

2007 THE YEAR IN numbers

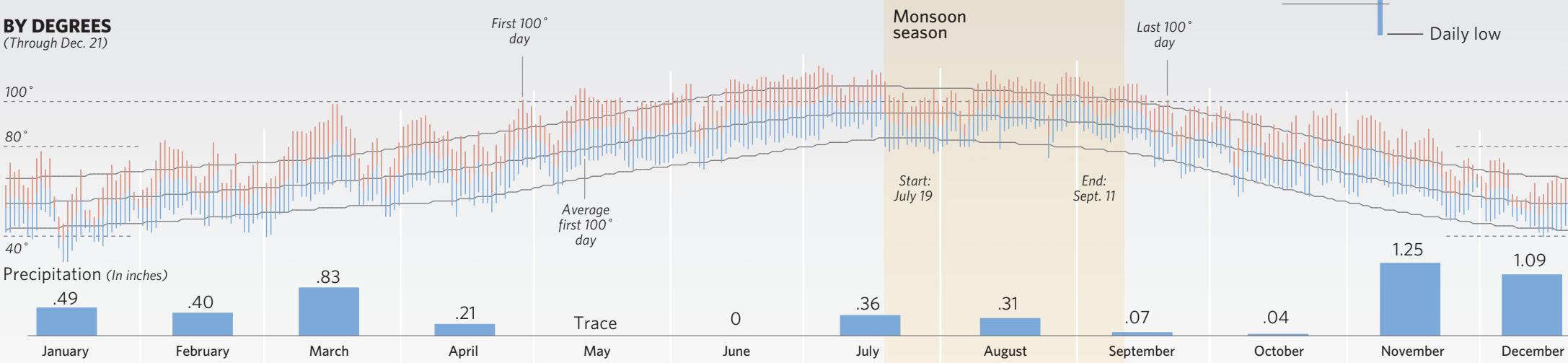
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Although a year is more than the sum of its numbers, it is often what helps us understand where we've been. A look back at 2007 with Arizona's key numbers, measurements and plots:

A record **32** days when the high temperature was 110 degrees or more.

BY DEGREES

(Through Dec. 21)



ECONOMY

'07 — '06

Labor force

Arizona non-farm labor (Rounded to nearest hundred)

Jan. 2,679,500 Nov. 2,753,500

Unemployment

Arizona

Jan. 4.4% Oct. 3.6%

Phoenix

Jan. 3.9% Oct. 3.1%

Flagstaff

Jan. 5.1% Oct. 3.2%

Interest rates

30-year fixed mortgage

June 6.7 Jan. 6.2% Nov. 6.2%

Gas prices

Statewide average (Regular unleaded)

Jan. 4 \$2.35 Dec. 6 \$3.01

Sources: Department of Defense, Office of the State Forester, USGS, National Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Labor, Department of Homeland Security, National Weather Service, U.S. Border Patrol, Arizona Land Department, WNBA, ESPN, Mortgage Bankers Association, AAA of Arizona, Information Market, Republic research

Wildfire season

This year's wildfire season was not as severe as last year's, but it still managed to burn over 100,000 Arizona acres. A breakdown:

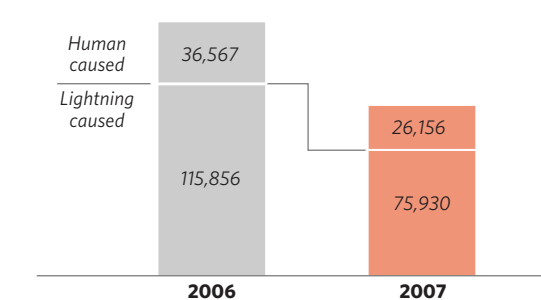
1,182 human-caused fires. **1,038** lightning-caused fires.

