THE OUTLOOK FOR HOUSING IN 2015

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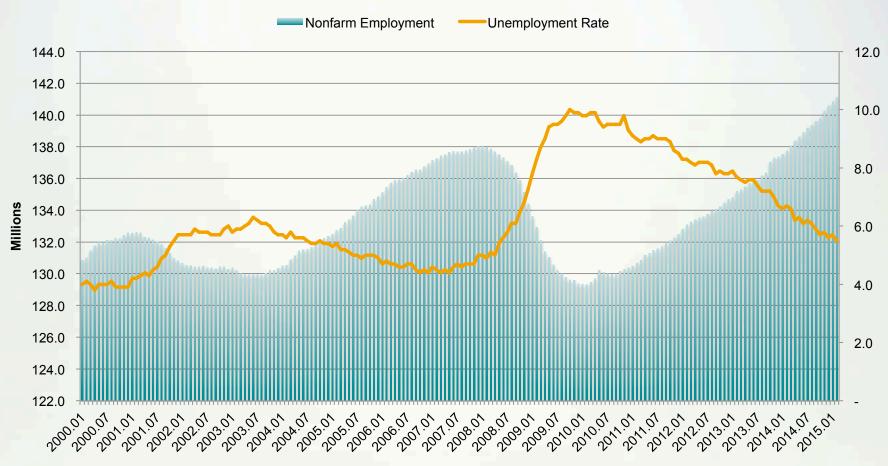
NATIONAL CONTEXT



JOB EXPANSION MODE

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT PEAK HAS BEEN SURPASSED

Employment and Unemployment



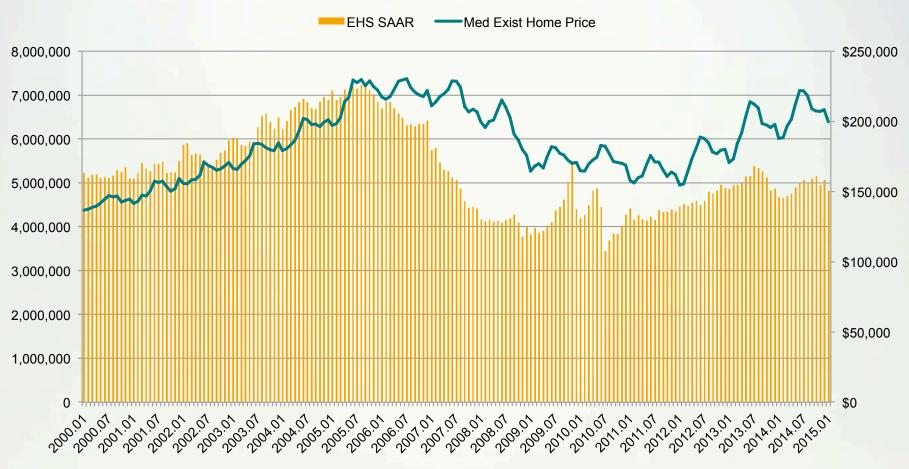
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



REAL ESTATE RECOVERY

PACE OF SALES SHOWED WEAKNESS IN JANUARY

Existing Home Sales and Prices



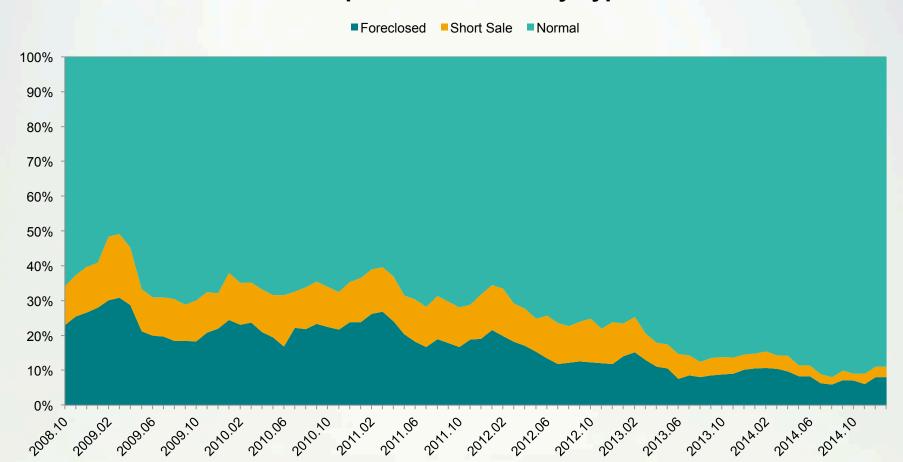
Source: National Association of REALTORS® Existing Home Sales Report



COMPOSITION RETURNING TO NORMAL

DISTRESS ACTIVITY DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY

Composition of Sales by Type



Source: National Association of REALTORS® Monthly Realtor Confidence Survey



INVENTORY IS A CONSTRAINT

DEMAND CONTINUES TO EXCEED SUPPLY

Months' Supply of Homes for Sales



Source: National Association of REALTORS®, Commerce Department

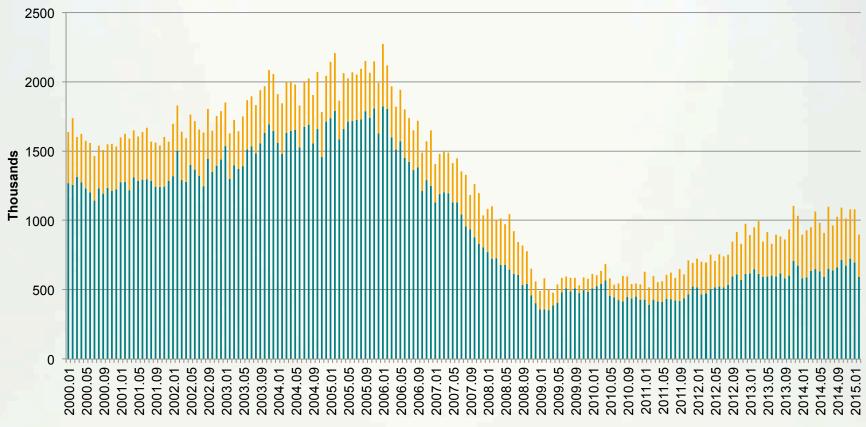


NEW CONSTRUCTION STALLED?

