# Downtown Phoenix Overview

Downtown Phoenix is where history meets innovation, showcasing Phoenix's historic town site, its recent revitalization and continued resurgence. Between 2005 to the present, the broader 1.7 square mile redevelopment area has been infused with more than \$5.8 billion in investment in the areas of transportation, office, residential, education and research, technology, arts, culture, sports, restaurants/nightlife and hospitality.

#### RETAIL

Currently, Downtown has over 800,000 SF of retail space including 200,000 SF at CityScape. The retail market of Downtown Phoenix contains a diverse mix of local boutiques, restaurants, bars, lounges and retail stores. One major retail project is currently under construction; the building of Fry's Grocery Store at First St. and Washington and the renovation of the iconic Arizona Center just

#### **OFFICE**

Downtown Phoenix is the historical financial and civic center of Arizona and is quickly becoming the epicenter for innovation and company growth. There are more than 9 million square feet of private office space in the Downtown core, with another 1.3 million square feet under construction. Downtown office buildings offer tenants the unique opportunity of placing signage atop the towers which is visible from the I-10 and I-17 freeways, the Sky Harbor Airport flight path and during major sporting events. Downtown also offers unique space in older structures and warehouse buildings. Demand for Downtown office space continues as employers look to take advantage of the light-rail system and provide their employees with an amenity-rich, walkable and collaborative working environment. New projects set to deliver in 2019 include 200,000 square feet of open-concept space in the Warehouse District, a new high-rise tower at Block 23, 300,000 square feet in the Roosevelt Row neighborhood, and the refurbishment of the former Maricopa County Jail into usable office space

# **EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

Downtown has risen over the past 10 years into a strong center for innovation, biomedical collaboration and education. All three major, public Arizona universities maintain a Downtown campus with more construction planned.

# Major Downtown Education/Research Building Development:

ASU opened its Downtown Campus in 2006 with the College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation, the University College, the College of Public Programs, School of Criminology and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism. The Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law relocated to Downtown to the new ASU Center for Law & Society in Annual Sports Venue Attendance: 3,000,000 • Theater seats: 12,421 • 2016 2016. Currently, 12,200 students attend class at the ASU Downtown Campus with 15,000 students projected by 2020.

Recent growth continues with 2018 relocation of the world-renowned ASU Thunderbird School of Global Management to downtown. ASU, in partnership with Wexford Science and Technology, will build an additional 1.5 million square feet of biomedical space over the next several years. The first 225,000 square feet is currently under construction. The 28 acre Phoenix Biomedical Campus, devoted to biomedical research facilities and the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Phoenix, has grown to 1.6 million square feet. The College of Medicine opened a Phoenix Campus in 2007. The Health Sciences Education Building was completed in 2012 and joins the Arizona Biomedical Collaborative 1 (ABC1) and the nationally recognized International Genomics Consortium and Translational Genomics Research Institute (IGC/TGEN). Construction was completed on the University of Arizona Cancer Center at 7th Street & Fillmore in 2015. The 245,000 sq ft, 10-story Biosciences Partnership building opened in 2017. The latest addition on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus is a 225,000 sq ft project developed n partnership with Wexford Science and Technology. The building recently broke ground on the corner of 5th and Garfield streets and will feature research and lab space as well as activated ground-floor retail.



# **RETAIL**

800,000 SF of retail • 55,000 sq ft grocery store opening 2019 • 107 net new bars and restaurants/bars opened since 2008. Over 200 restaurants/bars are located in downtown

# **OFFICE**

Downtown Core Office Vacancy Rate: 10.5% (2nd Quarter 2019) Existing Office Space: 9,123,242 sq ft • Over 600,000 sq ft of office space leased to tech companies from 2016-YTD.

#### **EDUCATION & RESEARCH**

Students currently at ASU Downtown Campus: 12,200 - ASU Student Housing beds: 1,284 • Students at Bioscience High School: 400 • Students at University of Arizona-Phoenix: College of Medicine: 328 - College of Pharmacy: 24 -Graduate Business School: 110 - Northern Arizona University total students on campus: 259

# **ARTS, CULTURE & SPORTS**

Theater attendance: 1.1 Million • Total yearly visitors to Downtown Phoenix 6,000,000 • 14 live music venues in Downtown

## **HOSPITALITY**

880,000 SF of space in Phoenix Convention Center • 3,847 hotel rooms and 100,000 sq ft of meeting space • 527 rooms under construction/ predevelopment

#### TRANSPORTATION, ACCESS & PARKING

Freeway access in all directions, hub of current & future transit system • 10 minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport • Over 31,000 parking spaces located a short walk from any Downtown building • 3.1 million Downtown METRO Light Rail onboardings in 2017 8 miles lightrail additional track to be completed by 2023 • 26 Downtown Gridbike stations

# **RESIDENTIAL UNITS**

Total units built since 2000: 7,088 Under Construction: 2,280

Predevelopment/RFP: 3,052

### **ARTS, CULTURE & SPORTS**

Downtown Phoenix is the entertainment destination for millions of visitors every year. The Arizona Diamondbacks and Phoenix Suns call Downtown home along with the Phoenix Mercury and the Arizona Rattlers. The Orpheum Theater, Comerica Theater, the Herberger Theater and Symphony Hall host a variety of cultural events throughout the year. Renowned museums like the Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum and the Arizona Science Center are also located in Downtown. First Friday, an arts and culture celebration, draws thousands of visitors every month.

