




CITY OF 
SCOTTSDALE

SCOTTSDALE FY 2023/24
CITY GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW





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**NATIONAL
CHAMPION
BEST PARK**



2019 ELGL KNOPE AWARD

**MCCORMICK-STILLMAN
RAILROAD PARK**

Scottsdale, AZ



**Old Town*
SCOTTSDALE







Charter Officers



Sherry Scott
City Attorney



Lai Cluff
Acting City Auditor



Ben Lane
City Clerk



Jim Thompson
City Manager

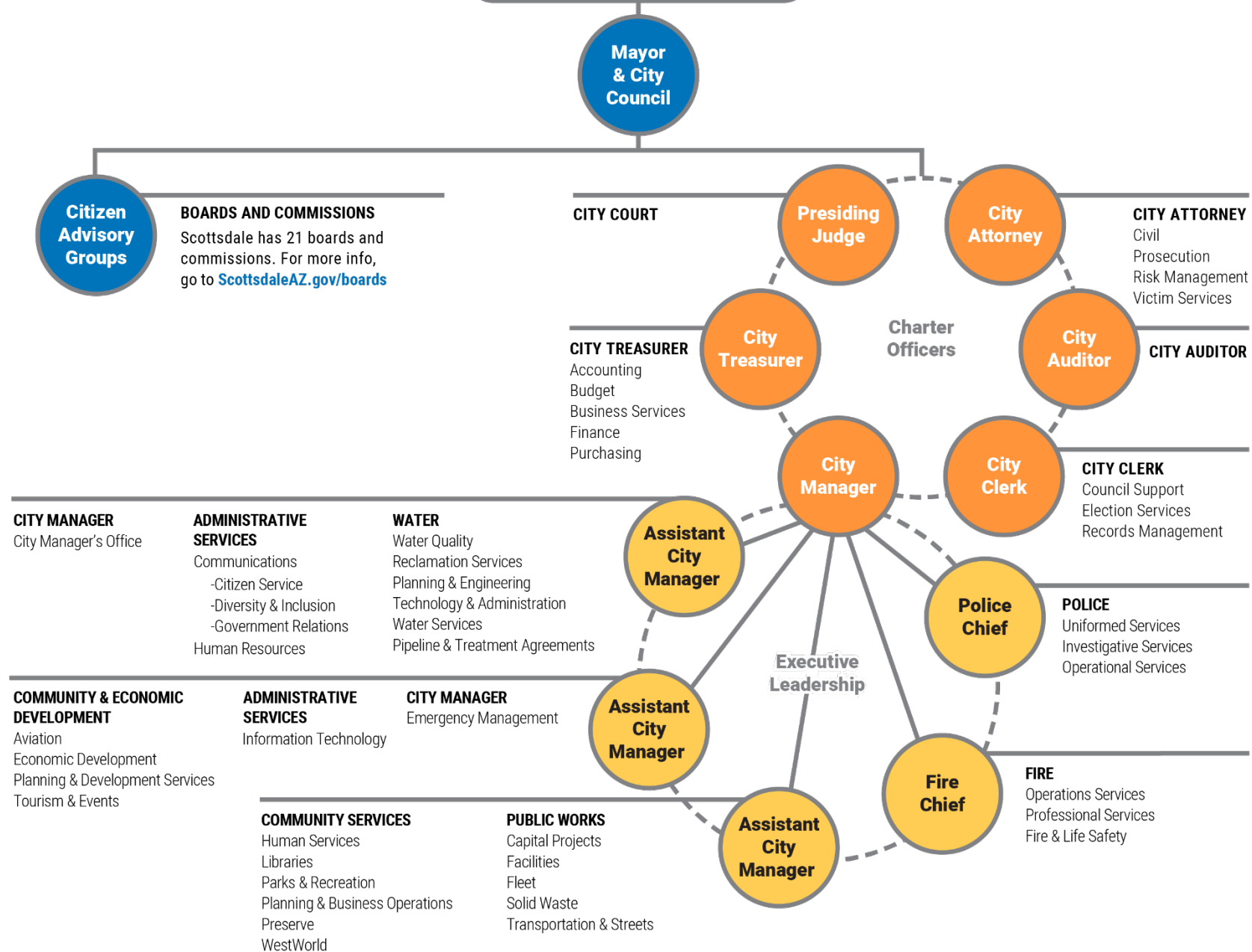


Sonia Andrews
City Treasurer



Marianne Bayardi
Presiding Judge

People of Scottsdale



Federal Government

State Government

**City of
Scottsdale**

**Maricopa
County**

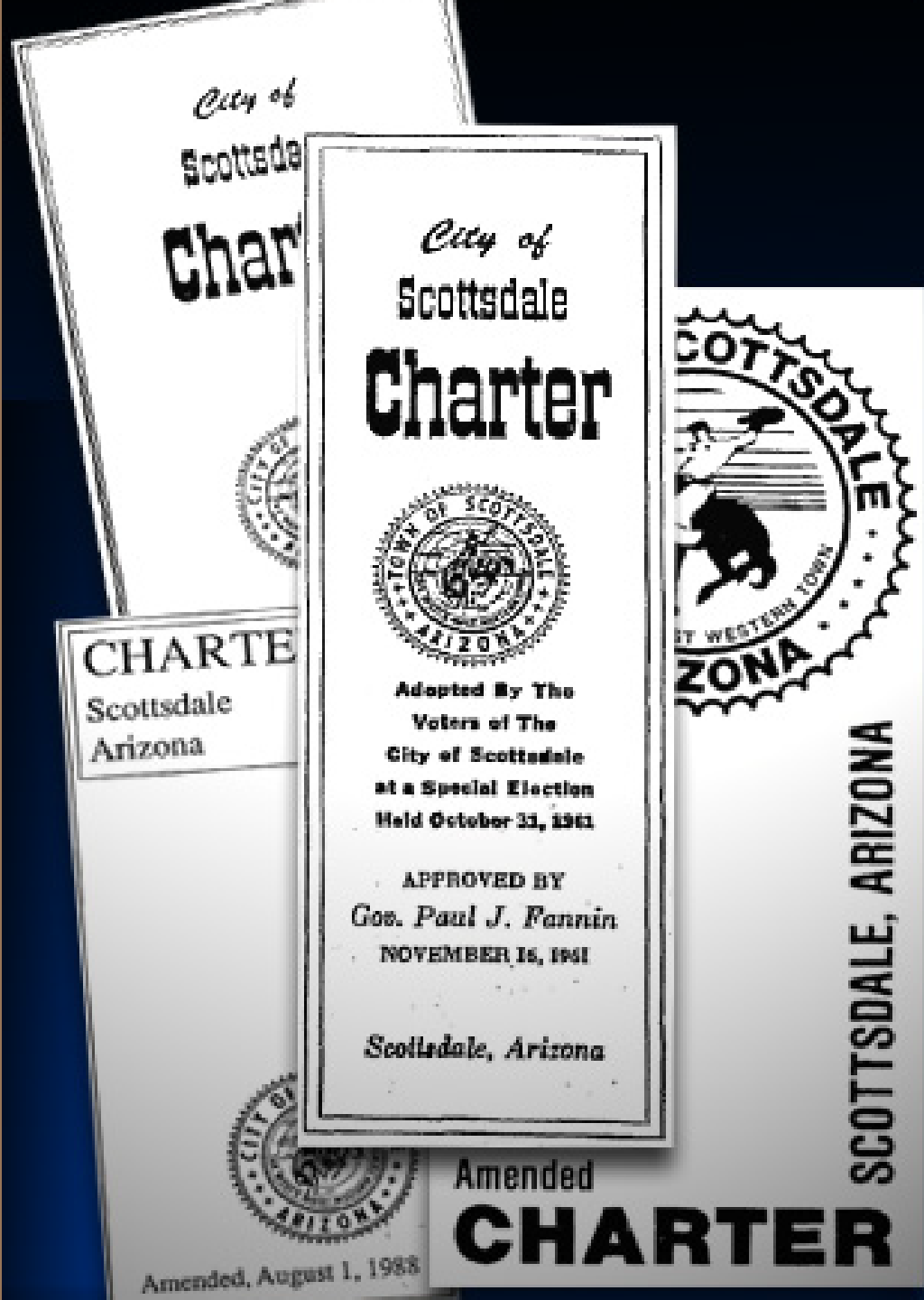
**School
Districts**

**Other Special
Districts and
Governments**

The City Charter

- Defines the city's powers and functions.
- Sets the governance structure including seven elected officials:
- Mayor and six Councilmembers and six city officers:
- City Attorney, City Auditor, City Clerk, City Judge, City Manager, City Treasurer
- Amending or modifying the charter requires a public vote.

Go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Charter"



Sec. 2-7. Reserved.

Editor's note—Ord. No. 3249, § 1, adopted Aug. 16, 1999, repealed §§ 2-7, 2-8 in their entirety. Formerly, said sections pertained to qualified elector definition and petition circulators. See the Code Comparative Table.

Secs. 2-8—2-15. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL****DIVISION 1. GENERALLY****Sec. 2-16. Mayor.**

The mayor shall sign all orders, together with warrants, drawn on the treasury. He shall execute all bonds, deeds, leases, conveyances, and all other instruments authorized by the council and requiring his signature. In addition to the requirements of this section, he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by law. (Code 1972, § 2-301)

Charter references—Mayor generally, art. 2, §§ 3, 6, 7; mayor authorized to sign contracts, art. 8, § 1.

Sec. 2-17. Date and time of regular meetings.

The council holds regular meetings at 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The mayor or four (4) members of the council may schedule additional regular meetings, or may cancel or reschedule any regularly scheduled meeting to any day or time of the same month, but not less than two (2) regular meetings shall be held each month. At the discretion of the mayor or four (4) members of the council, regular meetings that are scheduled to be conducted on consecutive days may be combined and held on either of the two (2) days, and shall be considered a single meeting.

Special meetings of the council may be scheduled by the city clerk at either the request of the mayor or four (4) members of the council.

A notice of regular meeting changes or scheduled special meetings shall be posted as required by law. (Code 1972, § 2-201; Ord. No. 2270, § 1, 11-6-89; Ord. No. 2499, § 1, 11-2-92; Ord. No. 3660, § 1, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 3967, § 1, 9-20-11)

Charter reference—Council meetings generally, art. 2, § 12 et seq.

Sec 2-18. Rules of Council Procedure.

Unless otherwise provided by law, the council, by majority vote, shall adopt a resolution setting forth Rules of Council Procedure. The process for amending these Rules shall also be by resolution. (Code 1972, § 2-201; Ord. No. 3967, § 2, 9-20-11)

Charter reference—Public meetings required, art. 2, § 12.

State law reference—When closed meetings authorized, A.R.S. § 38-431.02.

Secs. 2-19—2-23. Reserved.

Editor's note—Ord. No. 3967, § 3, adopted September 20, 2011, repealed §§ 2-19—2-23, which pertained to agenda; introduction and sponsorship of ordinances, resolutions, etc. review of ordinances, resolutions, etc., by city attorney and city manager; voting; and committees. See also the Code Comparative Table.

Secs. 2-24—2-35. Reserved.**DIVISION 2. RESERVED*****Secs. 2-36—2-46. Reserved.****DIVISION 3. CODE OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR:
GENERAL****Sec. 2-47. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in divisions 3 and 4 of this article of the Code shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

City official means the mayor, members of the city council, and individuals appointed to serve on the city's boards, commissions, committees, task forces, and other appointed advisory groups.

City of Scottsdale Code of Ethical Behavior means the provisions set forth in divisions 3 and 4 of this article.

Ethics code means the City of Scottsdale Code of Ethical Behavior. (Ord. No. 3675, § 1, 5-2-06)

*Ord. No. 3967, § 3, adopted September 20, 2011, repealed Div. 2, §§ 2-36—2-244, which pertained to rules of order. See also the Code Comparative Table.