SINGLE FAMILY NOT GROWING SO FAR THIS YEAR

Residential Construction

Single-Family Starts Multi-Family Starts



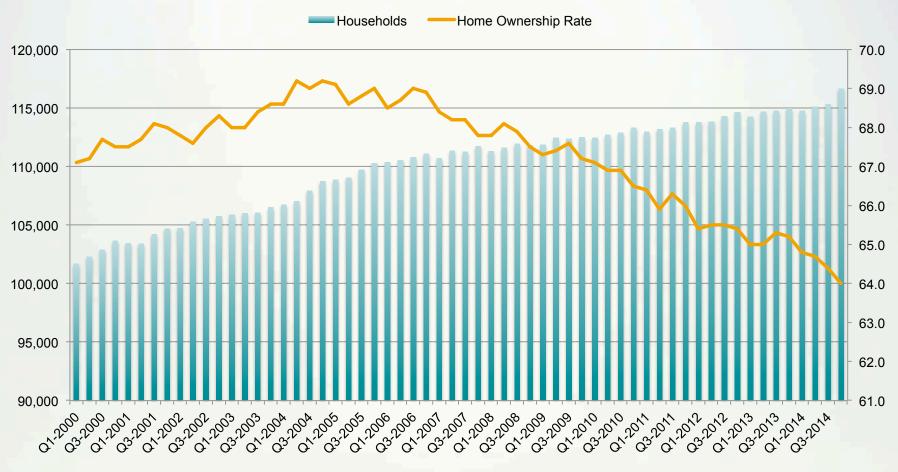
Source: Commerce Department



HOME OWNERSHIP STILL FALLING

HOUSEHOLDS GROWING AGAIN BUT WITH MORE RENTERS

Households and Home Ownership







INVENTORY IS TIGHT

AGE OF INVENTORY CONSISTENTLY LOWER Y/Y

Listings and Median Age of Inventory







ASKING PRICES AND RENTS UP Y/Y

UP AGAIN AFTER SLIGHT SEASONAL DROP AT END OF YEAR

National Home Price and Rent Trends

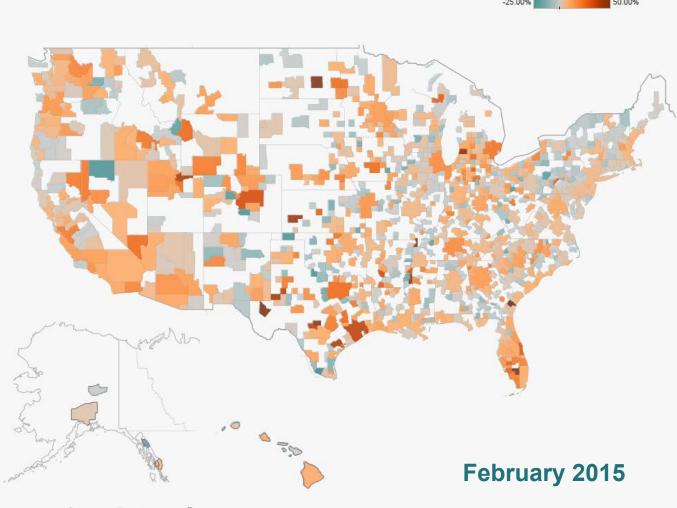




LISTING PRICES GREW 8.6% Y/Y IN FEB

Y/Y Change in Median Price

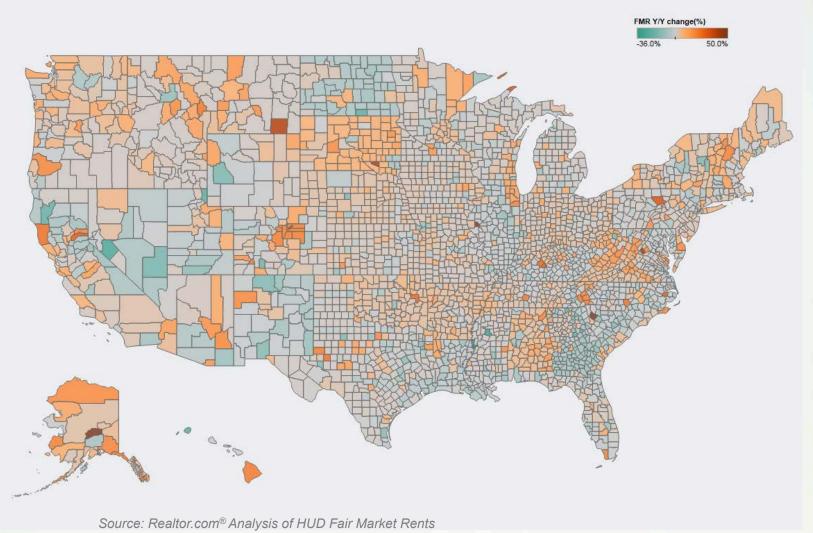
MEDIAN LIST PRICE INCREASES ARE WIDESPREAD





RENTS RISING Y/Y IN 2/3 OF COUNTIES

RENT INCREASES ADDING TO DEMAND FOR BUYING

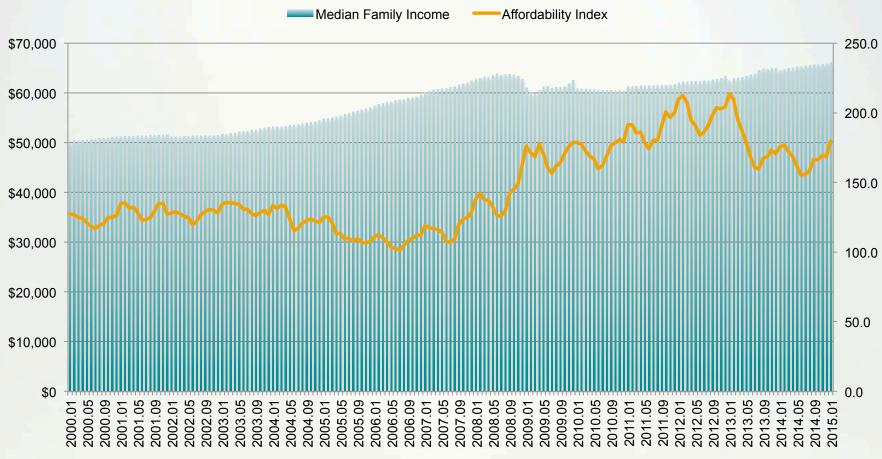




AFFORDABILITY REMAINS STRONG

INCOMES AND LOW RATES ENABLE PURCHASING POWER

Income and Affordability

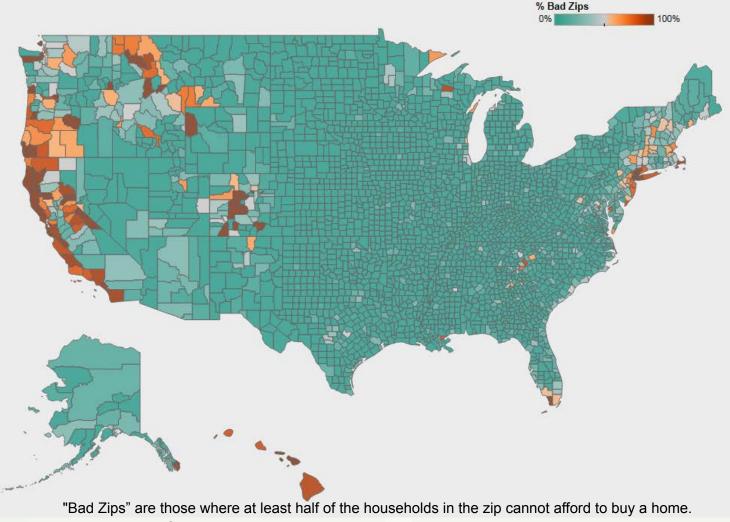


Source: Commerce Department and National Association of REALTORS®



BUT AFFORDABILITY VARIES GREATLY

16% OF ZIP CODES PRICED OUT OF RANGE OF MEDIAN HH

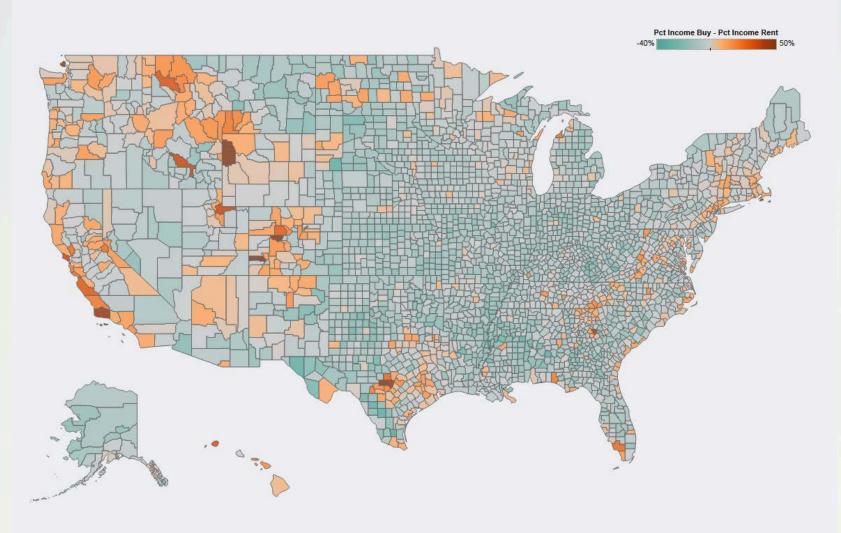


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CHEAPER TO BUY IN 4/5 OF COUNTIES

SIMPLE MONTHLY COST ANALYSIS FAVORS BUYING

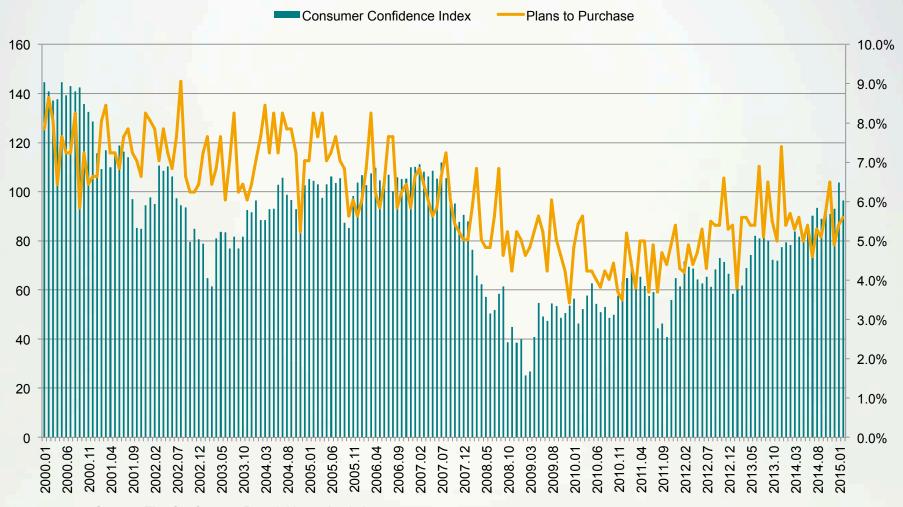


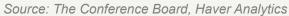
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RECOVERED CONFIDENCE