#### HOSPITALITY

Downtown's 880,000 SF Phoenix Convention Center ranks among the top convention centers in the country with over 950,000 yearly visitors to Convention Center buildings, Symphony Hall and the Orpheum Theater. Phoenix's Downtown hosted the NFL Experience for Super Bowl XLIX in 2015, the College Football Champion Playoff Campus in 2016 and the Final Four Fan Fest in 2017.

#### Notable hotel additions between 2008-2018 include:

2008: Sheraton Hotel—1000 rooms

2011: Westin Hotel in Freeport McMoRan Tower—242 rooms

2012: Hotel Palomar - 242 rooms 2016: Hilton Garden Inn - 170 rooms 2016: FOUND:RE-105 rooms

2017: Residence Inn and Courtyard Marriott—320 rooms

2018: Hampton Inn-210 rooms

#### TRANSPORTATION, ACCESS & PARKING

Downtown Phoenix is the hub of the rapidly growing regional transit system that includes local bus and rapid transit service. Over 26 routes serve Downtown, more than any other destination in Greater Phoenix. METRO Light Rail Service began in December 2008 and has far exceeded all ridership projections. Downtown stations reported 3,091,805 total average boardings in 2017. Southward and Westward expansion of the system will conclude construction in 2023.

## DISTRICT COOLING

Northwind Phoenix owned by NRG Energy is a centralized cooling network that originates at chillers located at several places Downtown. The cooling loop transfers chilled water to buildings that subscribe to the service, resulting in increased cooling efficiencies and lower front end costs to developers.

## RESIDENTIAL

Residential development has exploded Downtown giving Phoenicians an opportunity to experience the only true urban setting in the state. The past two years have seen a marked increase in residential completions, with no signs of slowdown. The Downtown market features a mix of

high-rise luxury, mid-rise, townhomes and historic single family neighborhoods. 2,280 units are currently under construction and/or finishing with an additional 3,052 units in predevelopment/rfps.

2017 Pure Fillmore (224 apartments)

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2017 Luhrs City Center (Marriott/Residence Inn, 320 rooms)

**Recently Completed Residential Development** 

Containers on Grand (8 apartments)

Coronado Commons (20 townhomes)

Capitol 11 & 12 Place (292 apartments)

Linear and Illuminate (215 apartments)

EnHance Park (49 condominiums)

Union @ Roosevelt (80 apartments)

Portland on the Park (149 condominiums)

Broadstone Arts District (280 apartments)

Proxy 333 (118 apartments)

Residences at CityScape (224 luxury apartments)

Third Avenue Townhomes (10 for sale townhomes)

2017 ArtHaus (25 townhomes) 2017 The Muse (367 apartments)

The Oscar (12 units)

2018 McKinley Row (18 units) 2018 Broadstone Roosevelt (316 units)

2019 Circa on Central (227 units)

2019 The Stewart (307 residential units)

# **Recently Completed Commercial Development**

2008 ASU Taylor Place Student Housing and Cronkite School

2008 Phoenix Convention Center Phase II & III (North Building)

2008 **METRO Light Rail** 

2008 Sheraton Downtown Phoenix (1,000 rooms)

2009 ASU School of Nursing Phase II 2010 CityScape office tower and retail

2010 Freeport McMoRan Tower, Westin Hotel (242 rooms)

2012 Maricopa County Court Tower

2012 Health Science Education Building 2012 Hotel Palomar by Kimpton (242 rooms)

2013 YMCA/ASU Student Rec Center

2015 **UA Cancer Center** 

2016 Monroe Hilton Garden Inn (170)

2016 ASU Arizona Center for Law and Society

2017 Galvanize Data Science Center and Co-Working

2017 The Found:Re (105 rooms) 2017 Biosciences Partnership Building

2017 The Van Buren Concert Venue

2017 Luhrs Marriott Courtyard/Residence Inn (320 rooms)

2018 Hampton Inn (210 rooms)

2018 The Churchill (19 shipping container market-place)

2018 Remodel of The Arizona Center

#### **Residential and Commercial Under Construction**

2019 Portrait on the Park (325 residential units)

2019 Block 23 (330 residential units)

2019 The Link Phase 1 (252 residential units)

2019 The Cambria Hotel (127 rooms)

2020 Kenect Phoenix (299 residential units)

2020 The Battery (276 residential units)

# About Downtown Phoenix Inc.

Downtown Phoenix Inc. is a non-profit umbrella organization comprised of the 90-block Enhanced Municipal Services District that is funded by an assessment on property owners, The Downtown Phoenix CDC and Phoenix Community Alliance. The EMSD provides enhanced services including hospitality, marketing, transportation/ parking coordination, streetscape/urban design, public policy facilitation and economic development services. The CDC facilitates residential development and community based activities. Phoenix Community Alliance is a membership and advocacy organization dedicated to creating a strong, dynamic Downtown Phoenix.