

Growing or starting your business in Fountain Hills offers the best of two worlds: the advantage of being in proximity to all of the amenities found in a large metropolitan city, while conducting business in a beautiful, smaller community in the high Sonoran Desert of the northeast Valley. An affluent community established in 1970, Fountain Hills is a planned, multi-generational town that provides exceptional opportunities to live, work, learn and play. Retail, office/commercial and industrial space is readily available, and businesses have access to an excellent pool of talented workers.

Principal Economic Activities

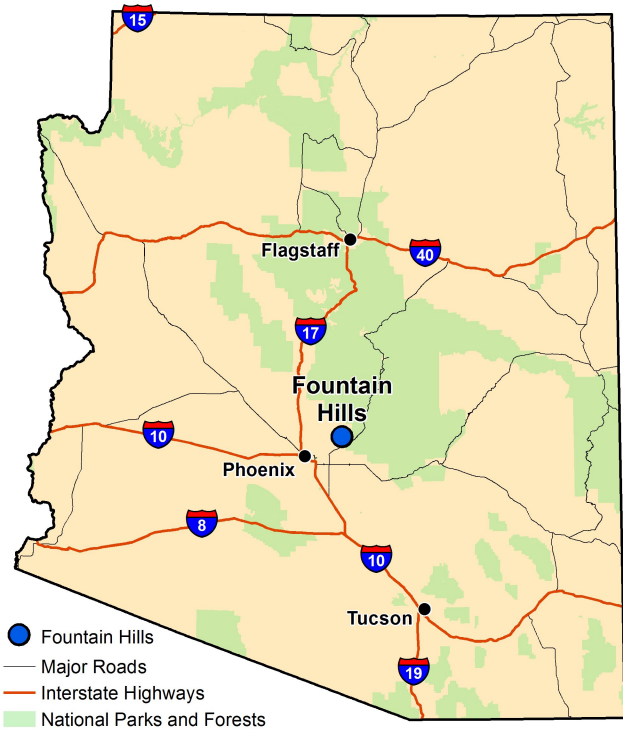
Education, health care, finance, insurance, real estate, professional services, retail and restaurants form the backbone of Fountain Hills' economy, together with construction and light manufacturing. Thanks to its proximity to State Highway 87 and the freeways in the Valley, any area in the Phoenix metropolitan area can be reached from Fountain Hills within minutes. Sky Harbor International airport is a short 25-minute drive away, and a number of regional airports, such as Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Scottsdale Airpark and Mesa's Falcon Field Airport, also are easily accessible.

Scenic Attractions

Fountain Hills is surrounded by scenic open spaces that provide a vast array of recreational opportunities including the McDowell Mountains to the west, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and Tonto National Forest to the east, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community to the south and the McDowell Mountain Regional Park to the north. Saguaro Lake is a short 12 miles away. The town boasts more than 100 pieces of public art and sculptures on display in downtown Fountain Hills. A number of public and private golf courses also add to the beauty of the community.

Community Facilities

The town's landmark fountain is in the heart of downtown Fountain Hills in a beautiful 23-acre park, one of several parks in the community. The town-owned, 1,000-acre McDowell Mountain Preserve provides an opportunity for hiking in scenic splendor. The town hall, community center, River of Time Museum and library are all conveniently located in Cutillo Civic Plaza. These facilities provide venues for a number of community and special events throughout the year.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1970	Incorporated:	1989
Elevation:	1,700 ft.	Location:	Maricopa County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	32 miles	San Diego:	385 miles
Tucson:	133 miles	Los Angeles:	403 miles
Las Vegas:	310 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Fountain Hills	20,235	22,444	23,638
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,137,076
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	6.29	3.07	3.25
City / Fire District	0.33	0.16	0.45
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Maricopa County)	9.97	6.03	7.75

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Fountain Hills	2.60%
Maricopa County	6.30%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	10,912	11,364	12,176
Unemployed	174	866	505
Unemployment Rate	1.6%	7.6%	4.1%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	662	3.4%
High school or equivalent, no college	3,581	18.6%
Some college or Associate degree	6,216	32.2%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	8,820	45.7%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	2,355	22.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,399	13.3%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,293	12.3%
Retail trade	1,281	12.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,056	10.0%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	571	5.4%
Manufacturing	555	5.3%
Other services, except public administration	503	4.8%
Construction	484	4.6%
Public administration	484	4.6%
Wholesale trade	397	3.8%
Information	149	1.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	15	0.1%

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