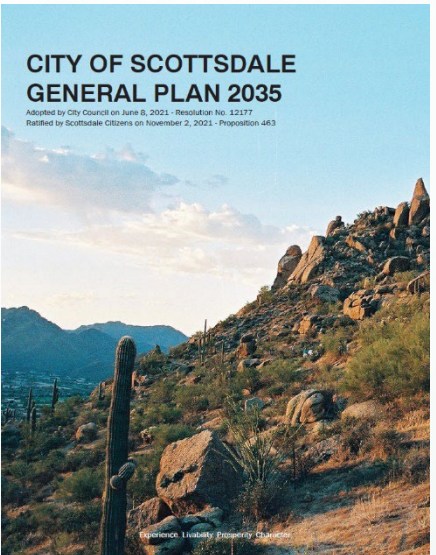
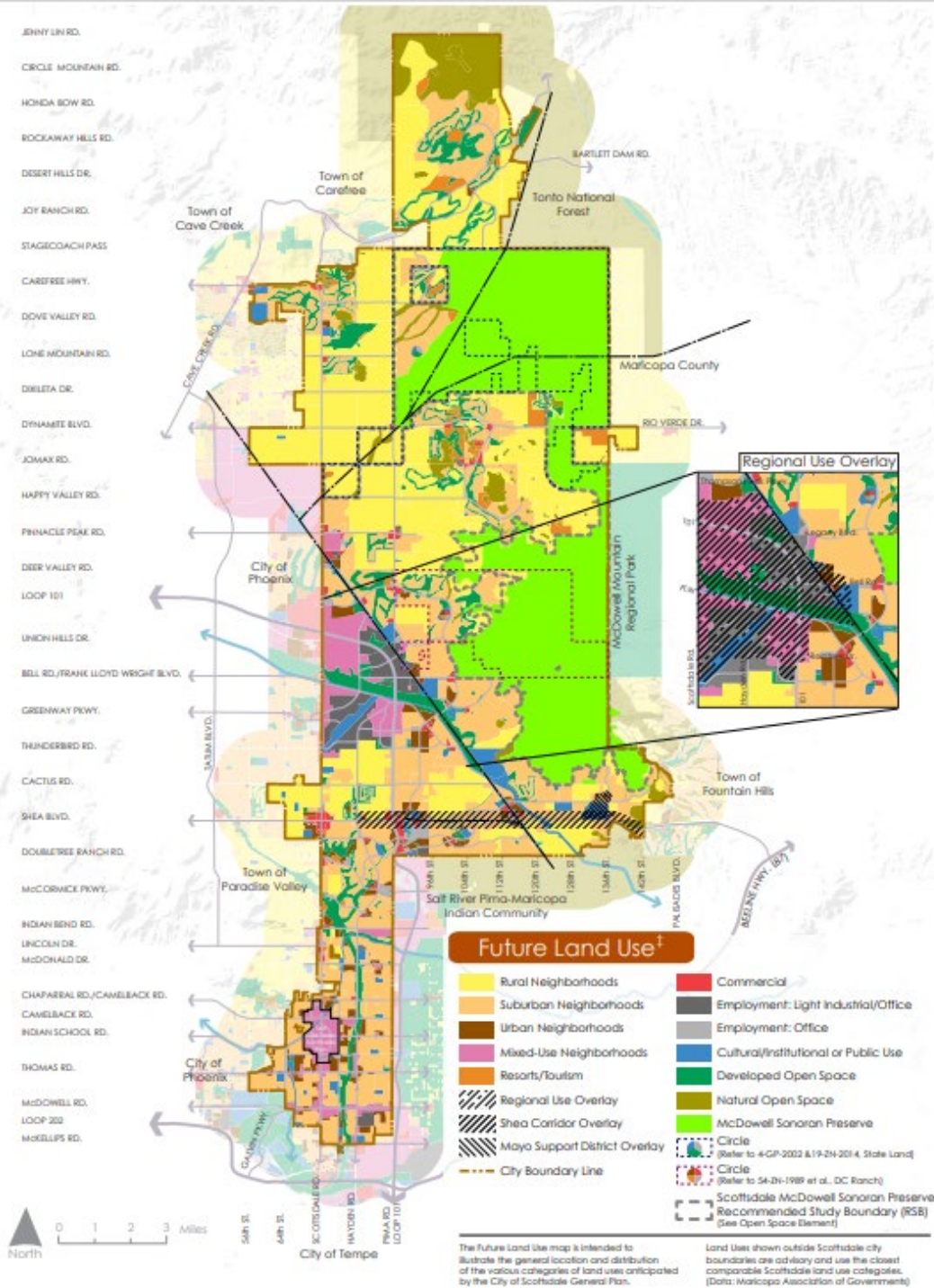
City Code

- Collection of ordinances adopted by the City Council
- 27 Chapters and two Appendices the Zoning Ordinance and the Tax Code
- Referred to as Scottsdale Revised Code or City Code
- Does not include Resolutions, which are statements of policy or direction

Go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “City Code”

The General Plan

More than just a map, the General Plan is a voter-approved statement of goals and policies that work as the primary tool for guiding the future development of the city. Go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “General Plan”



Respect Character and Culture



Conserve and Preserve the Environment



Collaborate and Engage



Foster Well-Being



Connect the Community



Revitalize Responsibly



Advance Innovation and Prosperity



**COMMUNITY
VALUES**

EMPLOYEE VALUES



Dedicated Service

We serve everyone professionally, timely and responsively.



Thoughtful Innovation

We explore and develop unique solutions to challenges we face.



Collaborative Teamwork

We listen, communicate and work together to identify ways to serve others.



Value Diversity

We are a supportive community, and treat everyone with respect, dignity and compassion.



Accountable Integrity

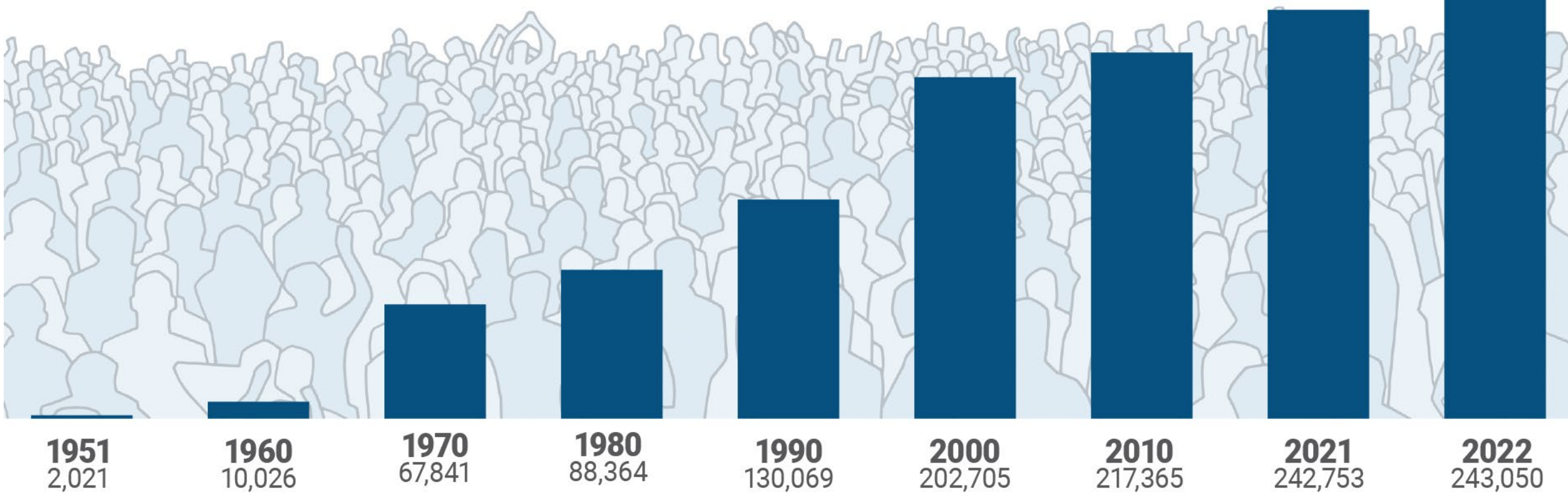
We are committed to doing what is right and acting with transparency.



Continuous Learning

We grow personally and professionally to reach our fullest potential.

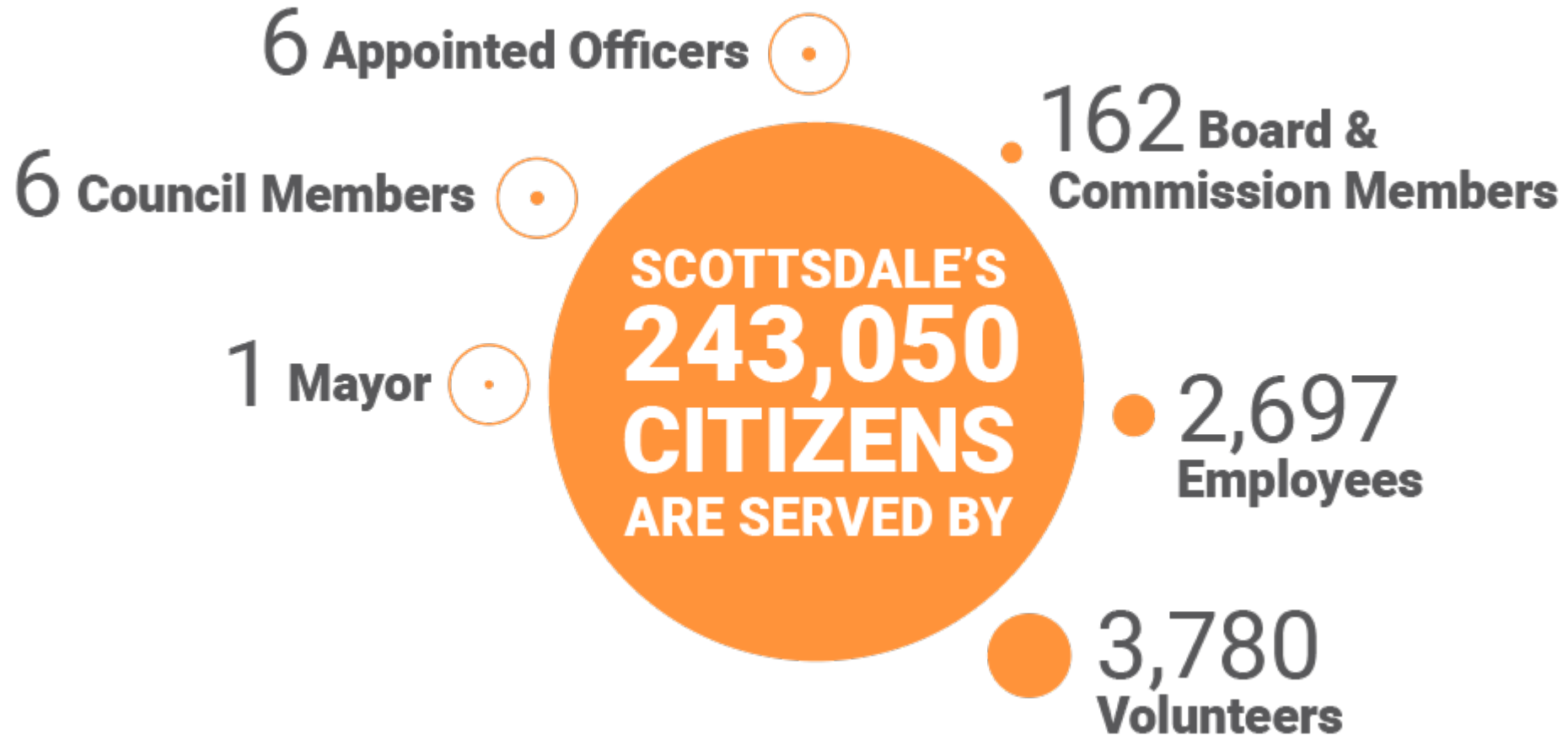
Scottsdale is the 93rd largest city in the U.S. by population, and has nearly a quarter million residents.



Source: U.S. Census



Nearly 7,000 people directly serve the residents of Scottsdale



Source: U.S. Census Quickfacts (2021) and City of Scottsdale

Scottsdale employees are spread across 73 buildings, but most work on five major campuses.

