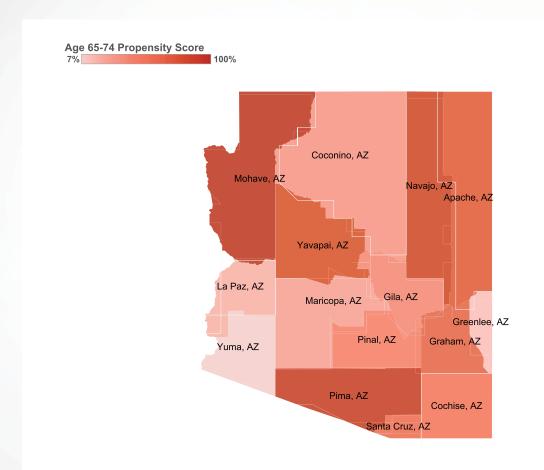
Trigger: Relocation and Retirement

Challenges: Selling Current Home; Inventory



# **RETIREE HOT SPOTS**

#### Where 65-74 year olds are looking at listings the most



Rank	County	State
1	Mohave	AZ
2	Pima	AZ
3	Navajo	AZ
4	Yavapai	AZ
5	Apache	AZ



### **KEY SEGMENT: YOUNGER GEN-X'ERS**

Born 1972-1981, music has been central to their experience



- Dwarfed by the generations before and after them, these Gen-X'ers are a force in part because they are entering their prime earning years
- They still love the suburbs



#### **KEY SEGMENT: YOUNGER GEN-X'ERS**

The hardest hit by the downturn see solid economic improvements



Why: Second Biggest Age Cohort of Buyers

Timing: Spring

Current Tenure: Own But Want to Trade Up

Type: Entry-Level to Move-Up

Preference: Existing Homes

Reason: Driven by Family Needs

Focus: Quality

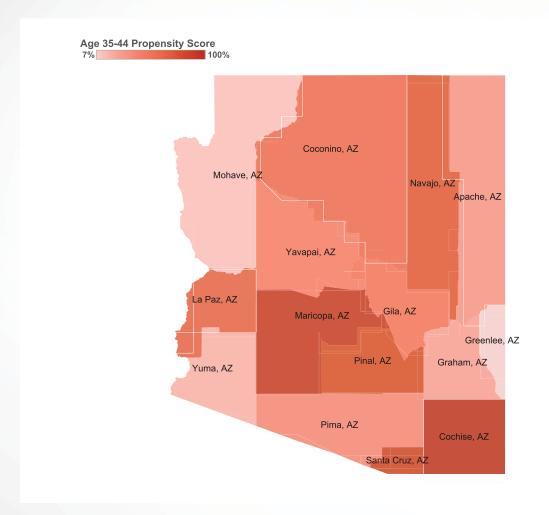
Trigger: Tired of Current Home; Increase in Income

Challenges: Selling Current Home, Inventory, Down Payment



# **GEN-X HOT SPOTS**

#### Where 35-44 year olds are looking at listings the most



Top 5 Counties for Age 35-44				
Rank	County	State		
1	Cochise	AZ		
2	Maricopa	AZ		
3	Santa Cruz	AZ		
4	Pinal	AZ		
5	Navajo	AZ		
Based on Q4 2015 realtor.com traffic data. Table shows top 20 counties in the top 50 largest metros.				



# **KEY SEGMENT: OLDER MILLENNIALS**



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Mainly first-time buyers are already showing their numbers



Why: Biggest Cohort of Buyers and Cohort Most Likely to Buy

Timing: Spring and Summer

**Current Tenure: Renting** 

Type: Entry-Level to Move-Up

Preference: Existing Homes

Reason: Driven by Family Needs

Focus: Safety, Quality

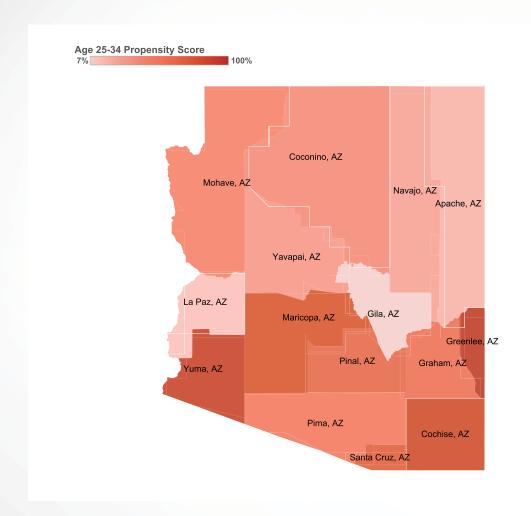
Trigger: Increase in Income

Challenges: Inventory, Time, Down Payment, Lease



# MILLENNIAL HOT SPOTS

#### Where 25-34 year olds are looking at listings the most

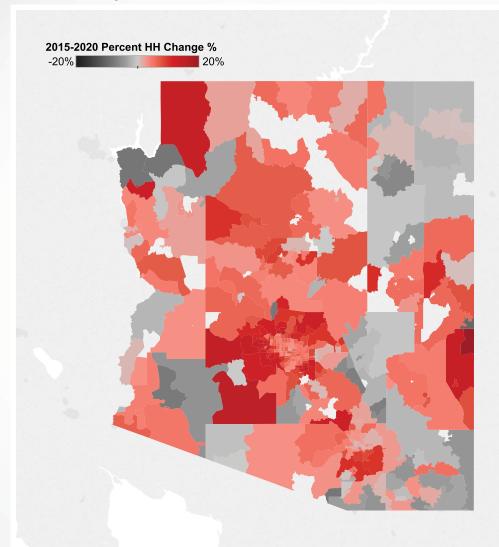


Top 5 Counties for Age 25-34				
Rank	County	State		
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2	Yuma	AZ		
3	Cochise	AZ		
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# **HOUSEHOLD GROWTH 2015-2020**

Half of zip codes in AZ should see 4%+ growth in the next 5 years



	Top 10	Fastest Growing	Zips
1	85297	Gilbert, AZ	16%
2	85337	Gila Bend, AZ	16%
3	85054	Phoenix, AZ	16%
4	85388	Surprise, AZ	15%
5	85298	Gilbert, AZ	15%
6	85085	Phoenix, AZ	15%
7	85354	Tonopah, AZ	15%
8	85396	Buckeye, AZ	14%
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Includes Zips with a minimum of 80 HHs

Source: Nielsen Demographics Pop-Facts 2015



# THIS IS MY KIND OF SPIN...

#### Courtesy of DJ Smokey Smoke

- 1. Rents are rising, it's cheaper to buy a home in 77% of the country, and real estate is viewed very positively, especially by young people—owning is cool again. Welcome to My House!
  - My House by Flo Rida
- 2. Planning to buy in 2016? Don't mess around. More than 85% of buyers who plan to purchase in 2016 are focused on the spring and summer.
  - Mess Around by Cage the Elephant
- 3. The world's pain is the real estate market's gain—rates have fallen and increased buying power. Whatcha gonna do with that dessert?
- Dessert by Dawin
- 4. We all benefit from the occasional Smoke break.
  - Smoke Break by Carrie Underwood





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