

Maricopa, Pinal counties among top areas for growth

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Maricopa County added more people than any other county in the United States last year, swelling the population to almost 4 million people, according to new population esti-

mates released today by the U.S. Census Bureau.

A net increase of about 102,000 people moved to the Valley or were born here between 2006 and 2007. As of July 1, 3.9 million people lived in Maricopa County. Pinal County, meanwhile, was the nation's third-

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fastest-growing county, growing by 11.5 percent over the previous year, with 31,000 new residents. The bad news is that there's really been a "slow-down" in Maricopa County, and WI-

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