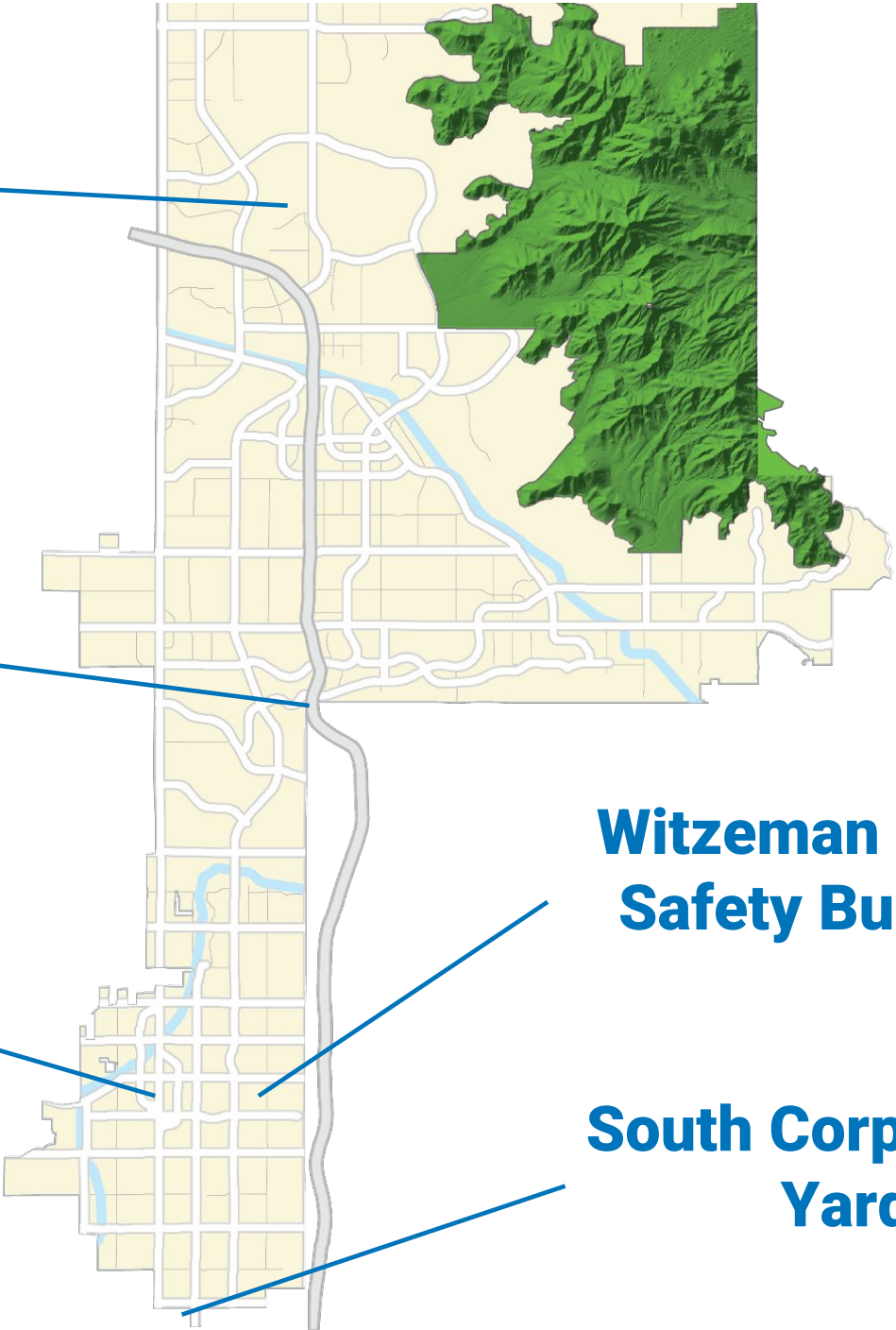
Water Campus

North Corporation Yard

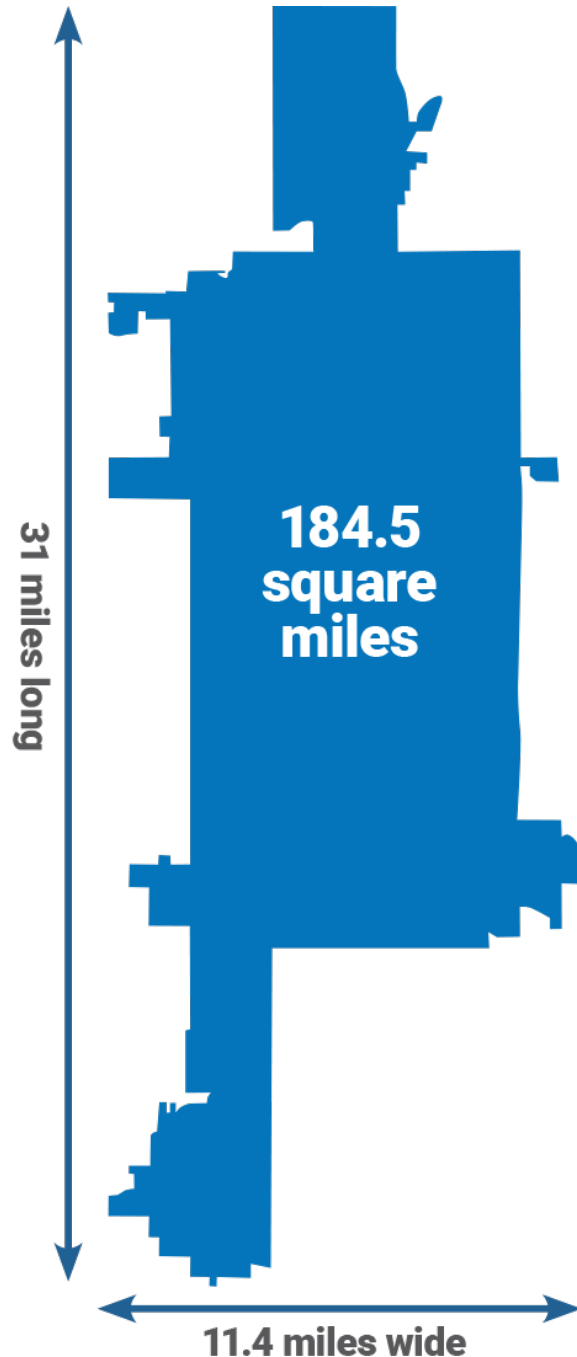
Civic Center

Witzeman Public Safety Building

South Corporation Yard



**Scottsdale is the
48th largest city in
the U.S. by area.**



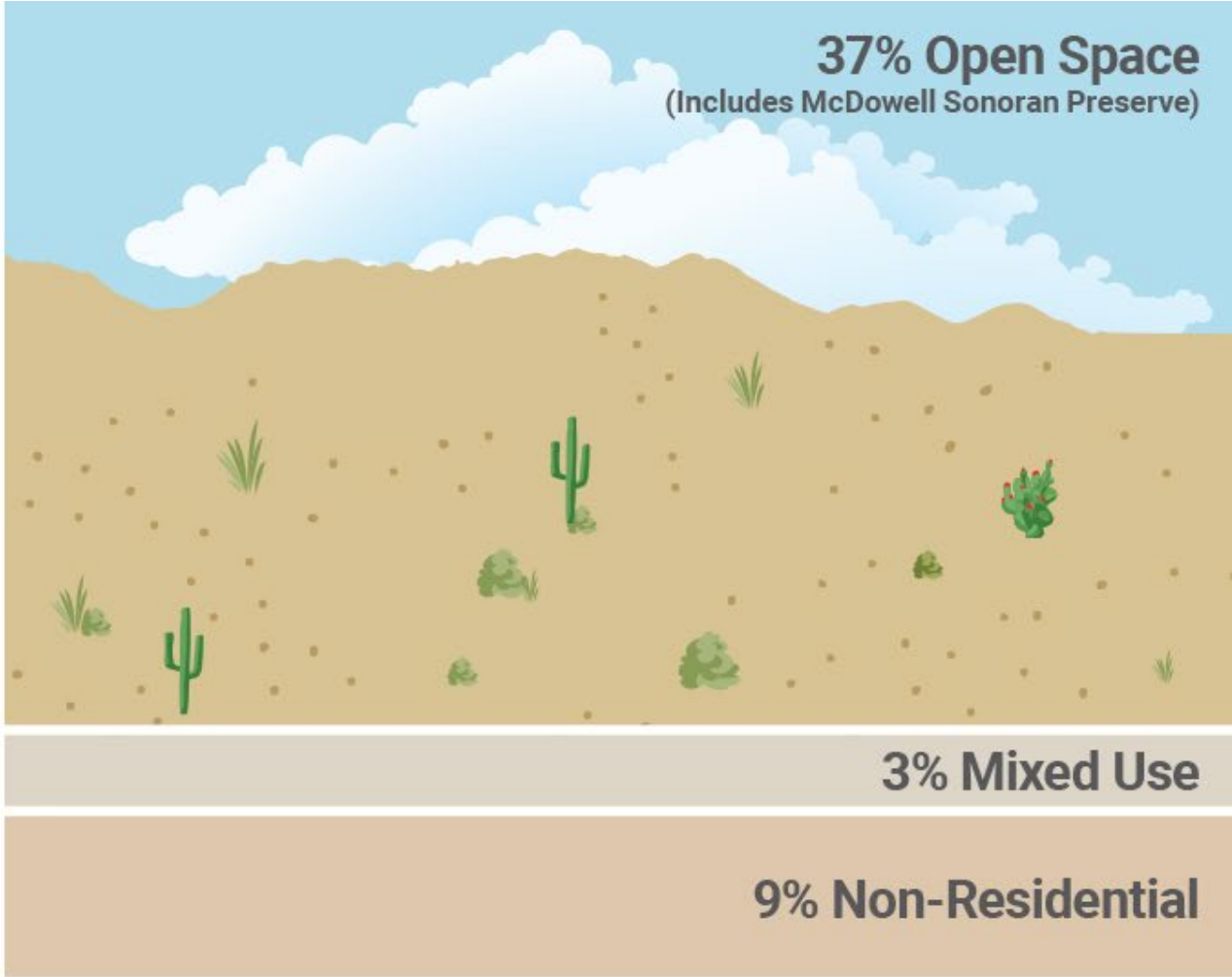
Source: U.S. Census (2020-2021)
and City of Scottsdale

More than one-third of Scottsdale's land area is open space.

51% Residential

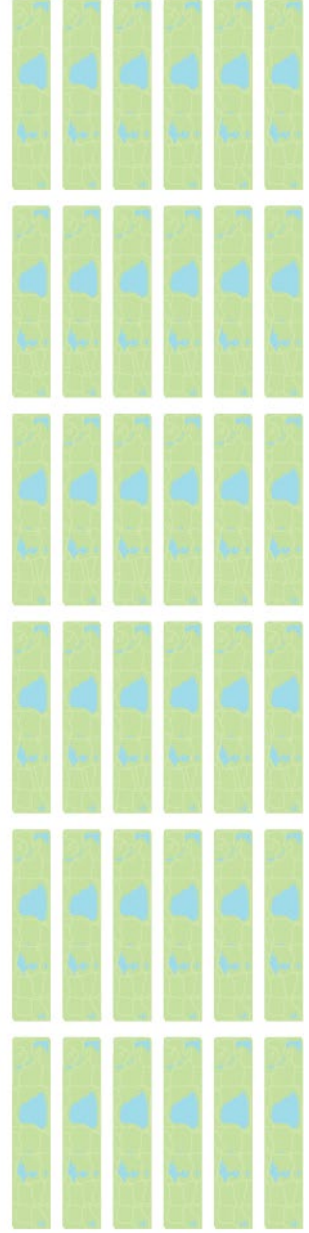


37% Open Space
(Includes McDowell Sonoran Preserve)



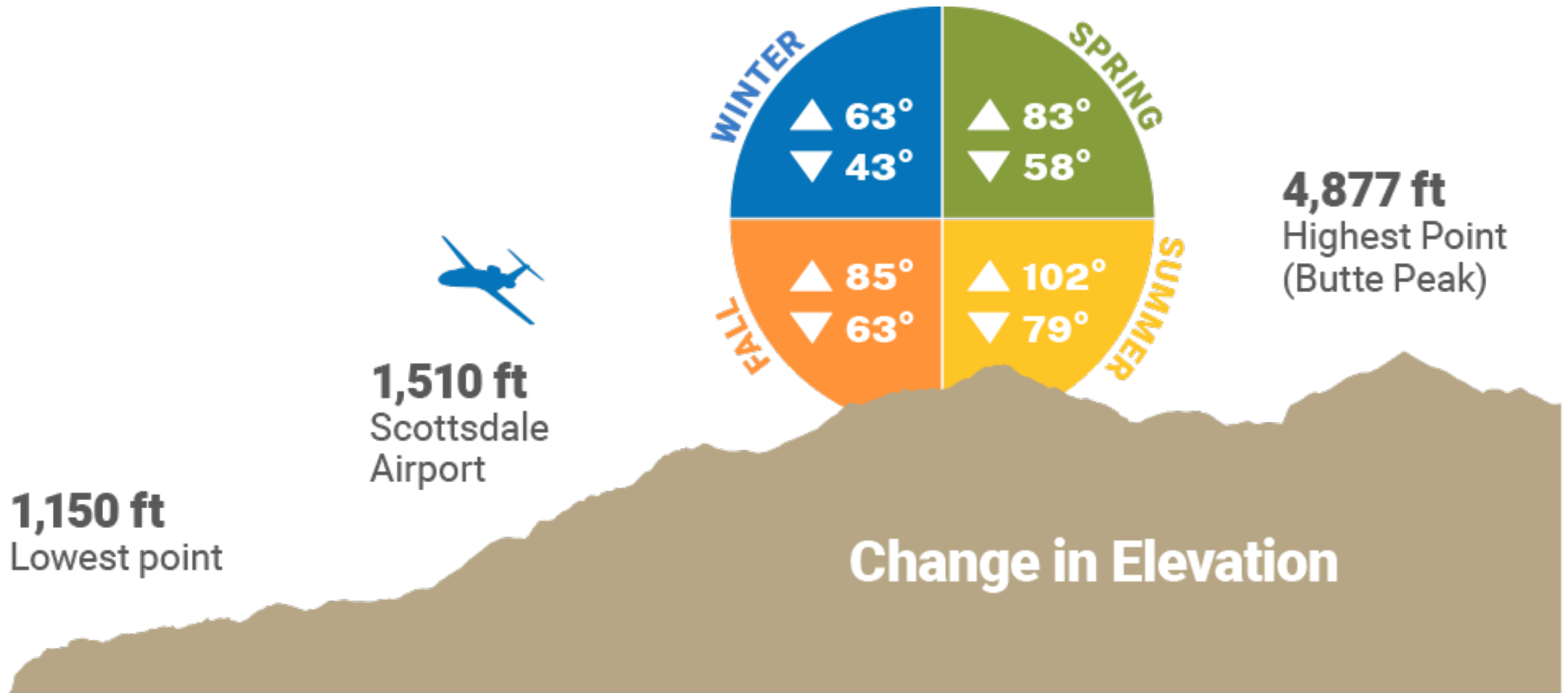
Source: City of Scottsdale Long-Range Planning

**The 48 square miles of
Scottsdale's McDowell
Sonoran Preserve is the
equivalent to 36 of New York
City's Central Park**



*Not to scale

Scottsdale's elevation rises by nearly 4,000 feet from south to north.