PURCHASE PLANS FINALLY MOVING UP IN JAN AND FEB





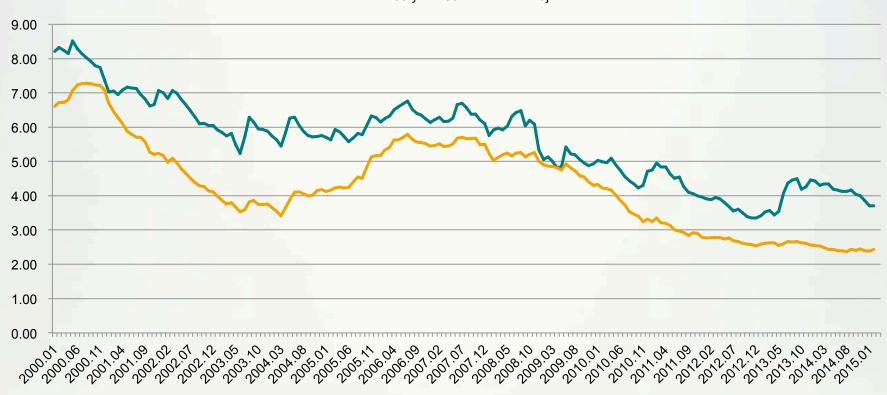


INCREDIBLE RATES REMAIN

LAST CALL FOR A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

Published Mortgage Rates

-30 yr Fixed -1 Yr Adj



Source: Freddie Mac



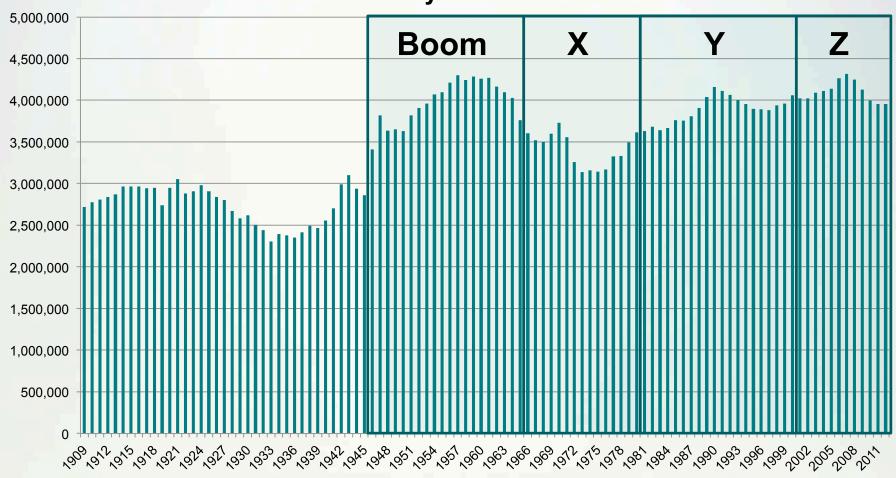
DEMAND DRIVERS



DEMOGRAPHICS SET THE TABLE

POPULATION AND ITS COMPOSITION DEFINE THE FUTURE

US Live Births by Year and Generation



Source: Realtor.com Analysis of US National Center for Health Statistics

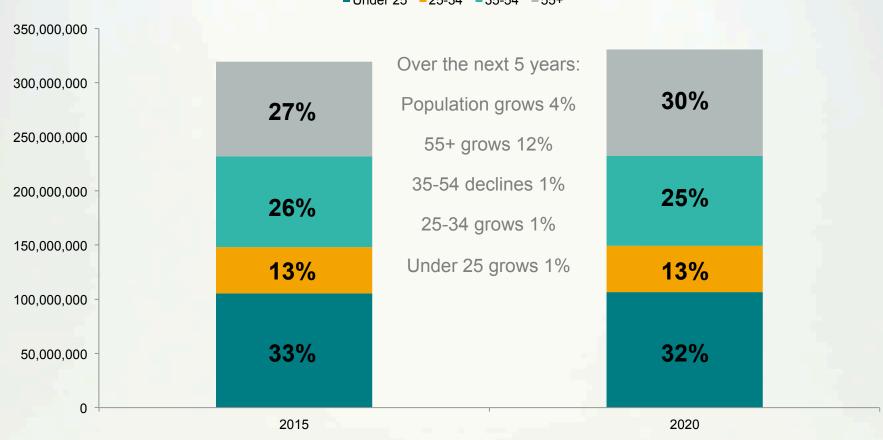


BOOMERS KEEP DISRUPTING

BOOMER WAVE IS CAUSING A MAJOR POPULATION SHIFT

Population by Age (United States)

■Under 25 ■25-34 ■35-54 ■55+

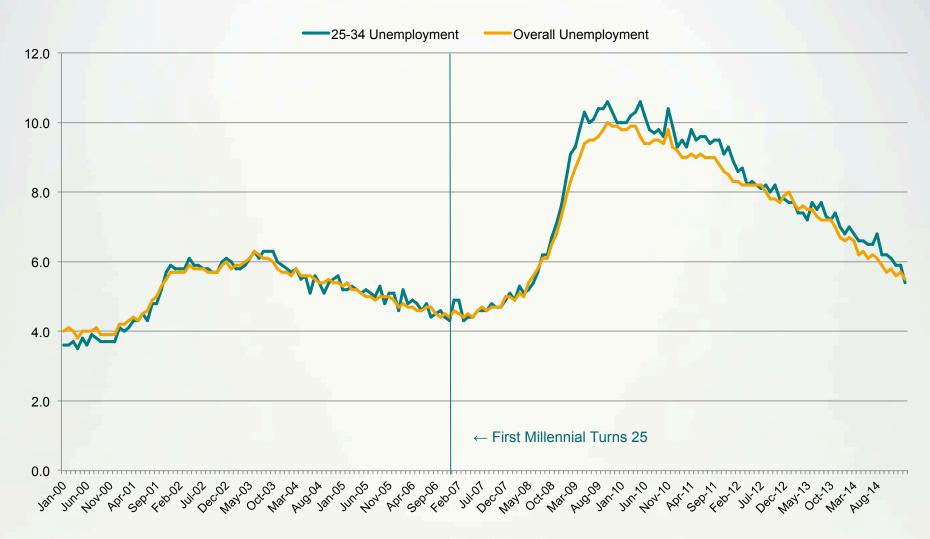


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EMPLOYMENT BEGETS OPPORTUNITY

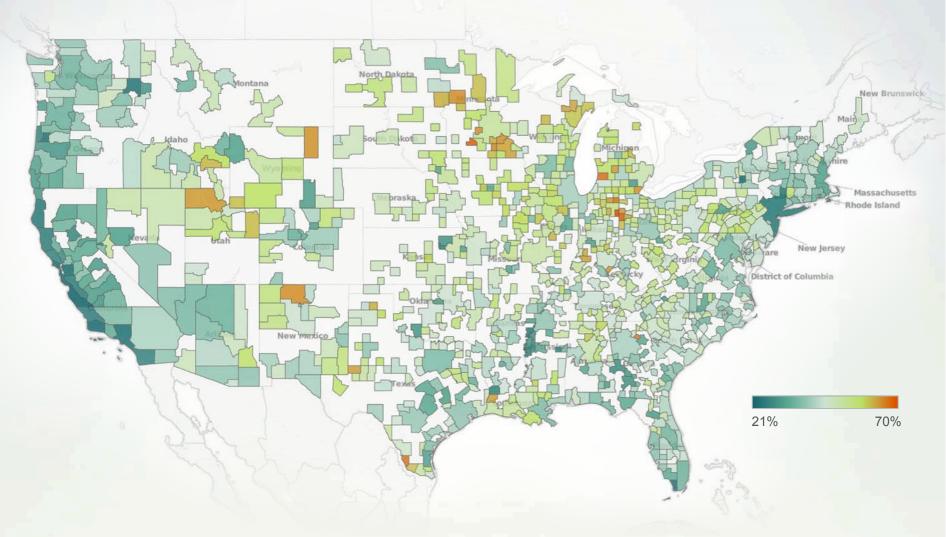
BEST YEAR FOR GROWTH IN 25-34 EMPLOYMENT SINCE '87





MILLENNIAL OWNERSHIP VARIES

STRONG CORRELATION WITH AFFORDABLE MARKETS

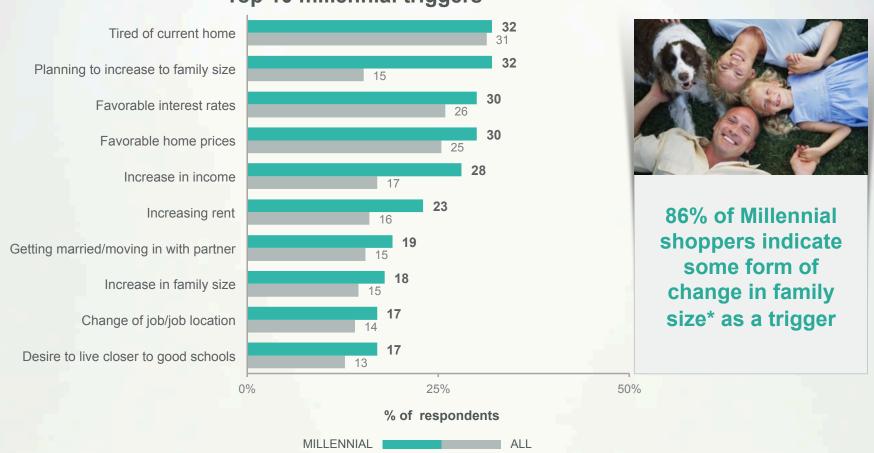




LIFE DRIVES HOUSING DEMAND

MILLENNIALS ARE BUILDING FAMILIES

Top 10 millennial triggers



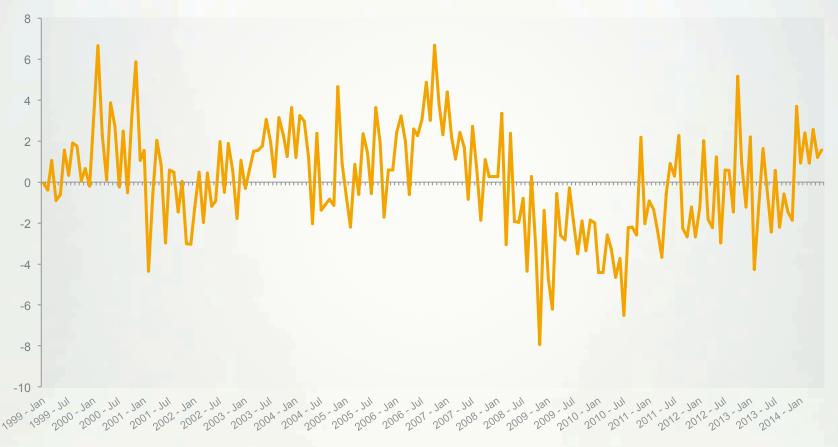
^{*}Change in Family Size includes: Change of family circumstances/composition, Increase in family size, Decrease in family size, Planning to increase family size, Upcoming decrease in family size, older parent moving into my home, getting married/moving in with partner.