Large fires by month

(By start date, 100 acres or more)

Month	Number	Acres
Feb.	1	1,746
Mar.	1	1,589
Apr.	1	1,289
May	9	9,942
June	23	23,422
July	30	30,238
Aug.	0	0
Sept.	7	7,762
Oct.	1	1,292

By acres

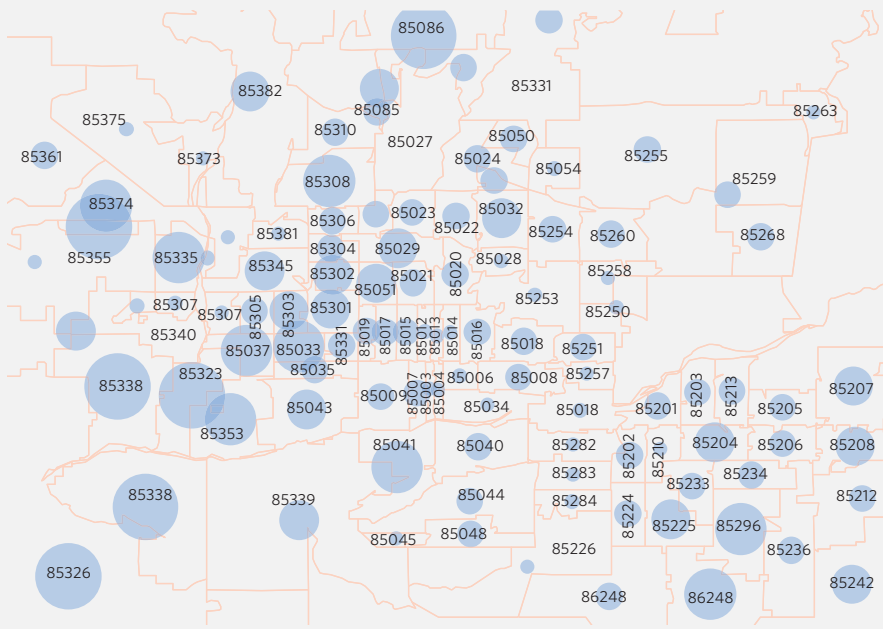


On the Arizona border

(Fiscal year ending Sept. 30) As the political battle over securing the border raged, the numbers kept adding up. A look at some key end-of-the-year statistics for our two border sectors:

416,231 apprehensions | **213** deaths | **650** rescues | **409** assaults on agents | **67** miles new fencing

Valley foreclosures by ZIP code

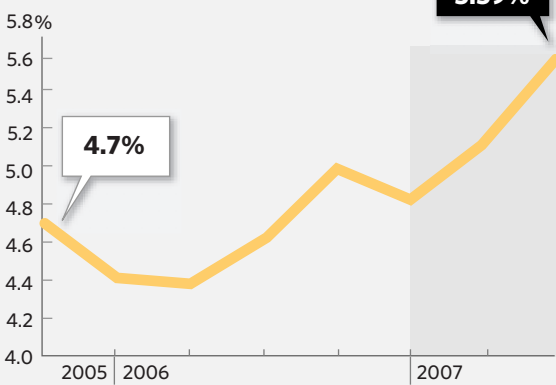


Mortgage delinquencies rising

More people are falling behind on their mortgage payments. Delinquencies in the third quarter of 2007 hit a 21-year high.

Delinquency rates

(Single-family homes and complexes with four or fewer units)



Out-of-state drivers

The number of out-of-state driver's licenses surrendered to the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division in 2007.

- 20,001 or more
- 6,001 to 20,000
- 4,001 to 6,000
- 2,001 to 4,000
- 2,000 or less

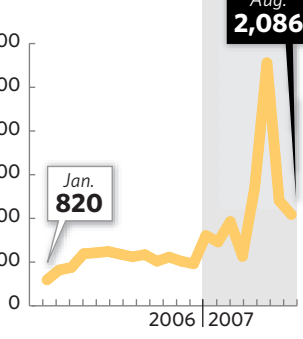
406,434

out-of-state driver's licenses surrendered.