Source: City of Scottsdale and Scottsdale Airport Weather Station

Health care and finance firms lead the list of top employers.*

* Excludes grocers, convenience stores and traditional retail stores.

HONORHEALTH.

7,347 employees



2,984 employees



2,697 employees



GENERAL DYNAMICS

2,505 employees



2,253 employees



1,752 employees



1,559 employees



1,407 employees



1,345 employees



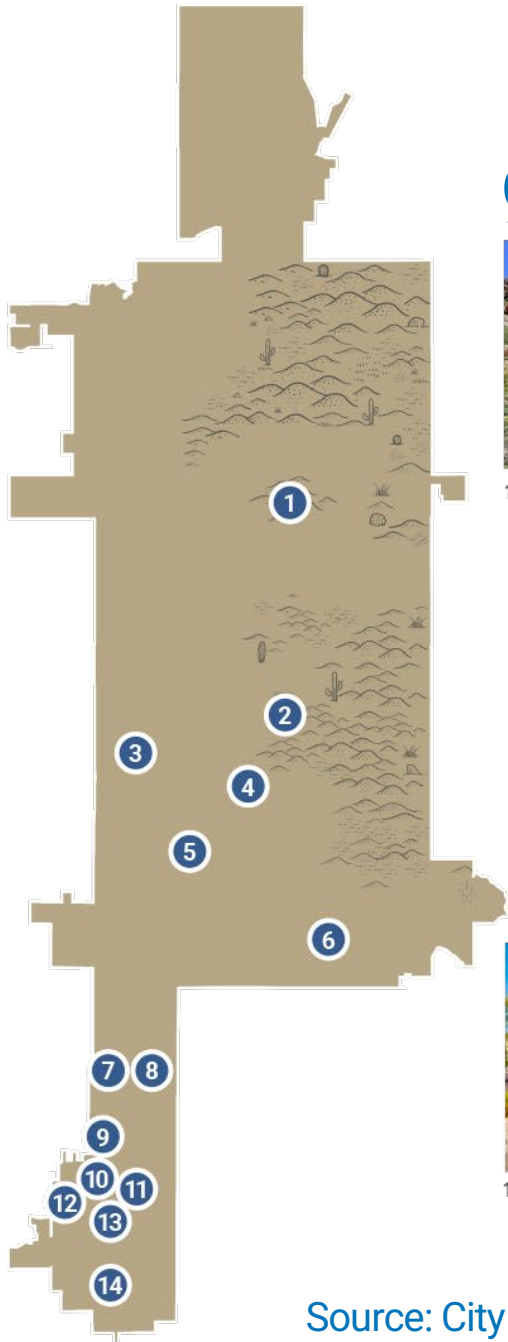
1,300 employees



Source: City of Scottsdale Economic Development Department (2023)



1 in 5 tax dollars (about \$70 million) were generated by the 10.8 m visitors to Scottsdale



1. Pinnacle Peak Park



2. Preserve Gateway and Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve



3. TPC Scottsdale



4. WestWorld



5. Scottsdale Airport/Airpark



6. Taliesin West



7. McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park



8. Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt



9. Scottsdale Fashion Square



10. Old Town Scottsdale



11. Scottsdale Historical Museum



12. Scottsdale's Museum of the West



13. Scottsdale Stadium

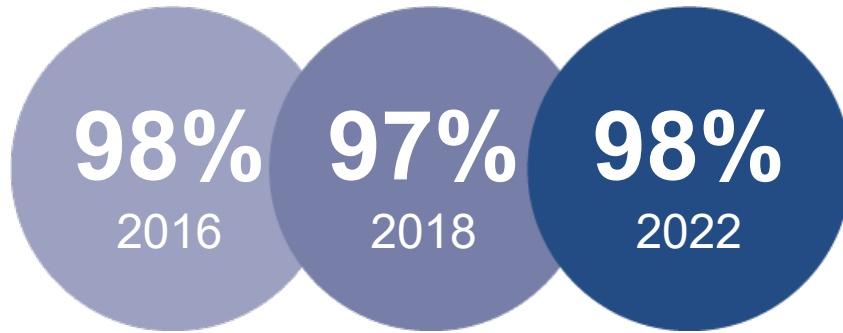


14. SkySong

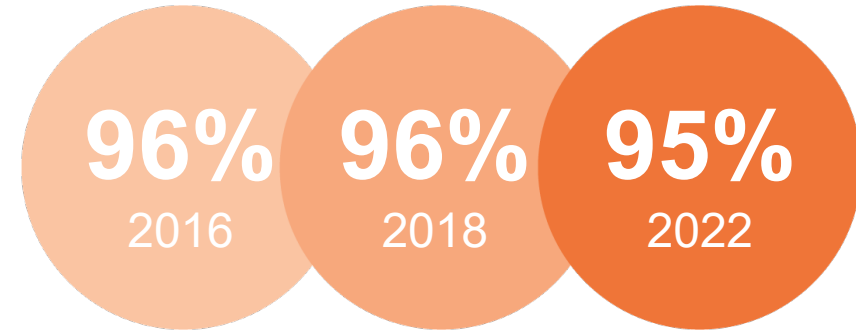
Source: City of Scottsdale Tourism and Events Department, Tourism Study – Visitor Statistics (2023)



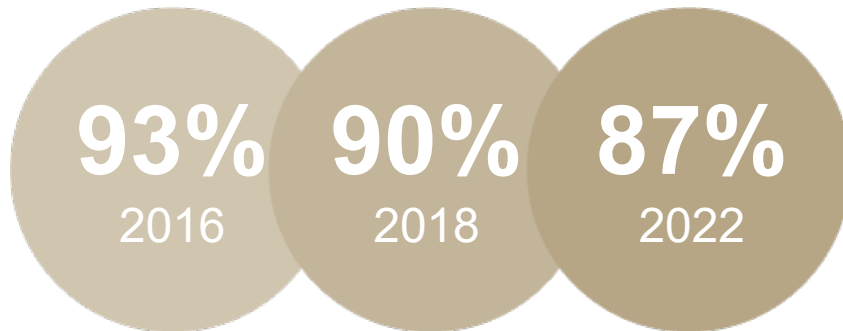
As a place to live



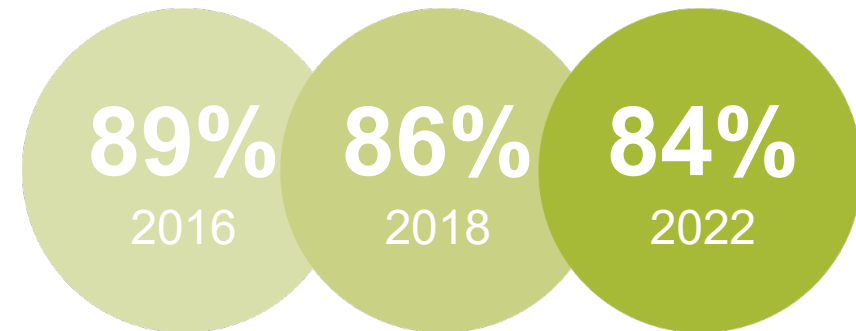
Quality of life



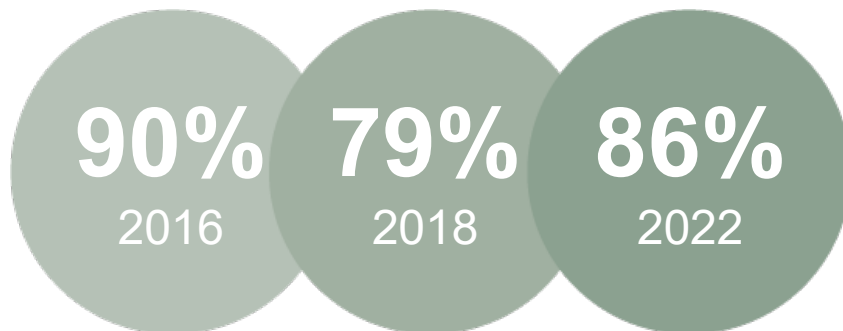
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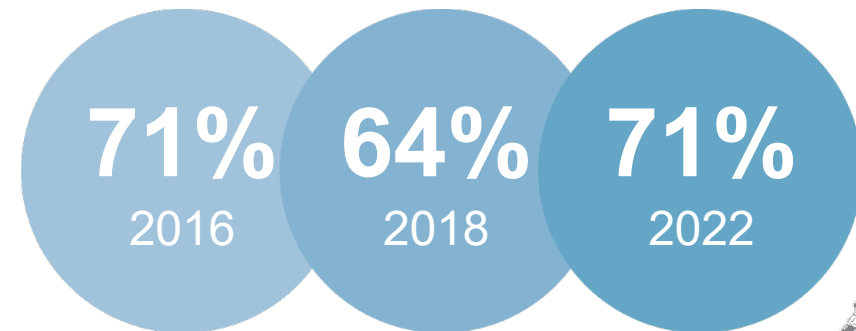
City services



City employees



Value of services for taxes paid



Scottsdale's median age of 47.9 is almost 10 years older than the U.S. median age of 38.4.

