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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 20, 2016

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Arizona Employment Gains by Region**

Attached is a graphic from the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity showing over-the-year percentages of employment gain or loss by region. The data confirms what Pima County has experienced; the Tucson Metropolitan Statistical Area is now equal in employment gain to the Phoenix Mesa Scottsdale region.

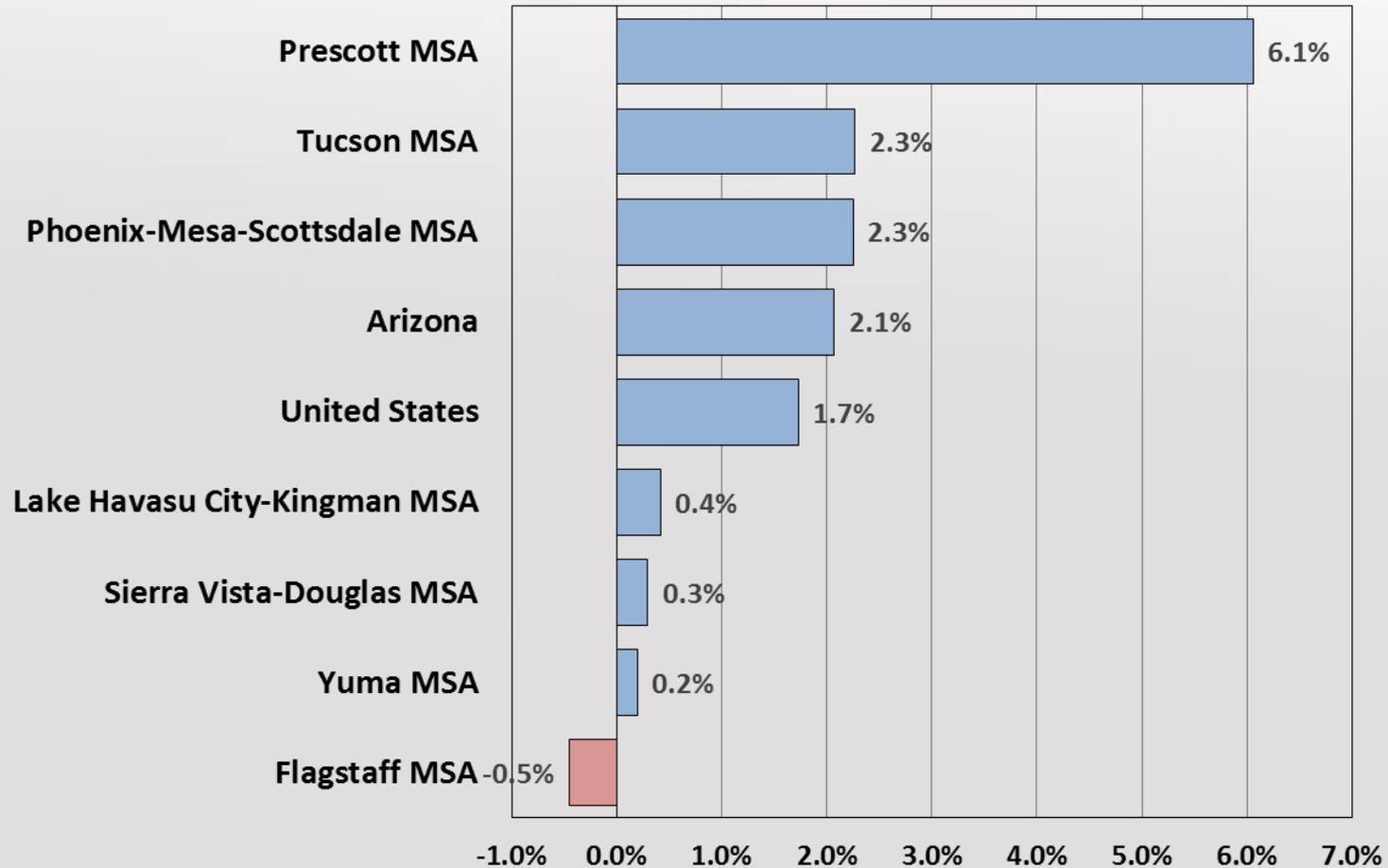
We have often heard the Tucson area lags significantly behind Phoenix in employment growth, but such is incorrect. As the State's graphic illustrates, our employment growth is equal to that of Maricopa County.

CHH/lab

Attachment

c: Dr. John Moffatt, Director, Economic Development  
Patrick Cavanaugh, Deputy Director, Economic Development

## Total Nonfarm Employment Over-the-Year Percentage Gain/Loss by Region



Source: Office of Economic Opportunity in collaboration with the US Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics; Current Employment Statistics