BIRTH TREND CHANGING

BABY NEEDS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES & A ROOM OF HER OWN

Live births, % change year-over-year





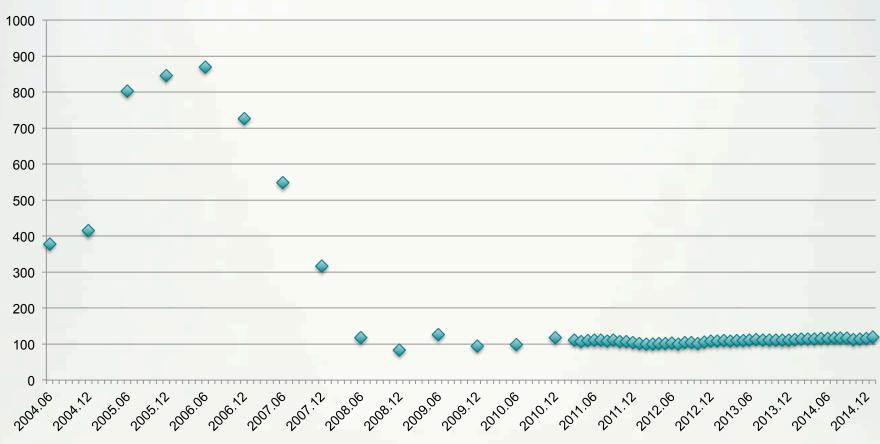
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ACCESS TO CREDIT REMAINS AN ISSUE

LIMITED IMPROVEMENTS IN MORTGAGE ACCESS SINCE 2012

Mortgage Credit Availability Index Mar-2012=100



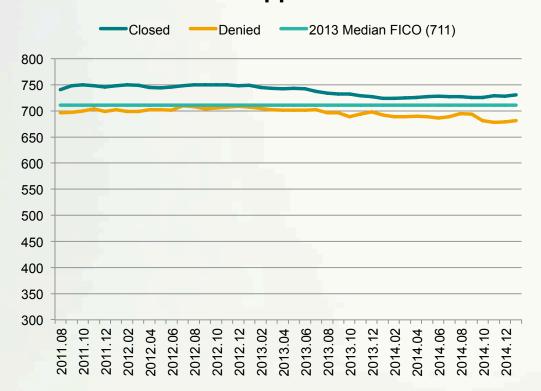
Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, Haver Analytics



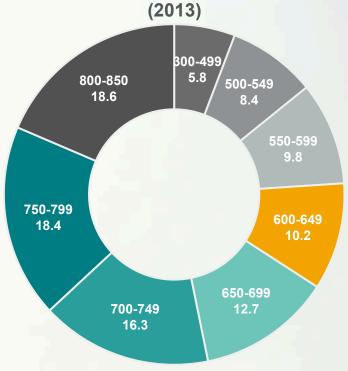
CREDIT ACCESS IS A PROBLEM

IN JANUARY THE AVERAGE FICO SCORE ON A CLOSED MORTGAGE LOAN WAS 731; THE AVERAGE DENIED SCORE WAS 681; 47% OF THE POPULATION IS BELOW 700

Average FICO Score by Closed and **Denied Applications**







Source: Ellie Mae and Fair Isaac Corporation



KEY FACTORS COMING TOGETHER

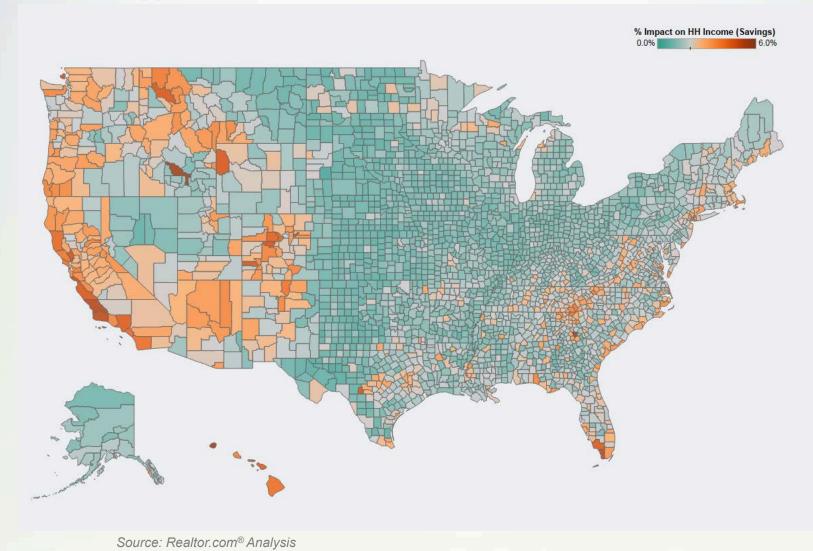
MORE DEMAND AND RECOVERY IN FIRST-TIME BUYERS

- More jobs
- Millennials reaching tipping point of key 25-34 year range
- More households
- More life events
- Mortgage rates at near-historical lows but will go up
- Qualification standards should loosen in a risk-appropriate way
- New conventional 3% down payment mortgages
- Lower FHA insurance premiums
- This is the perfect year to list



FHA PREMIUM CUT IMPACT

UP TO 6% SAVINGS IN SOME COUNTIES

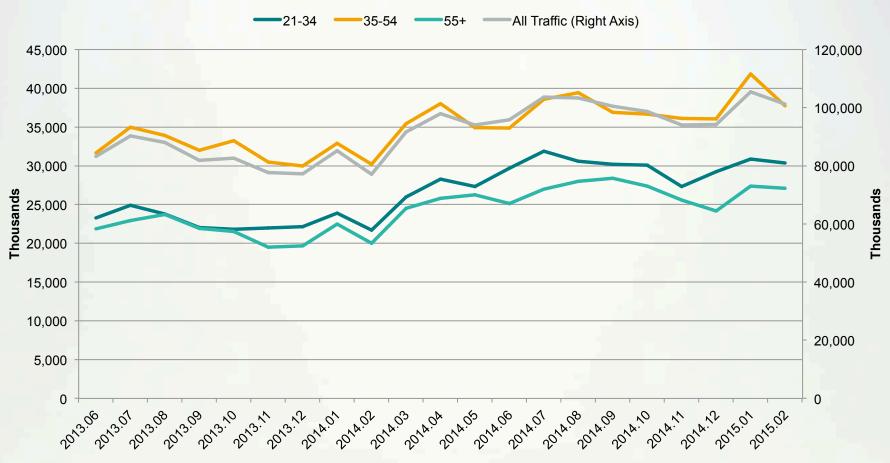




2015 OFF TO A STRONG START

TRAFFIC UP 31% OVER FEBRUARY 2015

Real Estate Web Unique Visitors by Age

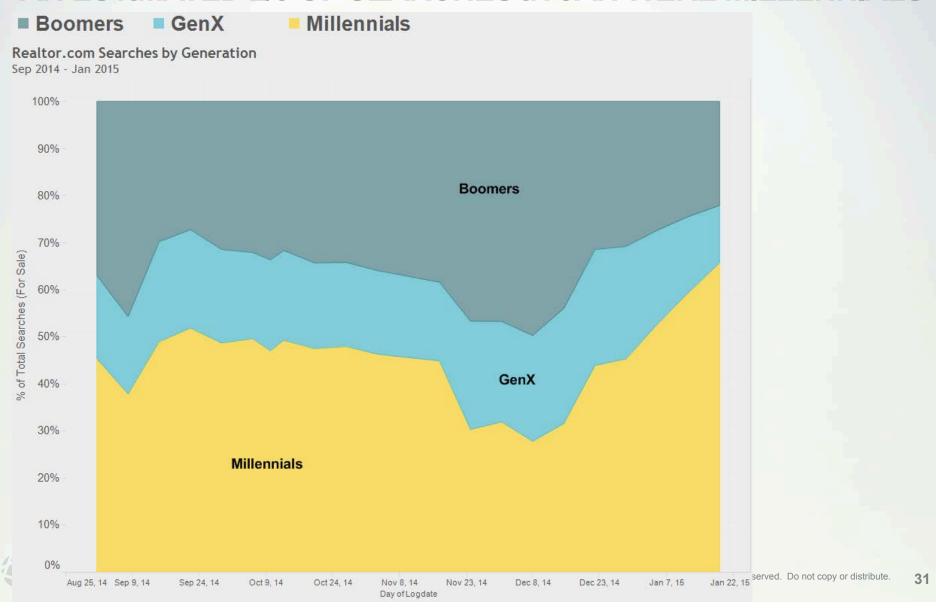


Source: Realtor.com Analysis of comScore Media Metrix® Real Estate Category Unique Visitor Data