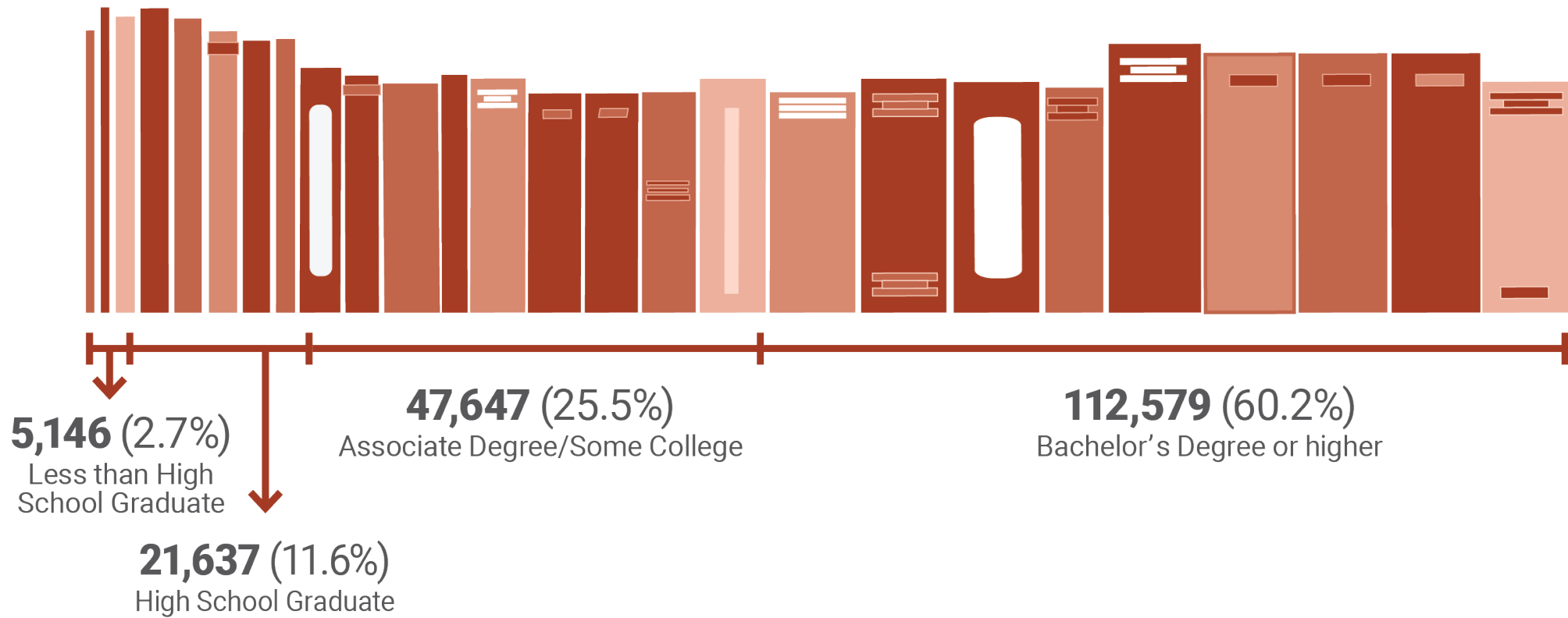


Median Age (US): 38.4 | Median Age (Scottsdale) 47.9

Age Under 5 8,696	5-19 30,467	20-24 12,513	25-54 90,900	55-74 69,548	75+ 26,561
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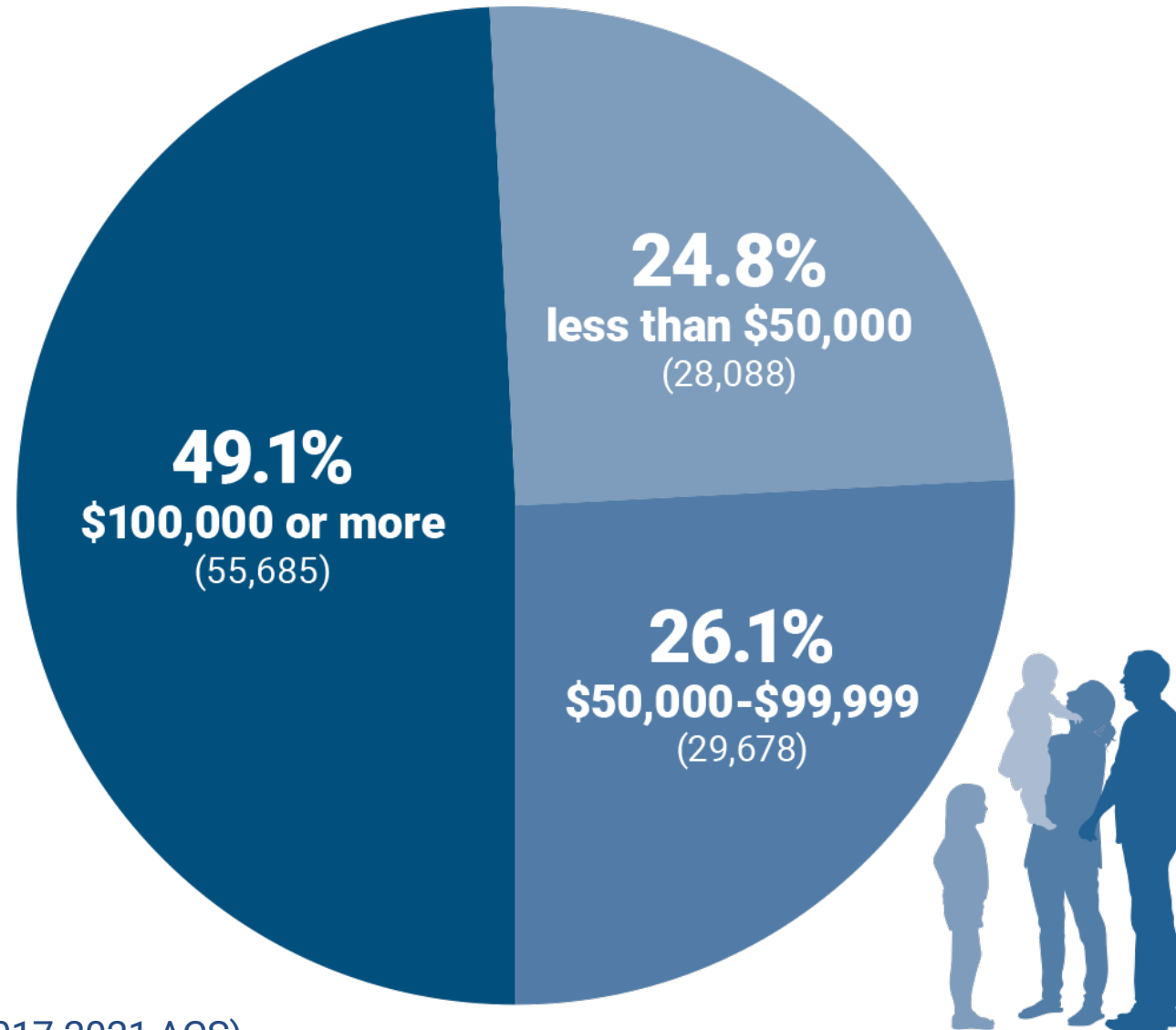
Source: U.S. Census (2017-2021 ACS)

3 in 5 Scottsdale residents over age 25 have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.



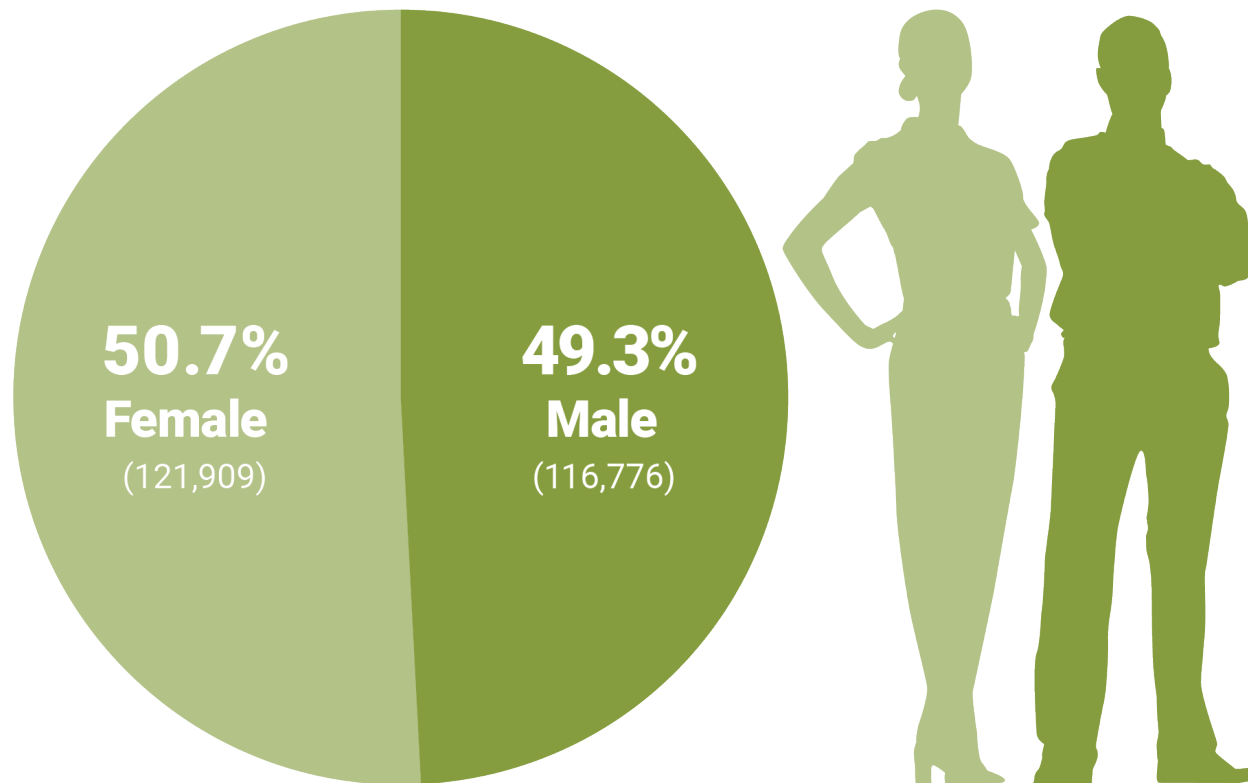
Source: U.S. Census (2017-2021 ACS)

Nearly half of all Scottsdale households make more than \$100,000 a year



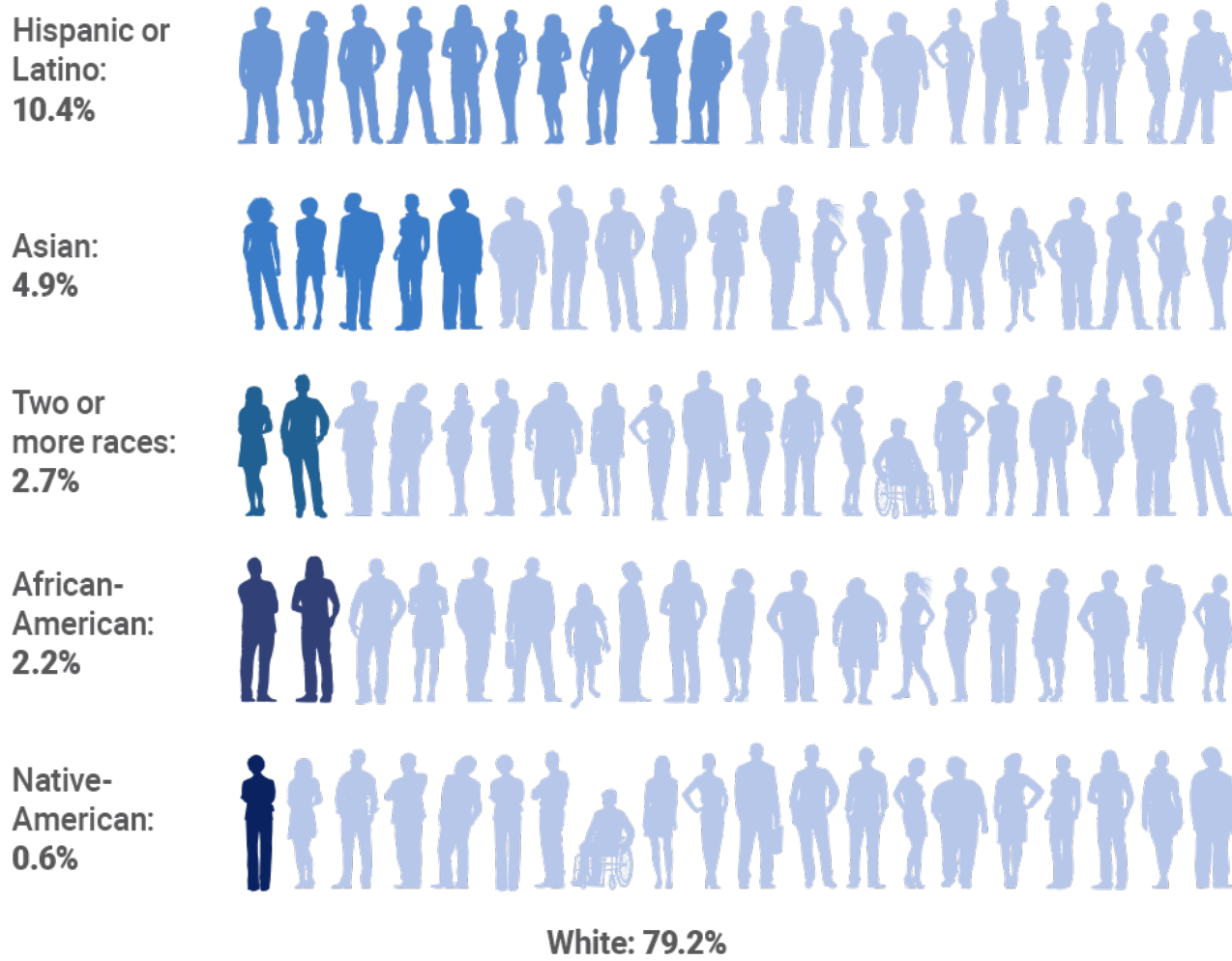
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There are slightly more women than men in Scottsdale



