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Summary: The old “zone of affordability” is largely gone. Let's consider four cities that are generally considered the epicenter of the early 2000s “housing bubble” in the US [Las Vegas, Phoenix, Orlando and Tampa]. These MSAs went from affordable in 1999, to unaffordable in 2003-2007, then back to affordability for a few years. Now they are clearly back to unaffordable territory, with home prices at 6 or even 7 times incomes. For each of these four cities, that's even higher than the peak of “housing bubble.”

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