MILLENNIALS ARE ESPECIALLY ACTIVE

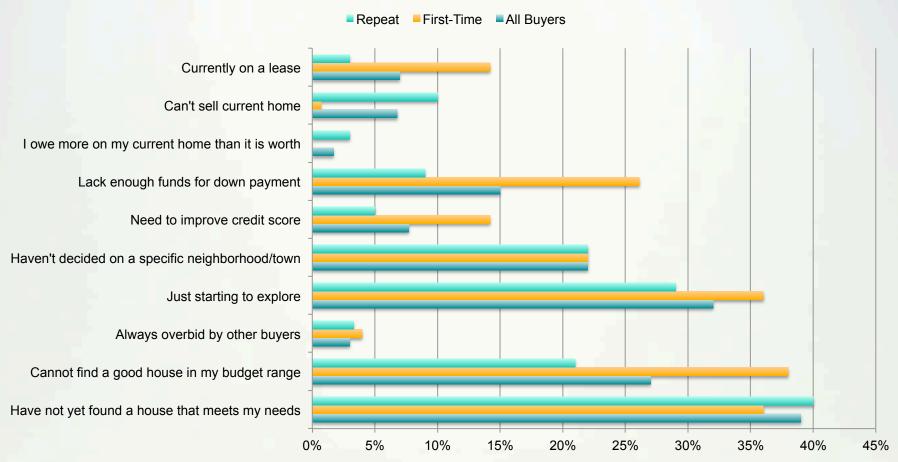
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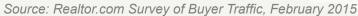


IMPEDIMENTS TO PURCHASE

BIGGEST ISSUES ARE SUPPLY, TIME, AND DOWN PAYMENT

What's Getting in the Way of Making a Home Purchase?







REMEMBER THESE THEMES

- 1. Mortgage rates and home prices are solidly on an upward trajectory
- 2. Affordability and impact of mortgage options will greatly influence demand
- 3. Behold the enormous impact of Millennials and Boomers and what that means for demand
- 4. The real estate market is returning to a normal rhythm—life drives demand but supply impacts the results

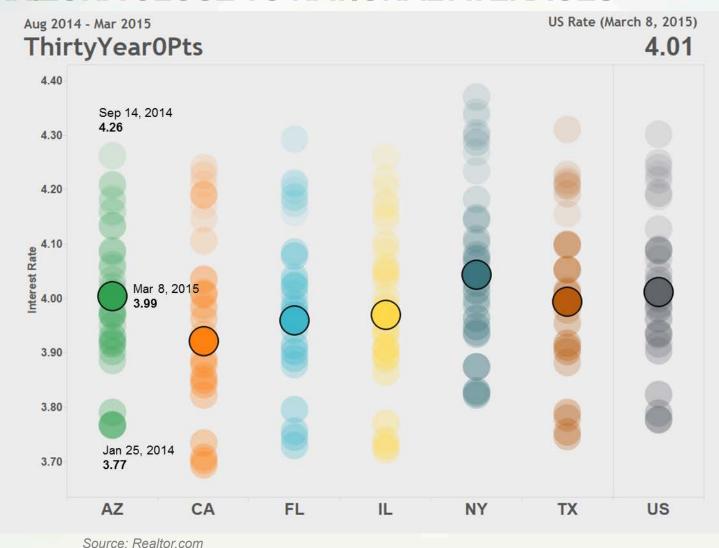


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EVEN MORTGAGE RATES VARY

ARIZONA CLOSE TO NATIONAL AVERAGES

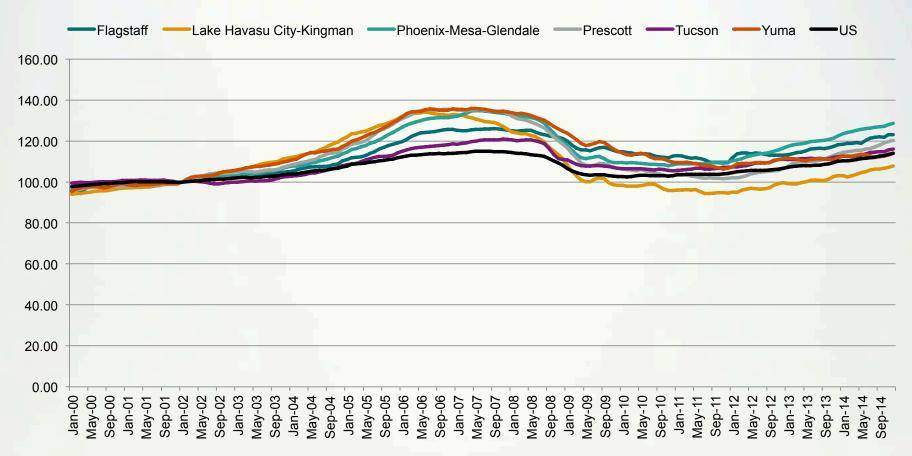




ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE VARIES

ALL MARKETS WITH SOLID UPWARD TREND

Business Cycle Index Jan-02=100

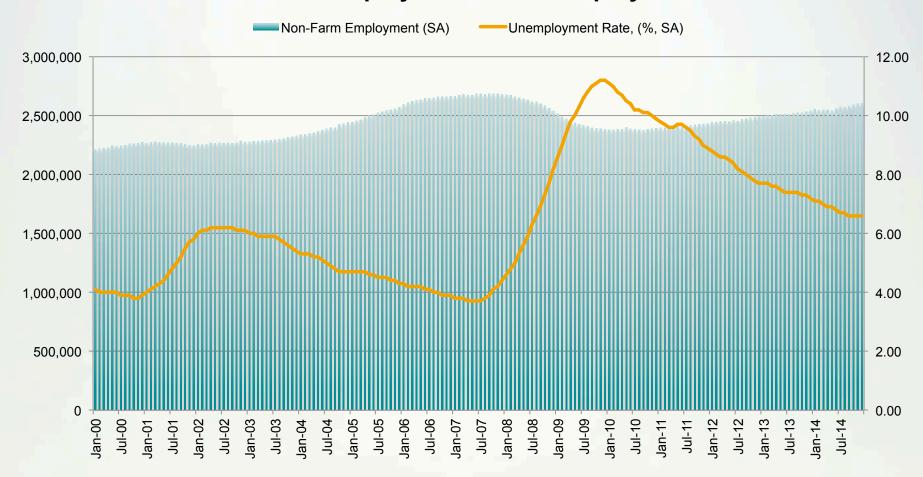




JOBS LOST NOT YET RECOVERED

EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO GROW

Arizona Employment and Unemployment





EXISTING PRICES NOT RECOVERED

NEW HOME PRICES SET NEW HIGHS

Arizona Median Home Prices

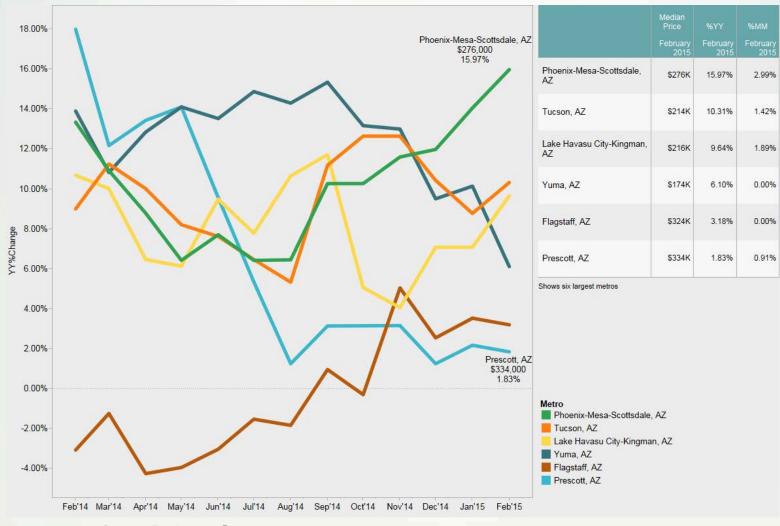


Source: National Association of REALTORS®, Census, Moody's Analytics



LIST PRICES ACCELERATING IN PHX

ALL MARKETS WITH PRICE APPRECIATION

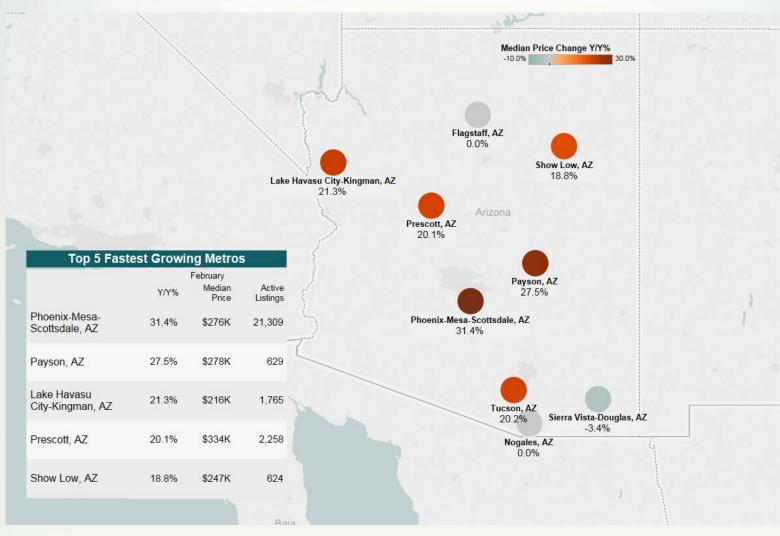


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WIDE Y/Y PRICE VARIATION IN FEB