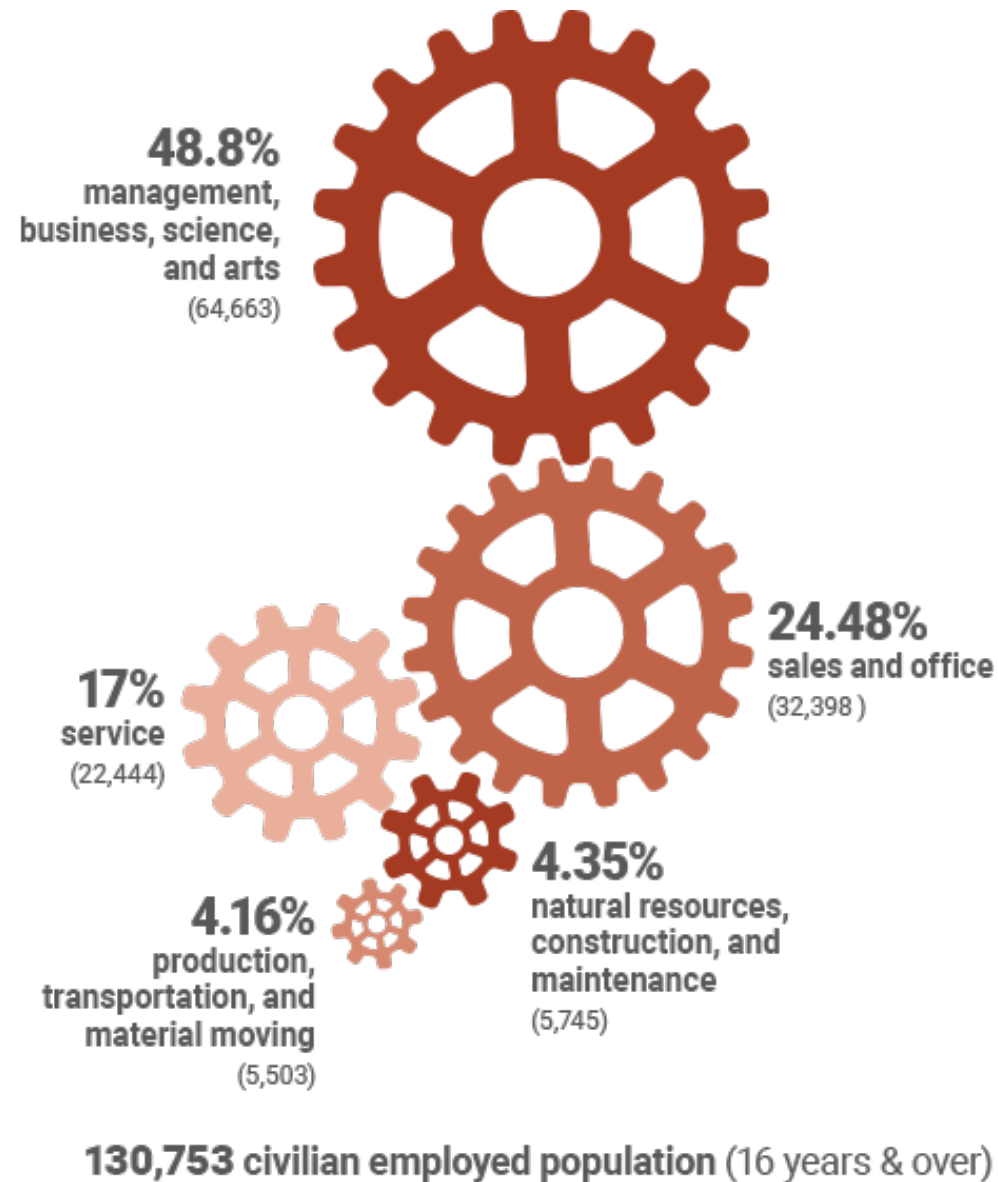
Source: U.S. Census (2017-2021 ACS)

1 in 5 Scottsdale residents is a person of color.



Source: U.S. Census (2017-2021 ACS)

Most residents work in management or office jobs.



Source: U.S. Census (2017-2021 ACS)

Property tax on a \$300,000 house



MESA



SCOTTSDALE



AVERAGE*



GLENDALE

Sales tax on a \$30,000 car



CHANDLER & GILBERT



SCOTTSDALE



AVERAGE*



GLENDALE

Monthly utility rate



CHANDLER



SCOTTSDALE



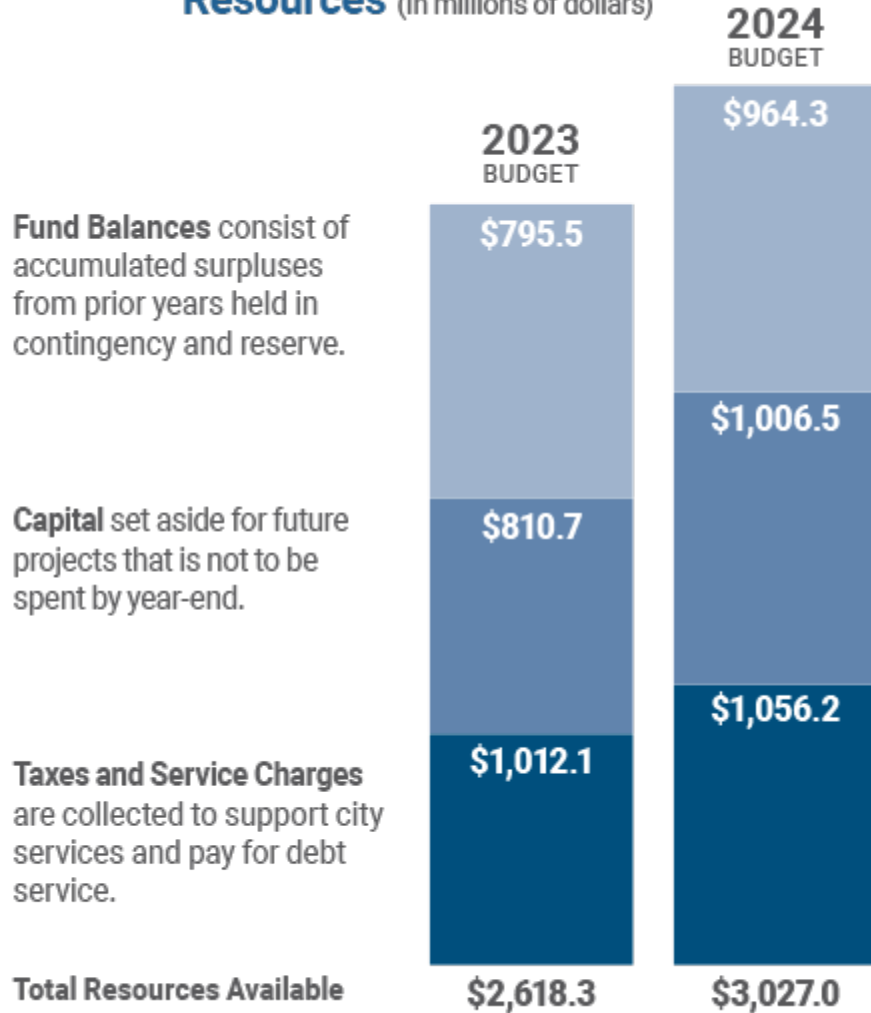
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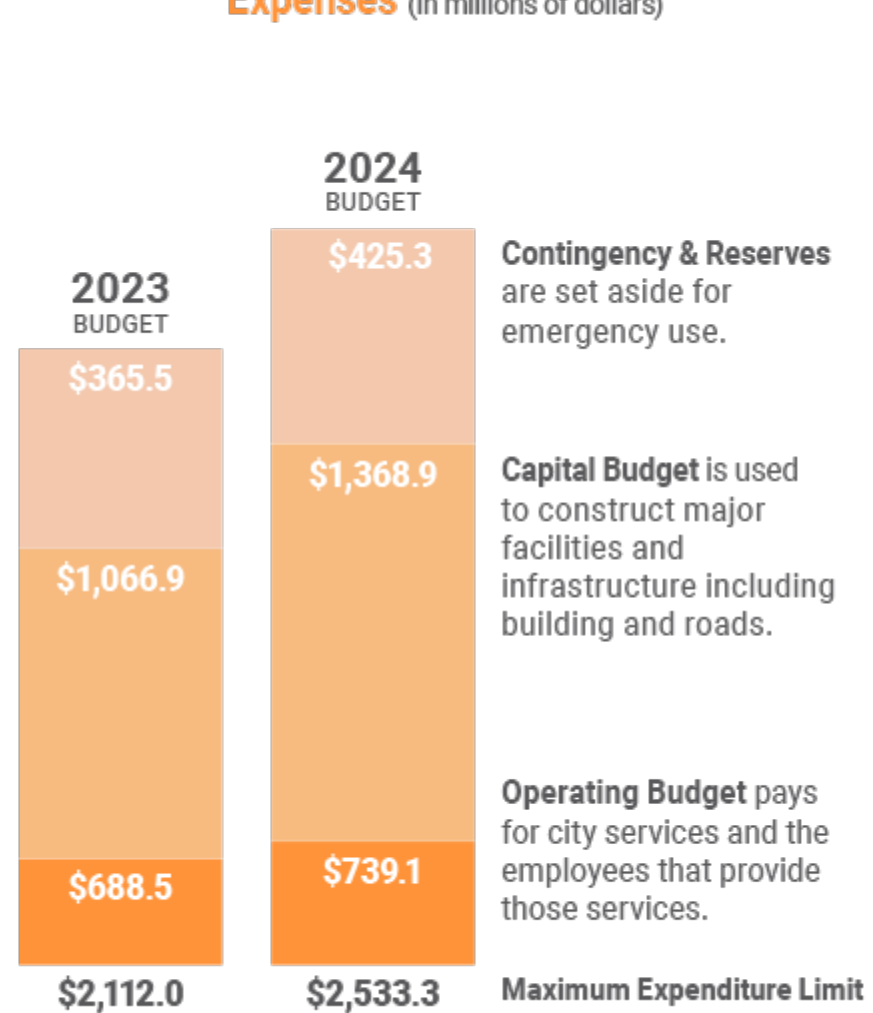
MESA

*Average of the eight largest cities in the Valley

Resources (in millions of dollars)



Expenses (in millions of dollars)



Some numbers may not add correctly due to rounding.

In 2022, Scottsdale exceeded five percent water savings through internal city efforts



**10,900,000
gallons**

of water saved by removing grass
through city rebate program



**5,000,000
gallons**

saved in parks



**5,000,000
gallons**

saved in water services



**895,000
gallons**

saved in facilities



9 miles

of city water pipes
cleaned using a recycling
filtration truck



6:04 minutes average police response time.



5:51 minutes average fire response time.



Fire Department public education and outreach connected with **58,810 people**.



Scottsdale libraries welcomed more than **550,000 visitors**.



