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Arizona Demographic Trends

The Research Administrator for the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), Doug Walls, presented an overview of demographic trends in Arizona to the State Board of Investment on Wednesday. Walls began the presentation by going over the main trends that the office is seeing in unemployment and labor force participation. He noted that Arizona has maintained a relatively stable unemployment rate at around 4.6%, even as more and more individuals are joining the labor force (about 2.2% average annual growth in labor force participation over the last five years). Walls also identified strong wage growth in the first part of 2018 (around 7%), as well as an increase in inflation (almost 4%). Arizona has recently seen a higher rate of inflation as compared to the rest of the country, which Walls believed was due to higher energy, healthcare and housing prices.



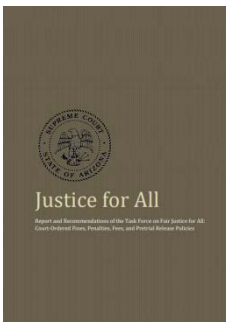
On the population side, Arizona is the 6th fastest growing state in the nation, with 1.6% growth in 2017, and has grown faster than the country as a whole for the last seven years. A large portion of the growth is due to domestic and international migration into the state, a trend that they project will continue into the future. The OEO expects that while Arizona's population will continue to grow over the next several decades, the rate of growth will slow due to the aging population and low pregnancy rates in the state.

For more information on county demographic information, you can access the [CSA County Encyclopedia](#), or visit the [OEO website](#).

Image Source: [Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity](#)

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Mental Health and the Justice System Subcommittee Meeting



The Arizona Supreme Court established the Subcommittee Committee on Mental Health and the Justice System (Committee) as part of the Task Force on Fair Justice in 2017. The Committee presented its final report to the Arizona Judicial Council in June 2018, with the recommendation to continue the work of the Committee with a renewed focus on identifying and recommending ways to address the issues faced by individuals with mental and behavioral health needs within the justice system.

The Committee had its first meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2018, where they discussed the importance of decriminalizing mental illness, establishing community based solutions for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders, and the importance of reviewing existing court rules.

To learn more about the Committee please, click [here](#).

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Water Resources Development Act



The United States House of Representatives passed an amended version of the Water Resources Development Act (Act) (WRDA, [S.3021](#)) unanimously on September 13, 2018 and it is now awaiting Senate action. The bill, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Act), is a comprehensive water infrastructure package. It includes elements of both [H.R. 8](#) and [S.2800](#) in order to create a compromised version of the two bills.

The bill allocates funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) for projects and studies, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program for capitalization grants. It also requires the Army Corps to establish a process to consult with stakeholders, includes provisions that focus on national improvement of wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and storm water management, and helps to reestablish the WRDA two-year authorization cycle. The bill also removes a Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) provision, which allows for the full use of the funds for maintenance on harbors.

The Act assists counties by establishing more assistance to counties for levees and strengthening government collaboration and consultation between federal-state-local governments. However, the bill fails to allocate all of HMTF to harbors and ports, ultimately putting more strain on counties; although these issues are being discussed in separate legislation.

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Flu Season is here: Get Your Flu Shot!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. It is strongly recommended that everyone 6 months old and older get a flu shot each year.

The following groups should get a flu vaccination because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications, including:

- Pregnant women
- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Children with special healthcare needs
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
- Health care workers
- Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
- Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

Flu symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, cough, congestion, runny nose, headaches and fatigue. Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes and can cause death.

For more information, please contact your county public health department or click [here](#) to find a location near you to get your flu shot.

Sources: [Coconino County Public Health Services District](#); [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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NACo Webinar: City and County Collaboration for Jail Reduction

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am MST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [City and County Collaboration for Jail Reduction](#). The webinar will focus on the benefits, challenges and successes of county and city coordination with the justice system while working on reaching jail reduction goals while increasing public safety.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#)

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