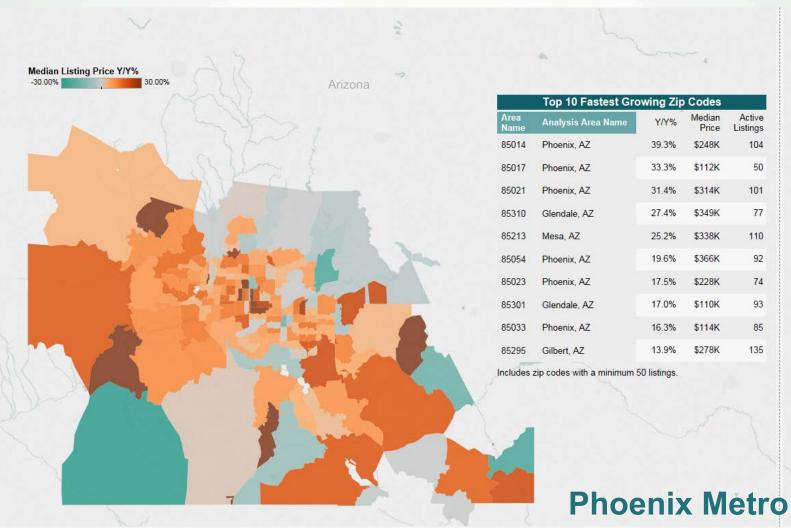
MOST METROS SEEING DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH





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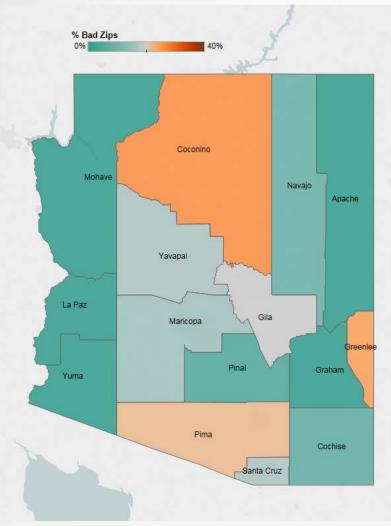
84% OF ZIPS SAW Y/Y PRICE INCREASES (FEB 2015)





AFFORDABILITY STRONG IN ARIZONA

ONLY 13% OF COUNTIES PRICED ABOVE MEDIAN HH



Top 5 Least Affordable Counties				
County	% Bad Zips	Bad Zips	Total Zips	
Coconino	27%	4	15	
Greenlee	25%	1	4	
Pima	22%	10	45	
Gila	20%	1	5	
Santa Cruz	17%	10	6	

Source: Realtor.com® Analysis of Nielsen Pop-Facts Demographics and Realtor.com Data



RENTS RISING YEAR-OVER-YEAR

RENTS UP Y/Y IN 11 OF 15 COUNTIES

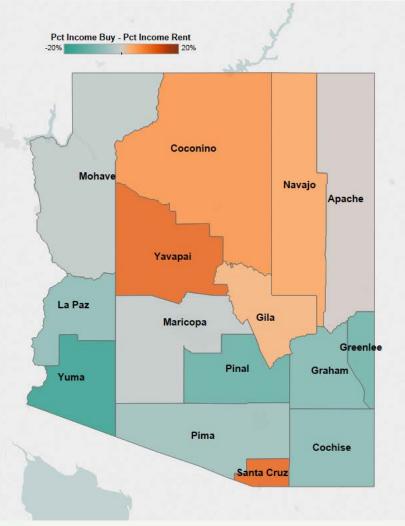


Fastest Growing Counties (FMR Y/Y)				
County Name	FMR Y/Y change(%)	3Bed FMR 2014	3Bed FMR 2013	
Graham, AZ	18.1%	\$1,124	\$952	
Gila, AZ	15.9%	\$1,210	\$1,044	
Santa Cruz, AZ	14.7%	\$962	\$839	
La Paz, AZ	13.4%	\$937	\$826	
Navajo, AZ	10.0%	\$1,025	\$932	

Source: Realtor.com® Analysis of HUD Fair Market Rents

CHEAPER TO BUY IN 2/3 OF COUNTIES

RELATIVE TO INCOME, MONTHLY COSTS FAVOR BUYING



Top 3 Cheaper to Buy				
County	Rent vs Buy	% of Income to Rent	% of Income to Buy	Difference
Yuma	BUY	38%	18%	-20%
Pinal	BUY	38%	25%	-13%
Greenlee	BUY	21%	10%	-12%

Top 3 Cheaper to Rent				
County	Rent vs Buy	% of Income to Rent	% of Income to Buy	Difference
Yavapai	RENT	34%	45%	11%
Santa Cruz	RENT	29%	40%	11%
Coconino	RENT	32%	39%	6%