60 volunteers with Vista del Camino & Paiute neighborhood centers



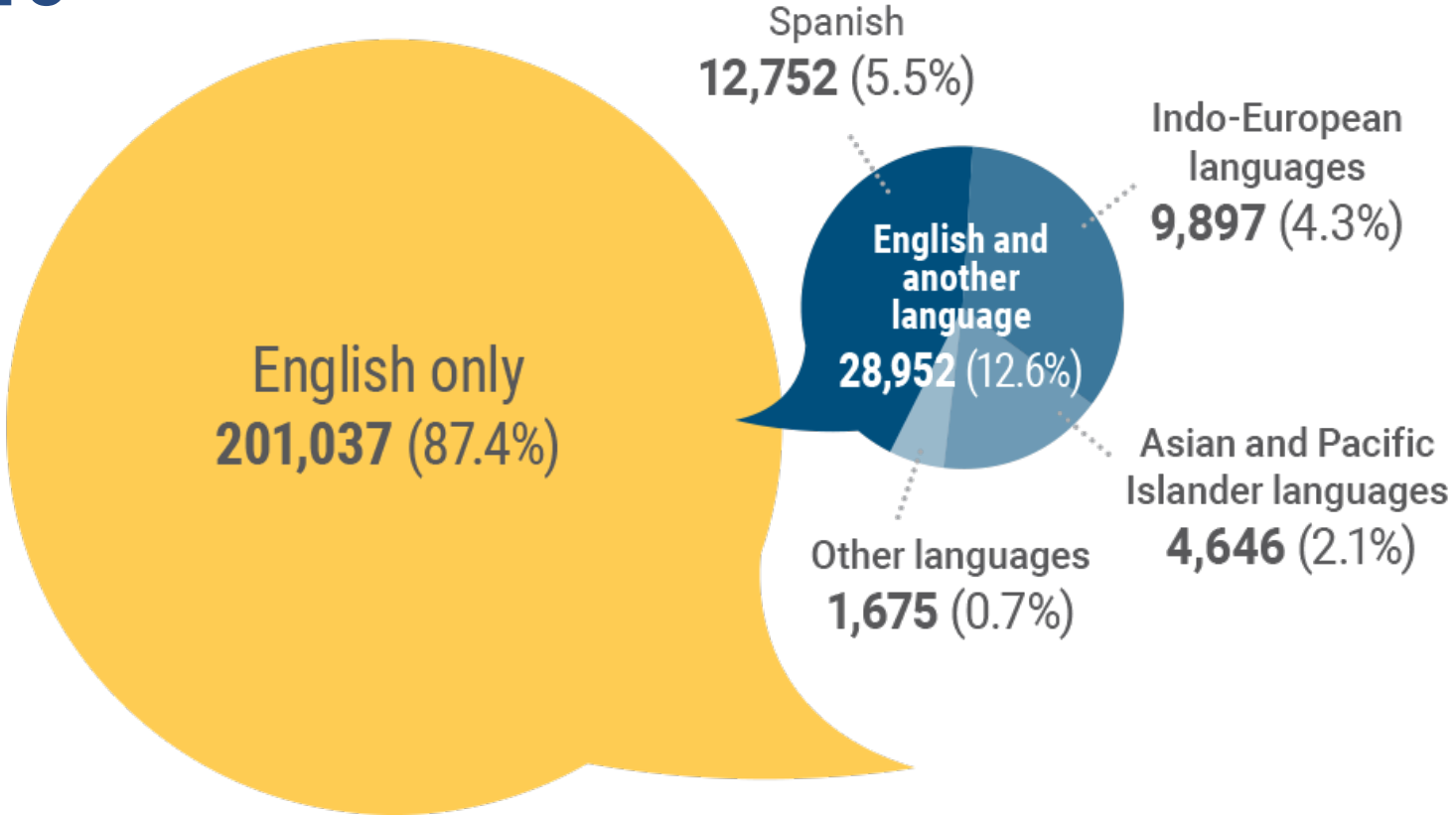
21,851 food boxes provided at senior and community centers.



Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve had **870,000 visits**.

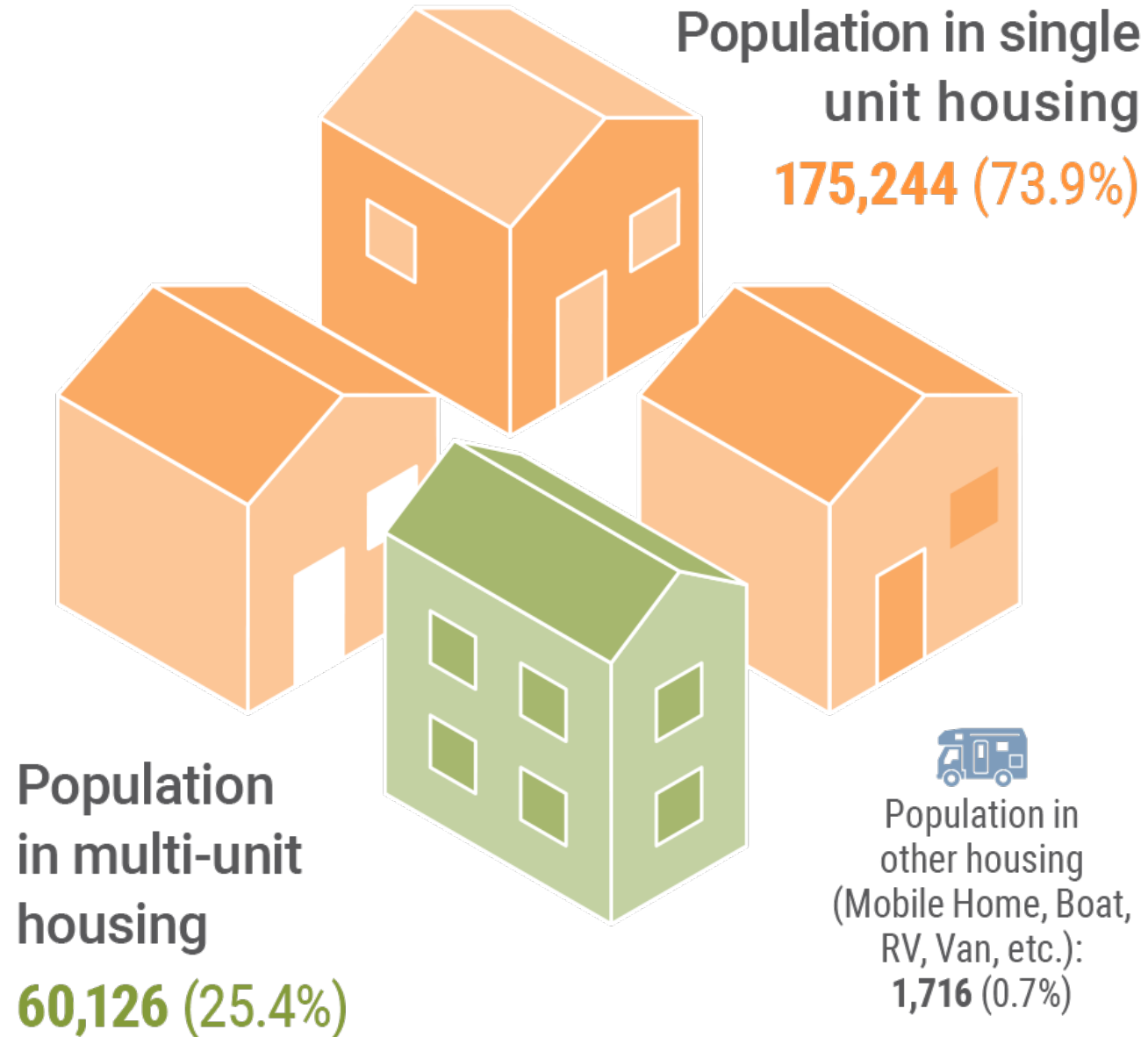


**While most
Scottsdale residents
speak English, 1 in 10
can also speak
another language.**



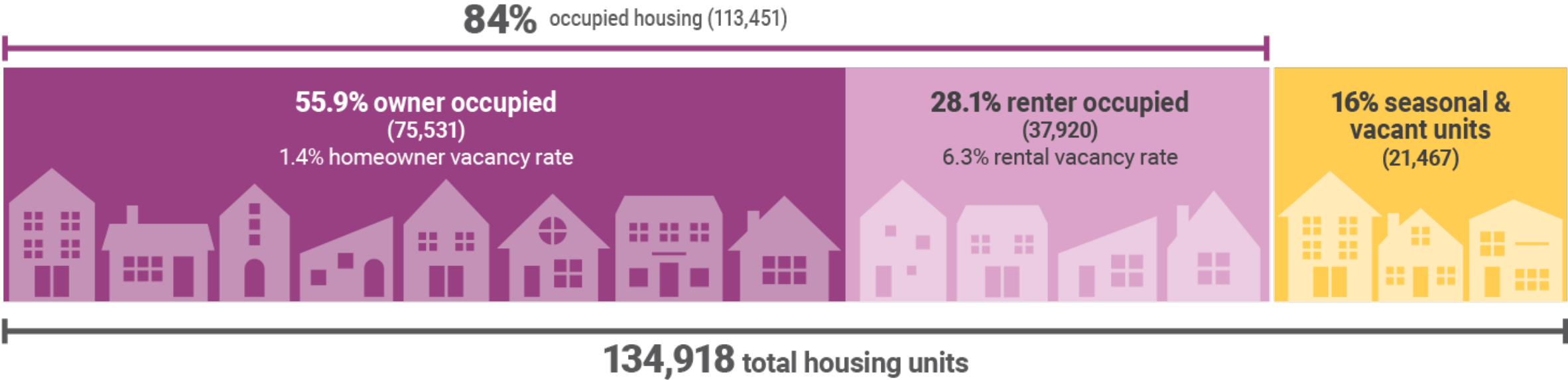
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017-2021 ACS)

**Almost 3 in 4
Scottsdale
residents live in
single unit housing.**



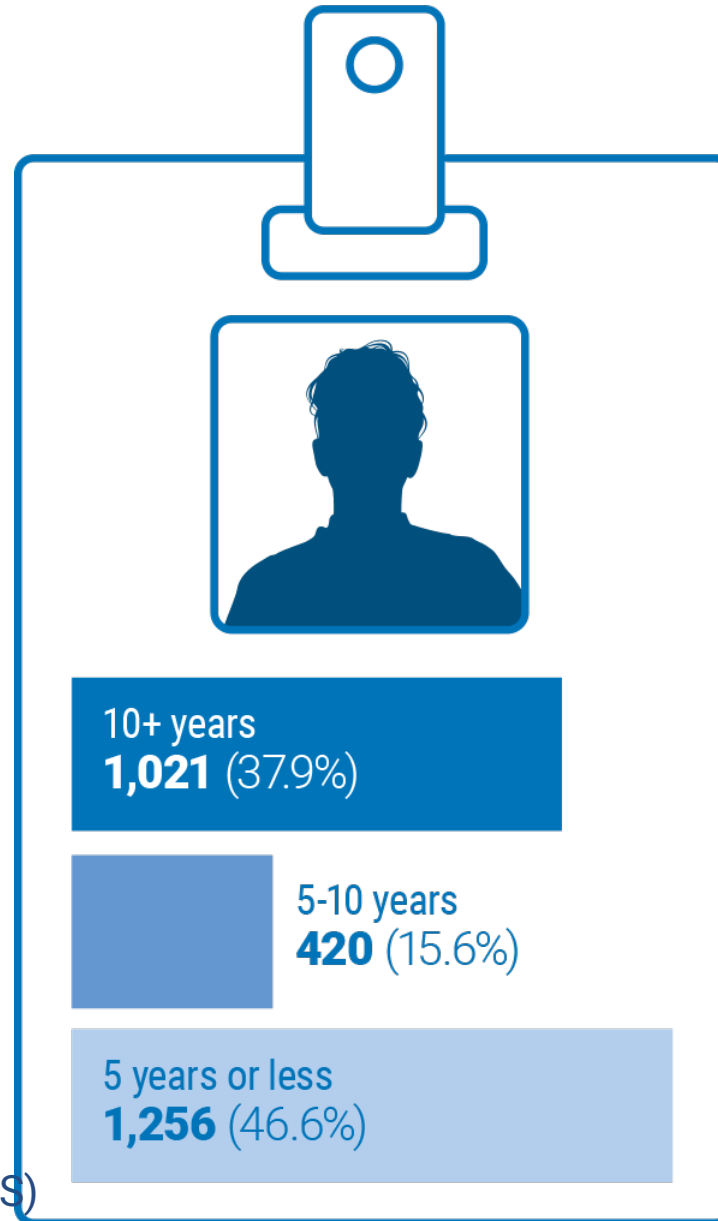
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017-2021 ACS)

2 in 3 housing units in Scottsdale are owner occupied.



