

# DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

## FACTS + FIGURES



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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 Downtown area has been infused with more than **\$8 billion** in public and private investment, and generated 21.2 Billion in economic activity in 2022 alone. (Source: Rounds Consulting Group, Inc.)

### POPULATION

Year 2000: **9,051**  
 Year 2010: **12,860**  
 Year 2020: **19,520**  
 Present: **23,919**

### RESIDENTIAL UNITS

Total units built since 2000: **12,110**  
 Total units built since 2015: **7,749**  
 Under Construction: **3,669**

### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

2024	AVE Sky (254 units)
2024	EcoPHX (70 units)
2024	Skye on 6th (309 units)
2024	Union Phase 2 (110 units)
2024	Willetta 15 (15 units)
2024	Palm Court Tower (354 units)
2024	The Herrera (24 units)
2024	X Phoenix Phase 2 (352 units)
2024	Saiya (389 units)
2025	601 North Central (747 units)
2025	Central Station Redevelopment (362 units)
2025	The Henri (313 units)
2025	X Roosevelt (370 units)

### RETAIL

The retail market contains a diverse mix of local boutiques, restaurants, bars, lounges, retail, and grocery stores. Roosevelt Row continues to attract local artists, creative spaces and non-F+B retailers.

- **1.5M sq ft** of existing retail
- **138,000 sq ft** of retail under construction
- **55,000 sq ft** Fry’s grocery store
- **151** net new bars and restaurants since 2008
- **230+** restaurants and bars in total, of which 80% are locally owned

### DISTRICT COOLING

Cordia 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 cost to developers.

### OFFICE

Downtown Phoenix is the historical financial and civic center of Arizona and is quickly becoming the epicenter for innovation and company growth. 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 adaptively reused warehouse buildings.

- Office Vacancy Rate: **19.5%**
- Existing Office Space: **11M sq ft** in the business core

### EDUCATION

Downtown has risen over the past 15 years into a strong center for innovation, biomedical collaboration and education. All three major public Arizona universities maintain a Downtown presence with more construction planned.

#### Arizona State University (ASU)

ASU opened its Downtown Phoenix Campus in 2006, heralding new energy and vitality into the Valley’s urban heat. Recent growth includes the relocation of the world-renowned ASU Thunderbird School of Global Management to Downtown (2018) and completion of Fusion on First (2021).

**The following ASU colleges and schools are located on the Downtown Phoenix Campus:**

- The College of Health Solutions
- College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law
- Thunderbird School of Global Management
- Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications
- The Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

## EDUCATION (CONT.)

- Students Currently at ASU Downtown Campus: **15,000**
- ASU student housing beds: **1,284**
- ASU Student housing beds under construction: **655**
- Northern Arizona University total students on campus: **259**
- University of Arizona: College of Medicine - Phoenix total students: **479**
- Phoenix Bioscience High School total students: **400**

### Phoenix Bioscience Core (PBC)

The 30-acre Phoenix Bioscience Core (PBC), devoted to biomedical research facilities and the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix, has grown to **1.6** million sq ft. ASU in partnership with Wexford Science + Technology, will build an additional 1.5 million sq ft of biomedical space near their recently completed **227,000** sq ft 850 PBC building.

- The College of Medicine Phoenix (2007)
- The Health Sciences Education Building (2012)
- University of Arizona Cancer Center (2015)
- Bioscience Partnership building (2017)

## ARTS, CULTURE & SPORTS

Downtown Phoenix is the entertainment destination for 6 million visitors each year. The Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Suns, and Phoenix Mercury call Downtown home. The Orpheum Theatre, Arizona Financial Theatre, the Herberger Theater Center and Symphony Hall host a variety of cultural events throughout the year. Renowned museums like the Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix Children's Museum and the Arizona Science Center are also located in the Downtown area. First Friday, an arts and culture celebration, draws thousands of visitors every month to Roosevelt Row.

- Annual Sports Venue Attendance: **3,000,000**
- Theater seats: **12,421**
- 2019 Theater attendance: **1.1** million
- Total yearly visitors to Downtown: **6** million
- **14** Live music venues
- **150** + Murals and public art pieces

## HOSPITALITY

Downtown's **million** sq ft. 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 Theatre. Downtown hosted Super Bowl Central for Super Bowl XLIX in 2015, the College Football Playoff Champ Campus in 2016, the Final Four Fan Fest in 2017, and the Super Bowl Experience in 2023. Future major events include NCAA Final Four Fan Fest in 2024, the 2024 WNBA All-Star weekend, and NCAA Woman's Final Four in 2026.

- **4,721** hotel rooms
- **100,000** sq ft of meeting space
- Notable hotel additions since 2008: **2,482** total 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 Southward and Westward expansion of the system will conclude construction in 2024.

- Freeway access in all directions, hub of current & future transit system
- **10** minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport
- Over **31,000** parking spaces
- **8** miles of additional light rail to be completed in 2024
- **7** Downtown parks

## FUTURE PREDICTIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN PHOENIX INC. SERVICE AREA

- Over the next five years, employment is expected to increase by **10.6%** adding approximately **6,700** workers
- The increased demand for retail space will lead to over **260,000** sq ft of added space over the next five years
- Currently, approximately **3,900** new multi-family residential units are under construction, with another **2,000+** units in pre-development. Once these units are leased, Downtown's population will have more than tripled since 2009. (Rounds Consulting Group, Inc.)

## ABOUT DOWNTOWN PHOENIX INC.

Downtown Phoenix Inc. (DPI) is a community-building organization that delivers enhanced municipal services to the Downtown business core, marketing and event production to Greater Downtown, and also manages the work plans for **Phoenix Community Alliance** and the **Downtown Phoenix Community Development Corporation**. DPI and its affiliate organizations are committed to making Phoenix a vibrant urban destination and one of the nation's great cities.