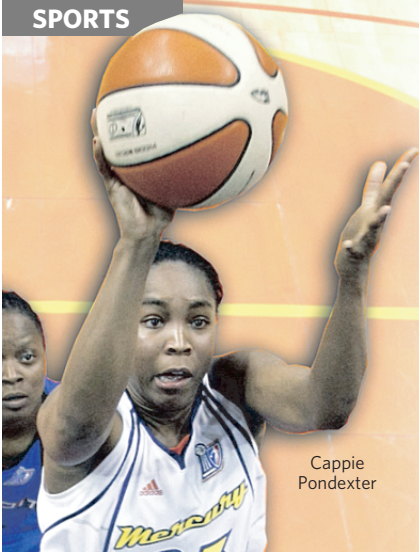
Citizenship applications

(Phoenix and Tucson)

The number of people in Arizona's two major cities applying to become a naturalized citizen.



SPORTS



Cappie Pondexter

Our efficient champions

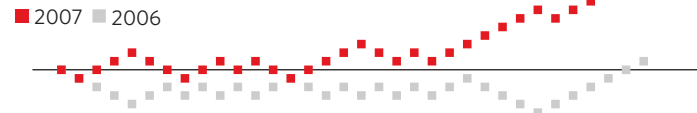
The Phoenix Mercury brought home the WNBA championship in an efficient manner. Mercury players Cappie Pondexter, Penny Taylor and Diana Taurasi combined for eight of the top 20 playoff performances based on efficiency.

EFFICIENCY = (Points + Rebounds + Assists + Steals + Blocks) - [(Field Goals Att. - Field Goals Made) + (Free Throws Att. - Free Throws Made) + Turnovers]

Rank	Player	Playoff game	FG made-att.	FT made-att.	Reb.	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Turnovers	Points	Efficiency
1.	C. Pondexter	Sept. 1 vs Silver Stars	12-19	5-6	10	8	1	1	4	33	+41
3.	P. Taylor	Sept. 5 at Shock	11-19	9-11	9	7	3	2	4	32	+39
9.	D. Taurasi	Sept. 8 at Shock	11-20	1-1	8	3	0	1	3	30	+30
12.	P. Taylor	Sept. 16 at Shock	6-11	18-18	3	2	2	0	3	30	+29
14.	C. Pondexter	Aug. 24 at Storm	8-15	4-4	5	8	3	0	2	21	+28
15.	C. Pondexter	Sept. 16 at Shock	9-18	7-8	3	10	1	0	2	26	+28
18.	P. Taylor	Aug. 30 at Silver Stars	6-14	6-7	14	5	1	2	3	18	+28
19.	P. Taylor	Sept. 01 vs Silver Stars	9-16	3-4	7	2	2	4	2	23	+28

Comparing regular seasons

(A win moves the square up one; a loss moves it down one)



OUR WAR DEAD

22 people with ties to Arizona have been killed while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan in 2007.

JAN. Stephen J. Raderstorf, Cpl., U.S. Army

Collin R. Schockmel, Spc., U.S. Army

Russell P. Borea, Sgt. 1st Class, U.S. Army

Victor M. Langerica, Cpl., U.S. Army

FEB. Alan E. McPeck, Spc., U.S. Army

Hershel D. McCants, CWO, U.S. Army

Kelly D. Youngblood, Pvt., U.S. Army

Clinton W. Ahlquist, Sgt., U.S. Marines

MARCH Darrel D. Kasson, Staff Sgt., U.S. Army

Christopher R. Brevard, Sgt. First Class, U.S. Army

APRIL Damian Lopez Rodriguez, Pvt., U.S. Army

Ryan S. Dallam, Spc., U.S. Army

Ismael G. Solorio, Spc., U.S. Army

Brice A. Pearson, Sgt., U.S. Army

MAY Anthony J. Sausto, Pvt., U.S. Army

Christopher N. Gonzalez, Sgt., U.S. Army

Coty J. Phelps, Spc., U.S. Army

Anthony D. Ewing, Sgt., U.S. Army

JUNE Charles R. Browning, Sgt., U.S. Army

Caleb P. Christopher, Sgt., U.S. Army

Frank M. Sandoval, Sgt., U.S. Army

OCT. Hugo V. Mendoza, Spc., U.S. Army