

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

Financial Services, Healthcare, and Start-Ups form the principal economic activities of Fountain Hills' economy. 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. Fountain Hills was recently designated an International Dark Sky Community, one of only 16 communities globally to earn this prestigious designation. 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, the 4th largest fountain in the world, is located 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.



Community Profile for  
**Fountain Hills, Arizona**



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

POPULATION			
	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Fountain Hills	20,235	22,444	23,906

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX	
Fountain Hills	2.60%
Maricopa	0.70%
State	5.60%

*Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation*

LABOR FORCE			
	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	10,912	11,364	13,302
Unemployed	174	866	450
Unemployment Rate	1.6%	7.6%	3.4%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT		
	Count	Share
Less than high school	404	1.9%
High school or equivalent, no college	3,386	16.2%
Some college or Associate degree	6,736	32.2%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	10,408	49.7%

*American Community Survey*

INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)		
	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	1,937	17.6%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,889	17.1%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,614	14.7%
Retail trade	1,117	10.1%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	996	9.0%
Manufacturing	781	7.1%
Construction	780	7.1%
Other services, except public administration	690	6.3%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	670	6.1%
Public administration	289	2.6%
Wholesale trade	170	1.5%
Information	82	0.7%

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