

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

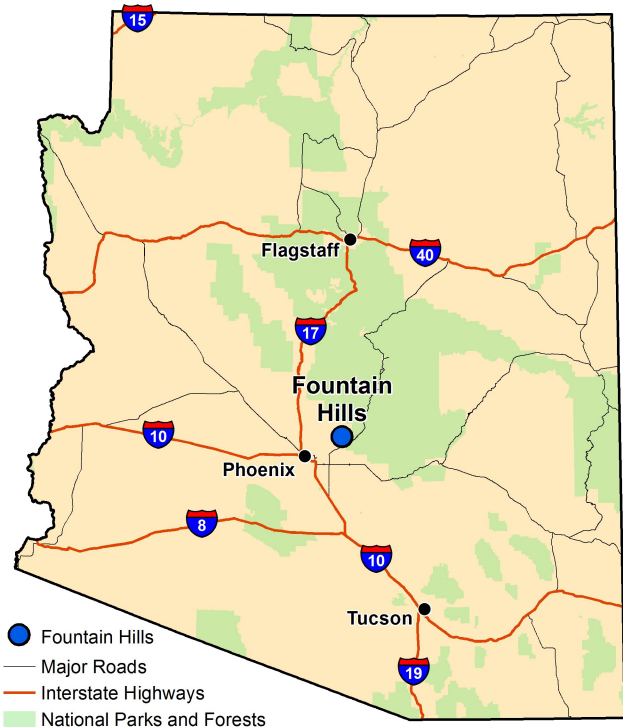
Education, health care, finance, insurance, real estate, professional services, retail and restaurants form the backbone of Fountain Hills' economy, together with construction and light manufacturing. Thanks to its proximity to State Highway 87 and the freeways in the Valley, any area in the Phoenix 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

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

## POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017 (est.)
Fountain Hills	20,235	22,444	23,862
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,221,684
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,965,897

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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	0.70%
State	5.60%

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## LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2017
Civilian Labor Force	10,912	11,364	12,597
Unemployed	174	866	483
Unemployment Rate	1.6%	7.6%	3.8%

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## WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	685	3.4%
High school or equivalent, no college	3,524	17.7%
Some college or Associate degree	6,264	31.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	9,490	47.5%

*American Community Survey*

## INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	2,432	22.6%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,429	13.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,370	12.7%
Retail trade	1,103	10.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,088	10.1%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	633	5.9%
Manufacturing	594	5.5%
Other services, except public administration	575	5.3%
Construction	524	4.9%
Public administration	439	4.1%
Wholesale trade	426	4.0%
Information	147	1.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	0	0.0%

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