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LISTINGS NOT GROWING

ONLY PRESCOTT IS SEEING Y/Y GROWTH

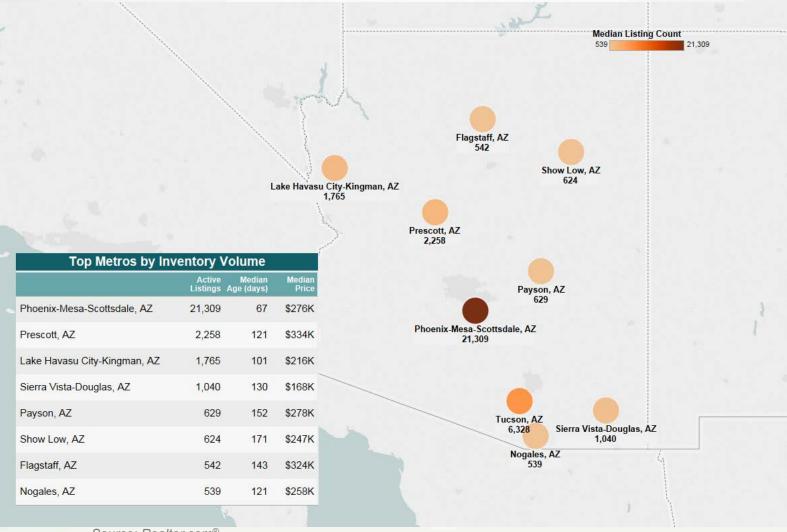






PHOENIX DOMINATES INVENTORY

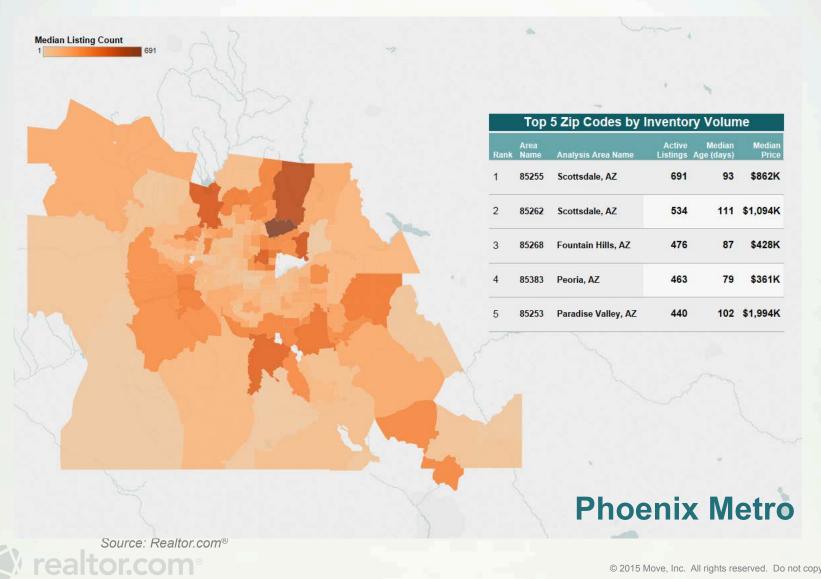
INVENTORY HEAT MAP BY LARGEST METROS





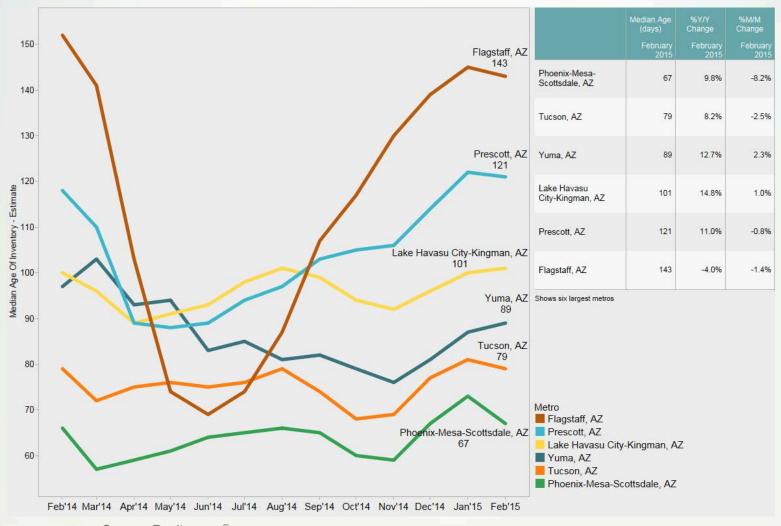
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HEAT MAP OF SINGLE FAMILY & CONDO LISTINGS (FEB '15)



AGE OF INVENTORY

AGE OF INVENTORY FELL IN FEBRUARY

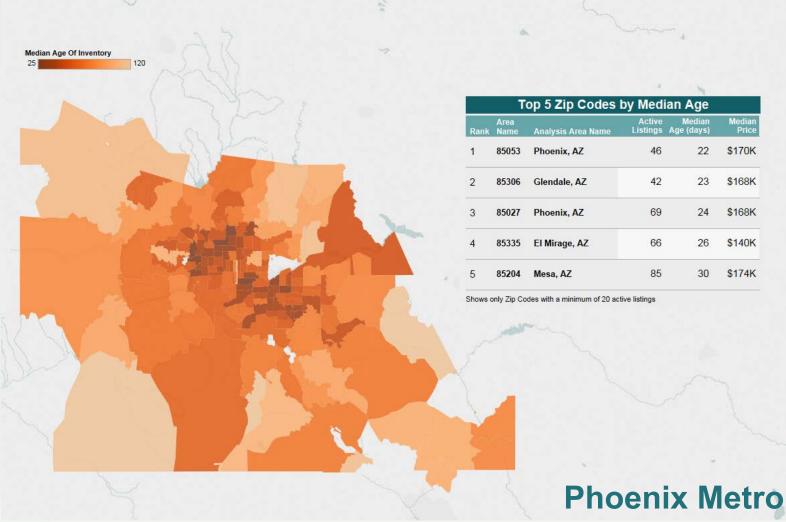






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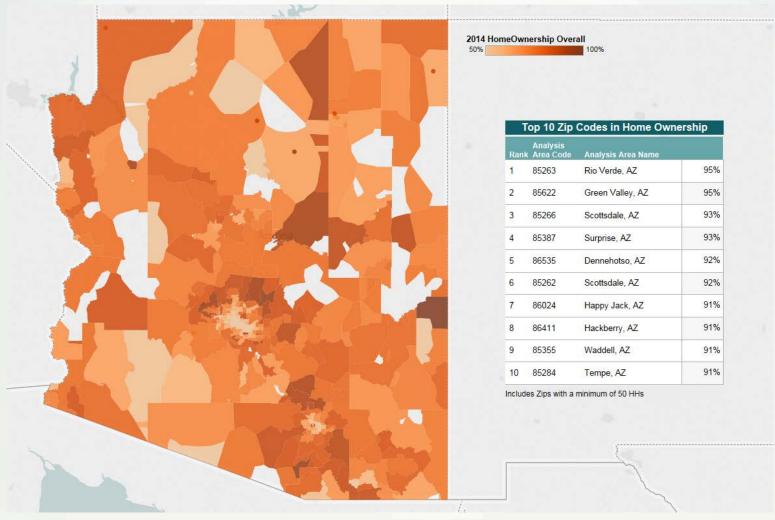
HEAT MAP OF MEDIAN AGE (67 DAYS FOR METRO FEB '15)





OWNERSHIP VARIES GREATLY

OWNERSHIP RATE DOUBLES OUTSIDE PHX URBAN CORE

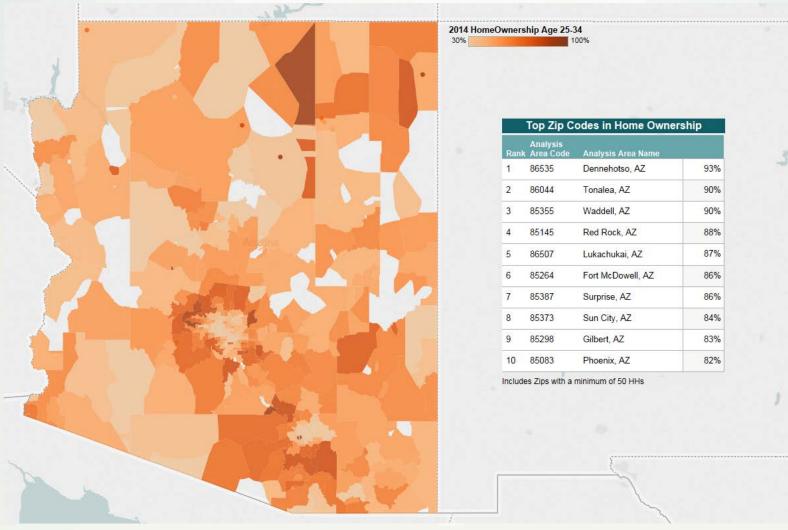






MILLENNIAL OWNERSHIP VARIES MORE

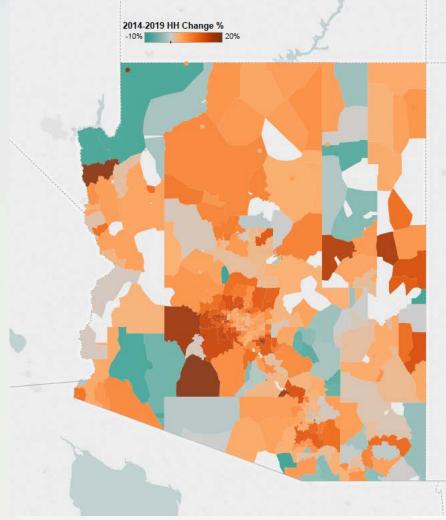
RATE IN 25-34 HH'S ALSO DOUBLES OUTSIDE URBAN CORE





FIVE YEAR HH GROWTH FORECAST

GROWTH HOT SPOTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE



Rank	Analysis Area Code	Analysis Area Name		
1	85337	Gila Bend, AZ	19%	
2	86441	Dolan Springs, AZ	19%	
3	86432	Littlefield, AZ	18%	
4	85297	Gilbert, AZ	17%	
5	85145	Red Rock, AZ	17%	
6	85354	Tonopah, AZ	17%	
7	85924	Concho, AZ	16%	
8	85123	Arizona City, AZ	16%	
9	85928	Heber, AZ	16%	
10	85388	Surprise, AZ	15%	

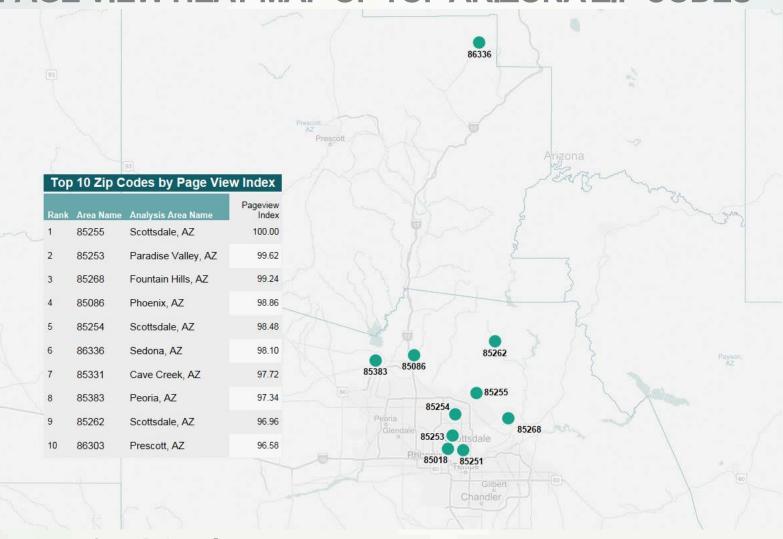
Includes Zips with a minimum of 50 HHs

Source: Nielsen Demographics Pop-Facts 2014



ARIZONA INTEREST BY ZIP

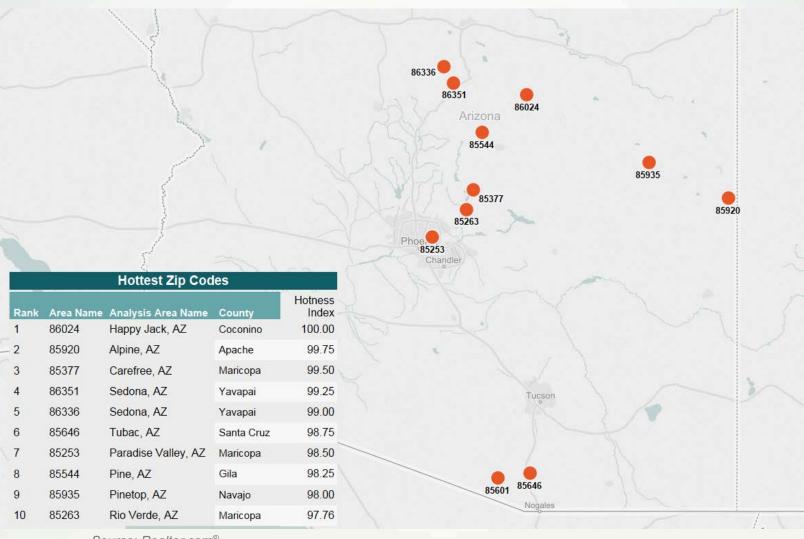
PAGE VIEW HEAT MAP OF TOP ARIZONA ZIP CODES





