

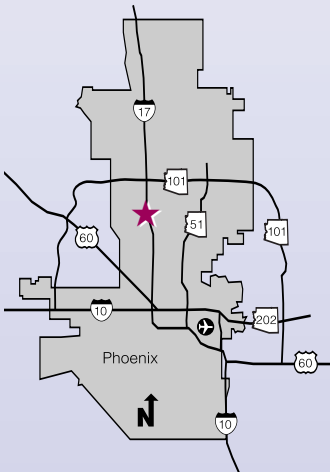


# City of Phoenix Employment Center Profile

## North I-17

The North I-17 corridor provides a diverse mix of industrial, high-tech commercial and office development.

This employment center extends north to Bell Rd. and south to Northern Ave. between 19th Ave. and 35th Ave.



- Access to large technical and administrative workforce
- Excellent interstate and urban freeway access
- Strong location for large back-office and production type operations
- Large inventory of manufacturing and warehouse space

### Labor Force Accessibility and Skills

Employers located within the North I-17 corridor have access to a sizeable and diverse workforce. Within a 20-minute commute shed, employers along Interstate 17 have access to more than 400,000 workers, and within a 30-minute commute shed the number of workers increases to more than 800,000.<sup>1</sup> These workers are well educated and highly skilled. Among population 25 and older within a 30-minute commute shed, 26 percent have some college education and 23 percent have an undergraduate or advanced degree.<sup>2</sup> There are high concentrations of service, professional specialty and administrative support workers within a 20 to 30-minute commute.

By the year 2010, the population is expected to increase by 13 percent within a 30-minute commute of the North I-17 area, and an additional increase of 14 percent is projected for 2020, providing a growing labor pool for the area.<sup>3</sup>

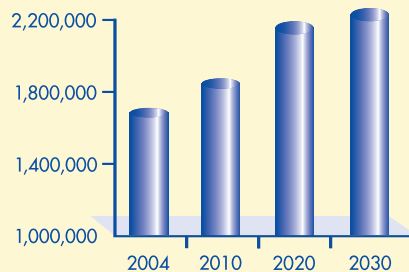
1., 2., 3., Maricopa Association of Governments, 2005; Claritas, 2005; Applied Economics, 2006.

#### Employment by Occupation

Work Force	10 Min. Commute		20 Min. Commute		30 Min. Commute	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Executive/Managerial	6,587	7	33,437	8	71,612	9
Professional Specialty	19,483	22	89,970	22	183,613	23
Service	14,107	16	65,833	16	126,169	16
Sales	10,434	12	48,018	12	98,689	12
Clerical & Admin. Support	17,109	19	72,551	18	142,793	18
Construction	6,831	8	33,542	8	59,208	7
Production	9,593	11	44,625	11	85,235	10
Trans./Material Mover	4,722	5	22,864	6	45,086	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,865</b>		<b>410,840</b>		<b>812,404</b>	

Source: Claritas 2005, Maricopa Association of Governments, 2005, Applied Economics, 2006.

#### Projected Population 30 Minute Commute Shed

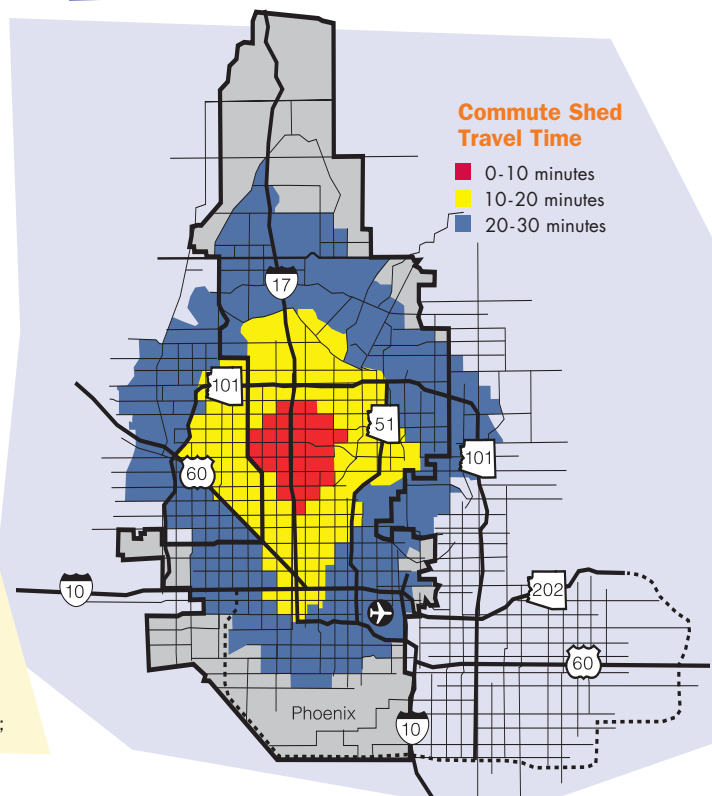


Year	Population
2004	1,674,859
2010	1,885,772
2020	2,150,425
2030	2,228,928

Source: Maricopa Association of Governments, 2005; Applied Economics, 2006.

