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[...]

<http://phoenix.about.com/b/2004/11/07/arizona-property-taxes.htm>

Read carefully! Less than
1% of saleable value.

Yikes! That's still high. I pay about 1/2%
here in AL, though paid a
bit over 2% in VT.

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You'll also have to discern between the "official" number that is often used in business-luring ad blitzes and the real numbers. Real numbers include all sorts of school bonds, assessments, fess and whatnot and this can easily tack on another 1/4 to 1/2 percentage point.

That's what I really pay. Both houses are worth in the \$300K region. My property tax in VT was \$6K (and rising fast). It's \$1500 here. The numbers for the state usually show about a 1% property tax but there is a 50% "homestead deduction" for the primary residence.

Nice! The homestead exemption is \$7000 of property value in CA. "Conveniently" not inflation-indexed since the times the Romans raided England or so, meaning the exemption will "conveniently" go away.

Yes, I meant "exemption". Strange way they do it though. You have to apply for it for the following year. The year starts 10/1, which was less than a month after we closed so the timing didn't effect me much.

Not my
cuppa tea.
I'd prefer
Texas,
Arkansas
and so on.
As long

as

nobody
messes with
Prop 13
California is
still kind of
ok from that
perspective
(lefties
regularly try
to break it).

I'm sorta liking Eastern AL. The winter was nice with a perfect snow fall - 5" accumulation, for the kiddies, and none on the roads, for me.

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Do you guys like it enough there that you could imagine retiring in AL?

Not sure. It's a pretty place, though not as nice as central KY. The area is OK (a college town – big university, small city) and the weather is awesome. The people are very friendly but we don't really know anyone here yet. That's somewhat of a bummer but not unexpected.

Awesome weather? That would cinch it for my wife. I don't care so much but she wants a place where winter simply doesn't happen.

Out (electric heat pump) heat bill was about \$100 for the worst month, on top of the normal \$150 or so (garbage included). The normal highs for January was in the 40s to low 50s, with lows in the high 20s. It got down to the mid teens once or twice. I never wore more than a heavy corduroy shirt-jacket. I'm told this was a cold Winter.

We usually get to know people fast. Besides church the other sure-fire way for that is owning large dogs that need hikes of several miles per day.

My wife has been going to one of the churches here and seems to enjoy it. We've been pretty busy though so haven't really met many people. No dogs and the cats never go outside. ;–)

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