ARIZONA ZIP "HOTNESS"

ADJUSTING INTEREST BY HOUSEHOLD COUNT

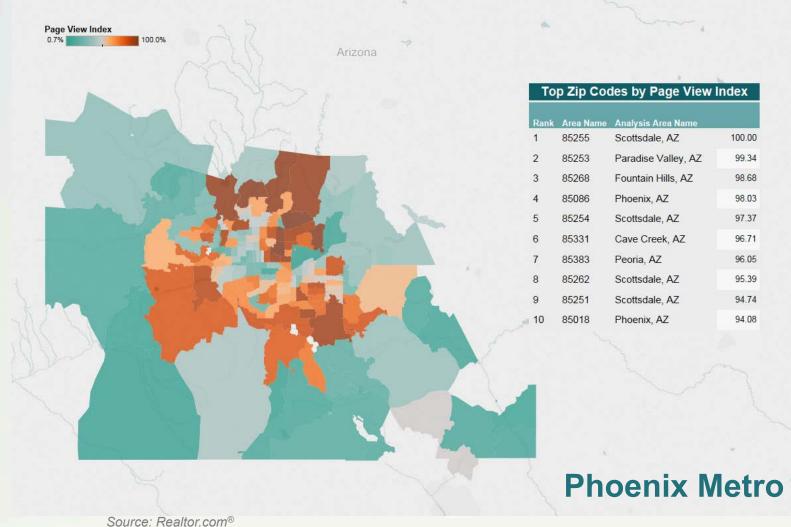


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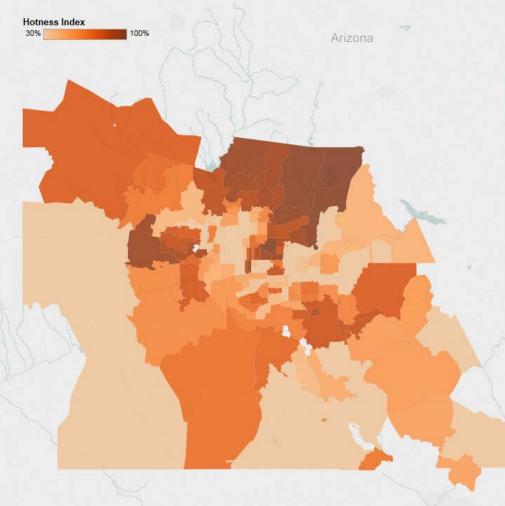
PAGE VIEW HEAT MAP (2014) OF TOP PHOENIX ZIP CODES





PHOENIX HOT ZIPS

WHERE INTEREST OUTPACES SIZE



Hottest Zip Codes				
Rank	Area Name	Analysis Area Name	Hotness Index	
1	85377	Carefree, AZ	100.00	
2	85253	Paradise Valley, AZ	99.34	
3	85263	Rio Verde, AZ	98.68	
4	85262	Scottsdale, AZ	98.03	
5	85268	Fountain Hills, AZ	97.37	
6	85004	Phoenix, AZ	96.71	
7	85012	Phoenix, AZ	96.05	
8	85255	Scottsdale, AZ	95.39	
9	85003	Phoenix, AZ	94.74	
10	85087	New River, AZ	94.08	

Phoenix Metro

Source: Realtor.com®

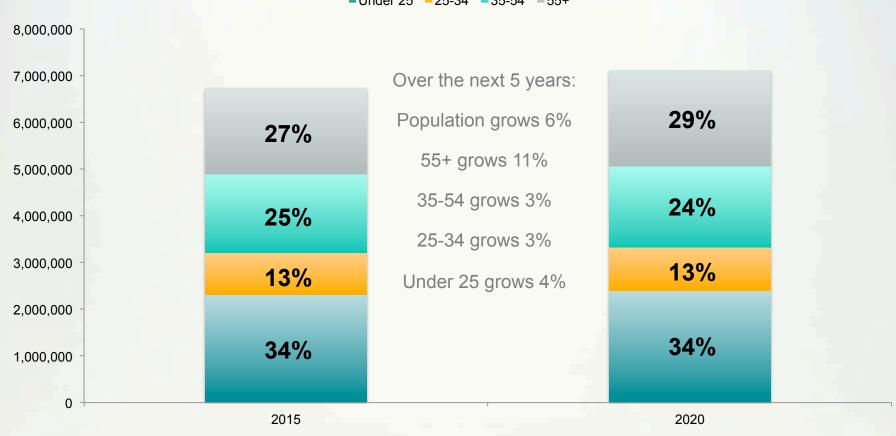


OLDER SHIFT IN ARIZONA AS WELL

BUT EVERY AGE COHORT IS STILL GROWING

Population by Age (Arizona)

■Under 25 ■25-34 ■35-54 ■55+



Source: Nielsen Demographics Pop-Facts 2015



GROWTH SHOULD NOT BE A SURPRISE

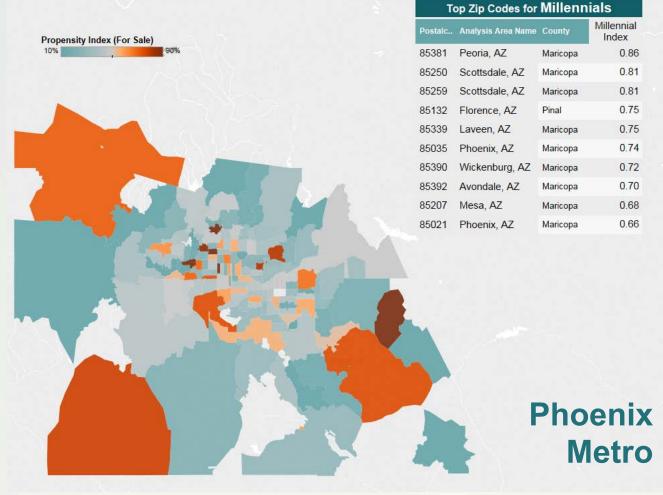
MOST SEARCHED "HOW MUCH DOES [X] COST?" BY STATE





MILLENNIAL PROPENSITY

MILLENNIAL VIEWS RELATIVE TO ALL TRAFFIC

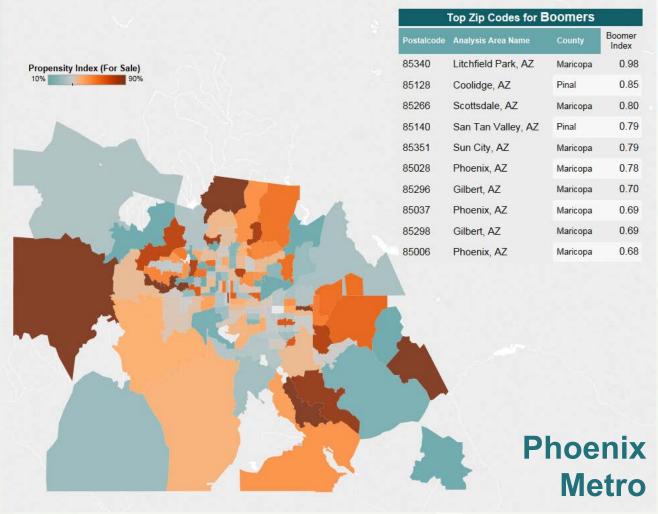






BOOMER PROPENSITY

BOOMER VIEWS RELATIVE TO ALL TRAFFIC







REALTOR.COM 2015 FORECAST

KEY ECONOMIC AND HOUSING METRICS

- GDP grows 2.9%
- Payroll growth of 3 million jobs
- 1.2 million household formations
- Home prices appreciate 4.9% on median existing home price
- Existing home sales grow 8% to 5.32 million
- New home sales grow 24% to 540,000
- Housing starts increase 17% to 1.21 million
- 30-year fixed rate ends year at 4.88%
- Affordability declines 7%



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