#### Commute Shed Travel Time

- 0-10 minutes
- 10-20 minutes
- 20-30 minutes

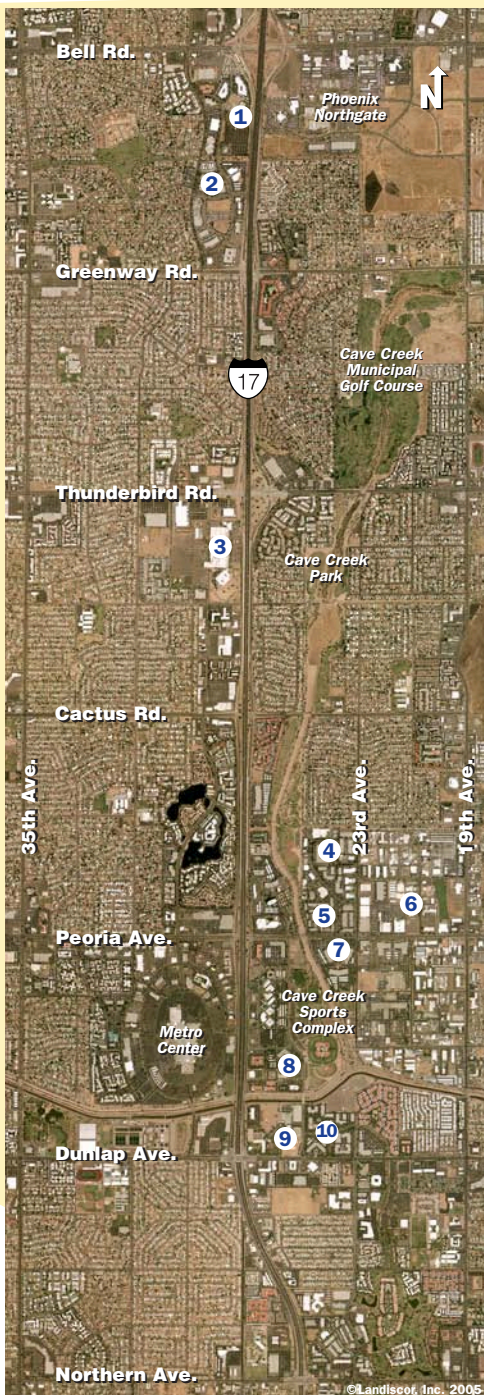


## Sites and Buildings

The North I-17 employment center has close to 6.5 million square feet of existing office inventory.<sup>4</sup> This employment center also has approximately 3.4 million square feet of existing industrial inventory and about 1.7 million square feet of flex space.<sup>5</sup> Some of the major employers in the North I-17 area include Bull HN Information Systems, Karsten Manufacturing (Ping), Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, and Suntron.

The North I-17 corridor is also home to the Metro Center area, a regional mall with surrounding shops and a hotel and office complex located at the southwest corner of I-17 and Peoria Avenue. The Metro Center area includes more than 1 million square feet of retail, entertainment and commercial uses to serve both residents and employers in the area.

4, 5. CoStar Realty Information Inc., February 2006.



### Existing and Planned Office Buildings

1. **Black Canyon Corporate Center**  
229,000 sq. ft.  
Office
2. **Arizona Business Park**  
607,516 sq. ft.  
Office/Flex/Industrial
3. **Metro North Corporate Park**  
910,058 sq. ft.  
Office/Flex
4. **Metro Business Parks III**  
216,820 sq. ft.  
Industrial/Flex
5. **PS Business Park**  
200,462 sq. ft.  
Flex
6. **Eaton Industrial Park**  
228,366 sq. ft.  
Industrial/Flex
7. **Desert Canyon Corporate Campus**  
349,758 sq. ft.  
Office
8. **The Corporate Center**  
550,056 sq. ft.  
Office
9. **Canyon Corporate Plaza**  
301,562 sq. ft.  
Office
10. **Northwest Business Centers III**  
290,854 sq. ft.  
Office/Industrial

Source: CoStar Realty Information Inc., February 2006.

## Infrastructure

The North I-17 area offers excellent interstate and regional freeway access. Interstate 17 runs north-south through this employment corridor and connects with the Loop 101 freeway. Interstates 17 and 10 intersect to the south providing direct access to Downtown and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Businesses that require air service have access to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport within 30 minutes of the North I-17 area. Sky Harbor is one of the country's busiest airports, with more than 41 million passengers and over 333,000 tons of cargo passing through the facility annually. The airport is served by 23 airlines and offers service to more than 113 cities in the U.S. and around the world. There are more than 700 daily domestic non-stop flights from Phoenix and international non-stop destinations include cities in Mexico, Canada, and Europe.<sup>6</sup> Phoenix is the headquarters for US Airways, and a major hub for Southwest Airlines.

The North I-17 employment center features modern, reliable telecommunications infrastructure that is supported by multiple providers. These providers are able to offer specialized capabilities such as complete digital infrastructure, T-1 (DS1) lines, T-3 (DS3) lines, self-healing fiber ring architecture and high-speed data communications. Local exchange carriers with service in the North I-17 area include Qwest, AT&T and Cox Communications.

The regional electric provider has ensured the highest possible level of reliability by investing in an advanced network system to provide multiple redundant feeds from various substations. In addition to ensuring reliable power service, investments in generation facilities have been made to provide adequate capacity for future growth.

6. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Website, 2006.

### Major Area Employers

Bull HN Information Systems, Inc.  
Karsten Manufacturing (Ping)  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona  
Allied International Credit Corporation  
  
Cigna Health Care  
Research International  
Tri-West Health Care  
Suntron Corporation  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Syntellect

### Industry

Operations Center  
Golf Equipment  
Customer Service Center  
Financial Services - U.S. Headquarters  
Health Insurance Carrier  
Business Research Services  
Health Insurance Carrier  
Electronics  
Financial Services  
Electronics/Communications Equipment

Source: Dun & Bradstreet Marketplace, 2006; Applied Economics, 2006.

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