

FOUNTAIN HILLS

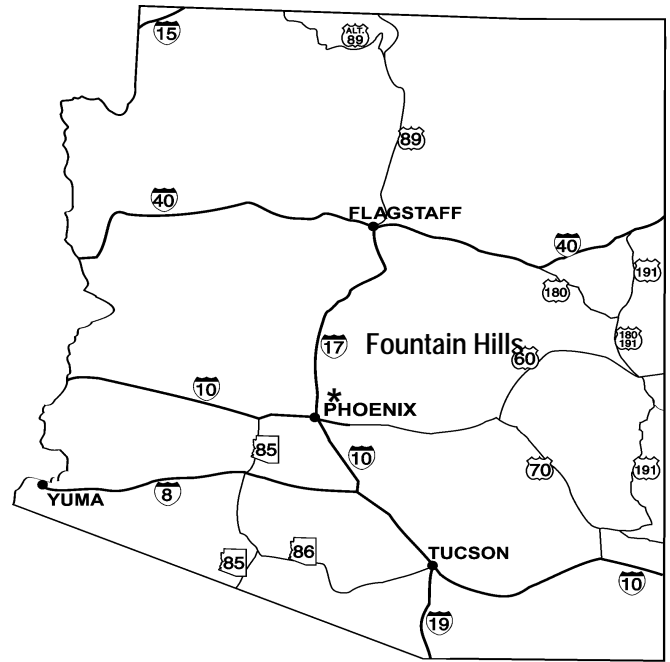
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Fountain Hills is a planned, family-oriented community established in 1970 by McCulloch Properties (now MCO, Inc.). Before 1970, the area was part of one of the largest land and cattle holdings in Arizona. It was purchased by Robert McCulloch in the late 1960s and designed by Charles Wood, Jr. (designer of Disneyland in southern California). Fountain Hills' centerpiece is the world's tallest man-made, continuously running fountain, which attracts thousands of visitors each year. Fountain Hills is surrounded by the McDowell Mountains to the west, Fort McDowell Indian Reservation to the east, Salt River Indian Reservation to the south and McDowell Mountain Regional Park to the north.

HIGHWAYS: SR 87
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 18 miles

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1989
 ELEVATION: 1,700 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 133 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Fountain Hills	10,030	20,235	22,105
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,396,875
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Among the community's largest employers are Fountain Hills School District, Safeway, MCO Properties Inc., Bashas', SunRidge Canyon Golf Course, Town of Fountain Hills, Golf International, Eagle Mountain Golf Course and the Gaming Center at Fort McDowell Reservation. There are also more than 1,000 small businesses from fast food to retail to specialty shops to home-based businesses. Services account for 65 percent of business licenses issued and construction/real estate for 35 percent.

County Employment

	<u>2003</u>
Construction	128,600
Educational & Health Svcs	159,300
Financial Activities	133,500
Government	200,800
Information	37,100
Leisure & Hospitality	152,800
Manufacturing	126,900
Professional & Business Svcs	255,100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	321,200

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,453	7,743	8,383
Unemployed	131	114	228
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	1.5%	2.7%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	81*	1,124	827
Taxable Sales (\$)	N/A	336,034,333	303,176,250
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	84,038,350	212,415,476	323,385,230

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation
 * Incomplete data: One or more months not available; N/A: In 1990, the Town of Fountain Hills did not participate in the Arizona Department of Revenue Municipal Privilege Tax Collection Program.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Fountain Hills is surrounded by open spaces. To the east and north are the Salt River and Saguaro Lake (12 miles) and Canyon Lake (80 miles). Bartlett Lake and Horseshoe Lake on the Verde River, are both within 50 miles. All of these provide picnic facilities and water recreation including swimming, water skiing and boating. Out of Africa Wildlife Park, a unique and educational attraction, is located on the Fort McDowell Reservation, one mile east of Fountain Hills. All of the attractions of the metropolitan areas are available to residents of Fountain Hills including cultural programs, college and professional sports, and horse and dog racing.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	5.88	6.29	5.70
City/Fire District	1.12	0.33	0.48
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.22
Total	\$10.51	\$9.97	\$9.40

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

School district participates in the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT). Fountain Hills Fire Dist. dissolved in 2002.

Sales Tax Rate

City	1.50%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Fountain Hills offers a broad range of community facilities including a community center, library, fountain park, children's playground, several tennis and basketball courts, baseball fields, and a 25-acre park. In addition to the original Fountain Hills Golf Course, two new 18-hole facilities, SunRidge Canyon and Eagle Mountain, have opened. Fountain Hills is the site of the annual Fountain Hills Great Fair in February and the Native American Artists Invitational in March. The Chamber of Commerce also sponsors the Fountain Festival of Arts and Crafts in mid-November, and hosts the only Thanksgiving Day Parade in the State of Arizona. Other events include an annual Fourth of July Celebration and the annual lighting of luminaria along major streets during the Christmas season.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
Vocational/Technical College	N	Y

Financial

Number of Banks: 5

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Fountain Hills Rural/Metro Fire Department

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Airports Nearby Mesa Falcon Field, 10 miles south, Scottsdale Airpark 13 miles southwest & Phoenix Sky Harbor Internatl., 30 miles southwest.

Medical

Mayo/Fountain Hills Primary Care (fully staffed local clinic) & Scottsdale Healthcare Family Clinic.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 85

Meeting Rooms: 7

Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

Industrial Properties

Firerock Industrial Park: 145 acres, planned development, fully developed lots include streets, sewers, water and telephone, natural setting. Not a typical industrial park - designed with open space, natural desert topography. For additional information, contact Mayor's Council for Business Growth, P.O. Box 17598, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269; (480) 837-1654.

Utilities

Electricity	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
L.P. Gas	Fountain Hills L-P Gas	480.837.9522
Sewer	Fountain Hills Sanitary District	480.837.9444
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Trash Pick-up	Red Mountain Rubbish Waste Management	480.837.9066 480.837.9373
Water	Chapparral City Water Company	480.437.9522

Cable Providers: No

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: No

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	37.0	67.0	0.82
February	39.4	72.0	0.88
March	43.7	75.5	1.18
April	48.8	83.7	0.27
May	58.0	93.5	0.17
June	66.3	103.1	0.07
July	75.5	105.5	1.12
August	74.7	103.9	0.96
September	66.6	98.6	1.14
October	53.4	86.3	0.91
November	42.3	74.3	0.75
December	36.1	66.9	1.04
Yearly Avg	53.5	85.9	9.32

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1968-1985. Average Total Snowfall 0.0". Nearest data available from Scottsdale, AZ.

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