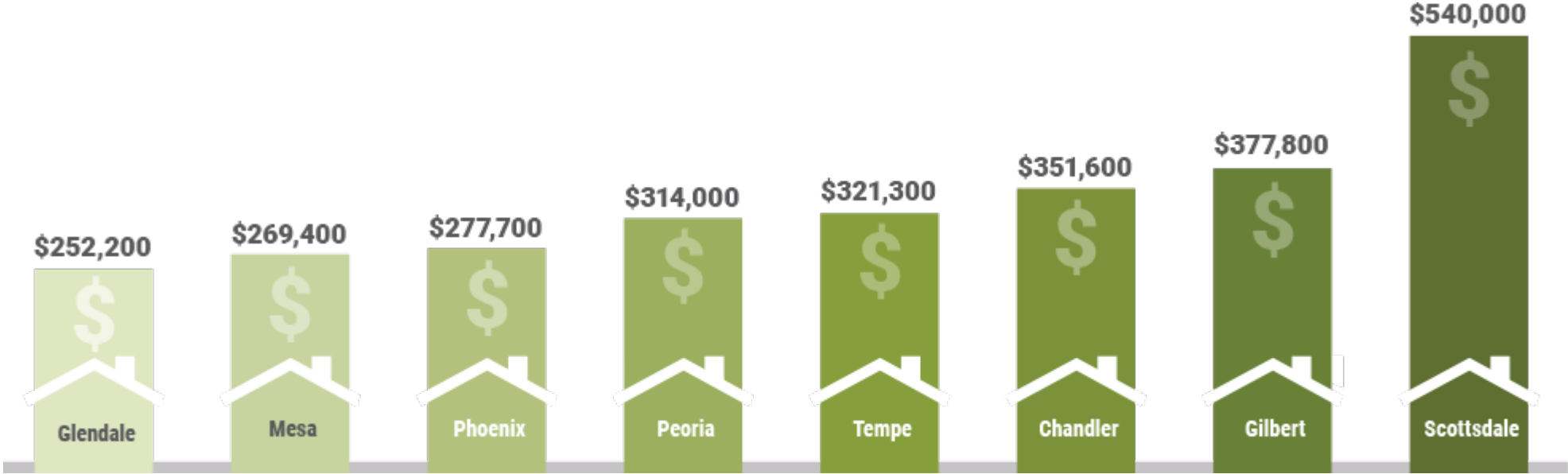
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017-2021 ACS)

**Almost 40% of
Scottsdale
employees have a
decade or more of
experience.**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017-2021 ACS)

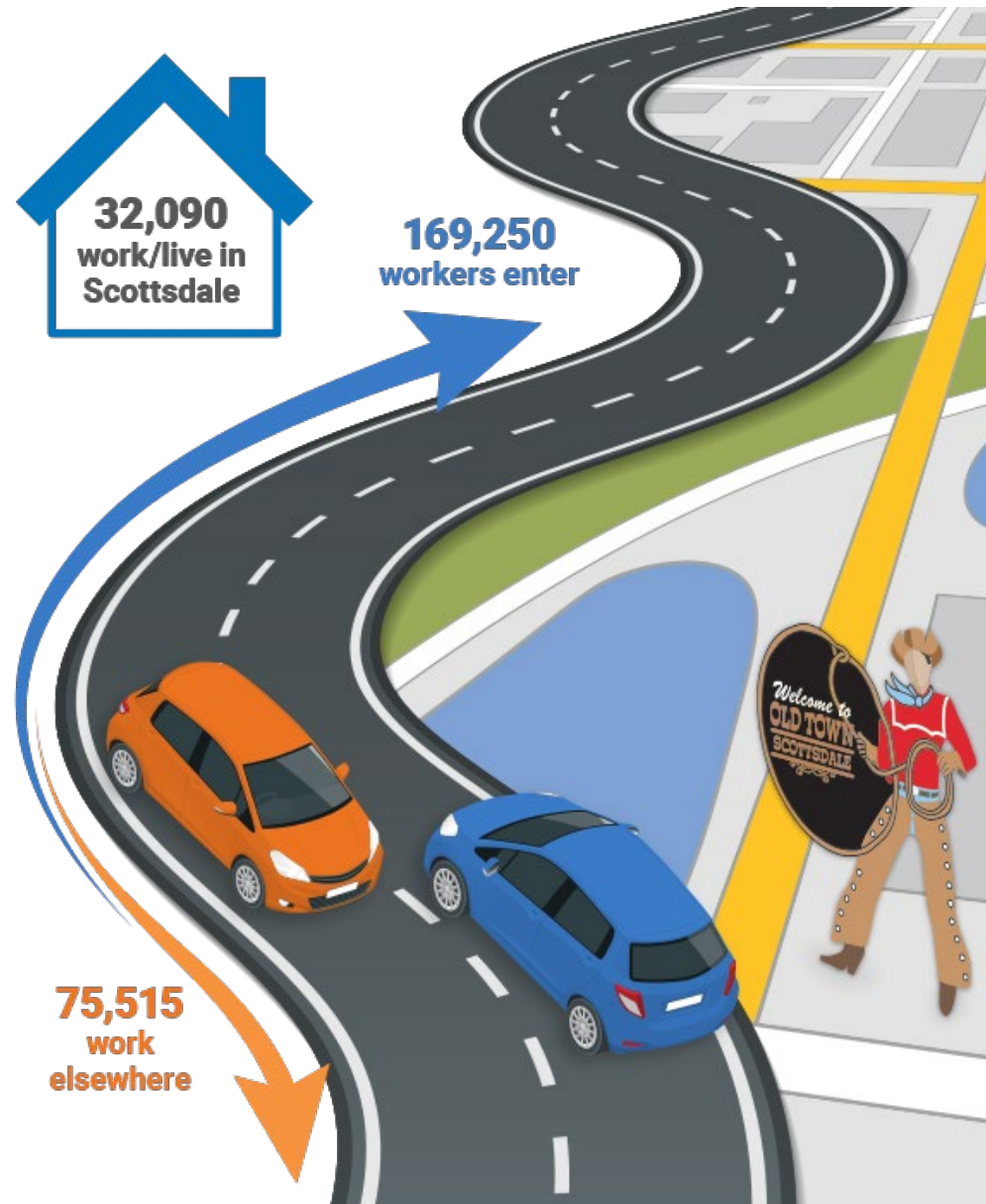
Scottsdale has the highest median housing price of any of the large Valley cities and one of the lowest property tax rates.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017-2021 ACS)



**More people
come to work in
Scottsdale each
day than leave to
work in other
communities.**



**Scottsdale has
more than
200,000 jobs**

Source: U.S. Census Inflow/Outflow Analysis (2020)

Community Feedback



Prepare

Departments work to forecast and refine forthcoming budget requests



Propose

Proposed Budget is presented to City Council



Review

City Council tentatively adopts Proposed Budget



Adopt

City Council adopts the final budget and sets the rates, fees and taxes for the fiscal year



Scottsdale's budget is balanced as the city has more resources available than it is using



Adopted Budget

(all funds)

Total Resources

\$3,027.1

(in millions of dollars)

Total Uses

\$2,533.3

(in millions of dollars)

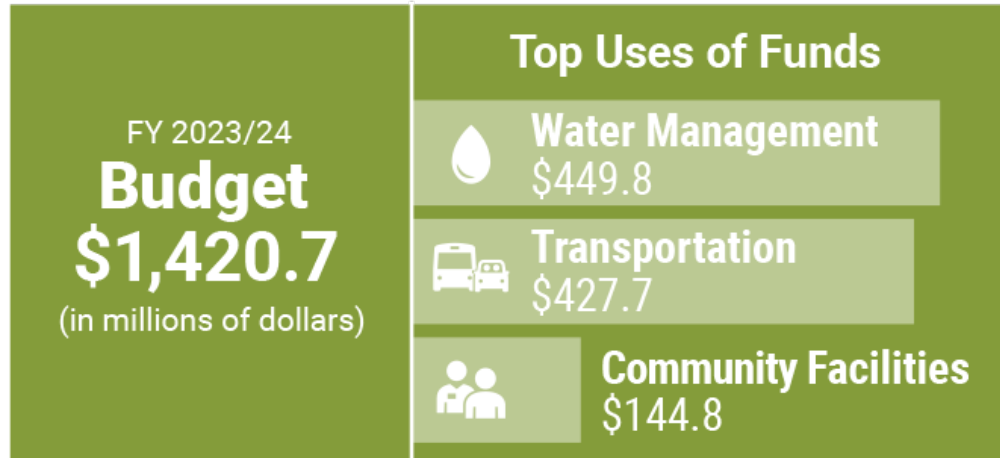
Scottsdale's Two Budgets

Scottsdale has two budgets, one is for capital projects that become long-time assets and the other is for city operations, which fund services for the public.



Capital Budget

Funds long-term investments in the city such as building, acquisition and improvement of infrastructure and facilities.

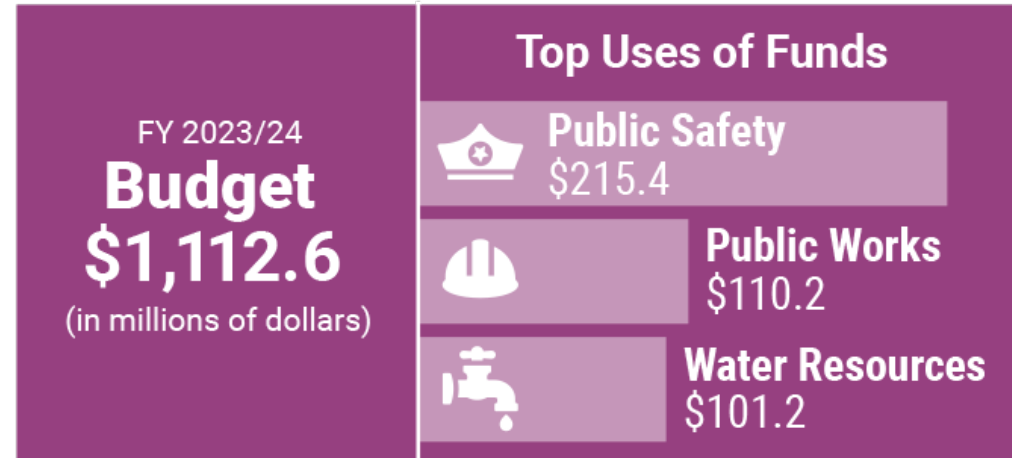


All other uses of funds: \$398.4



Operating Budget

Funds the day-to-day city operations and services.



All other uses of funds: \$685.8

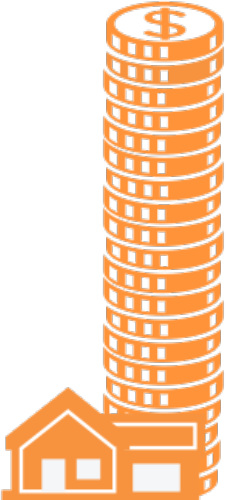
Where Do My Property Taxes Go?

Total: **\$64.5 million**

For every dollar collected



SCHOOLS/EDUCATION
\$0.55



MARICOPA COUNTY
\$0.20



SPECIAL DISTRICTS
\$0.10



CITY SERVICES
\$0.08

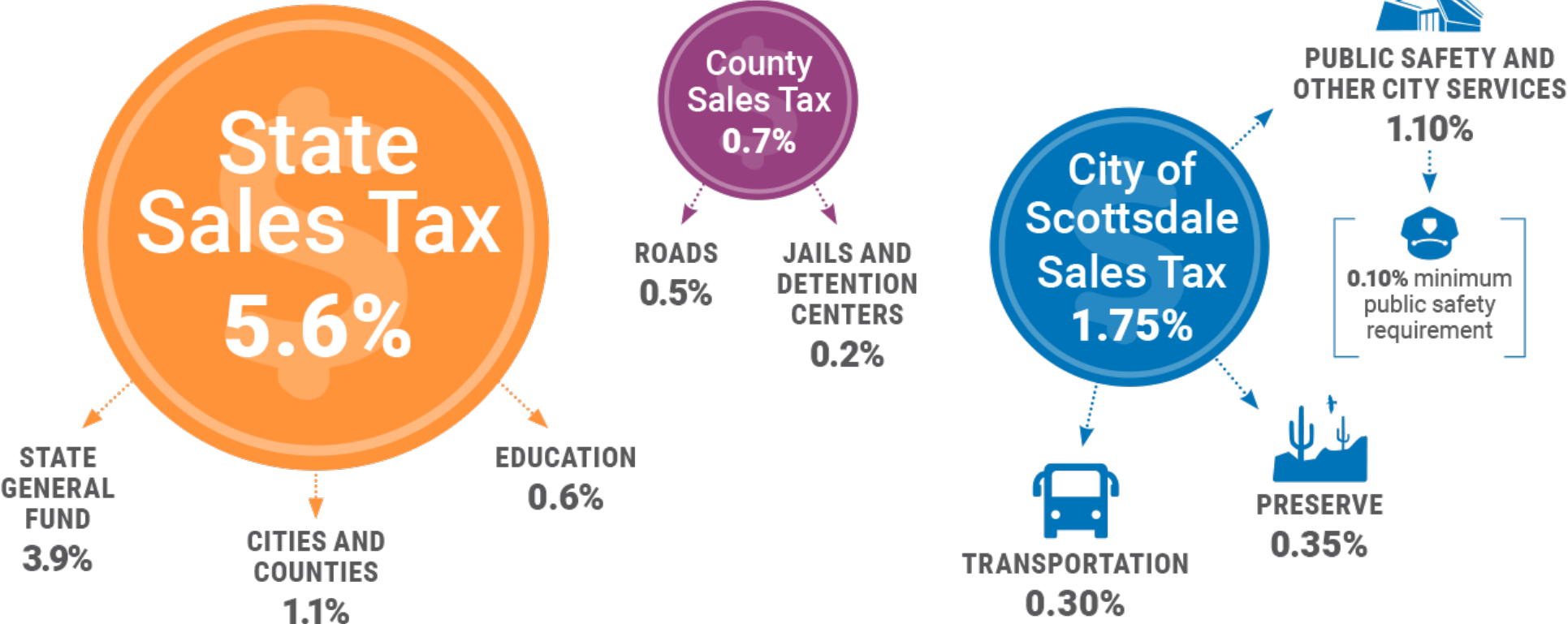


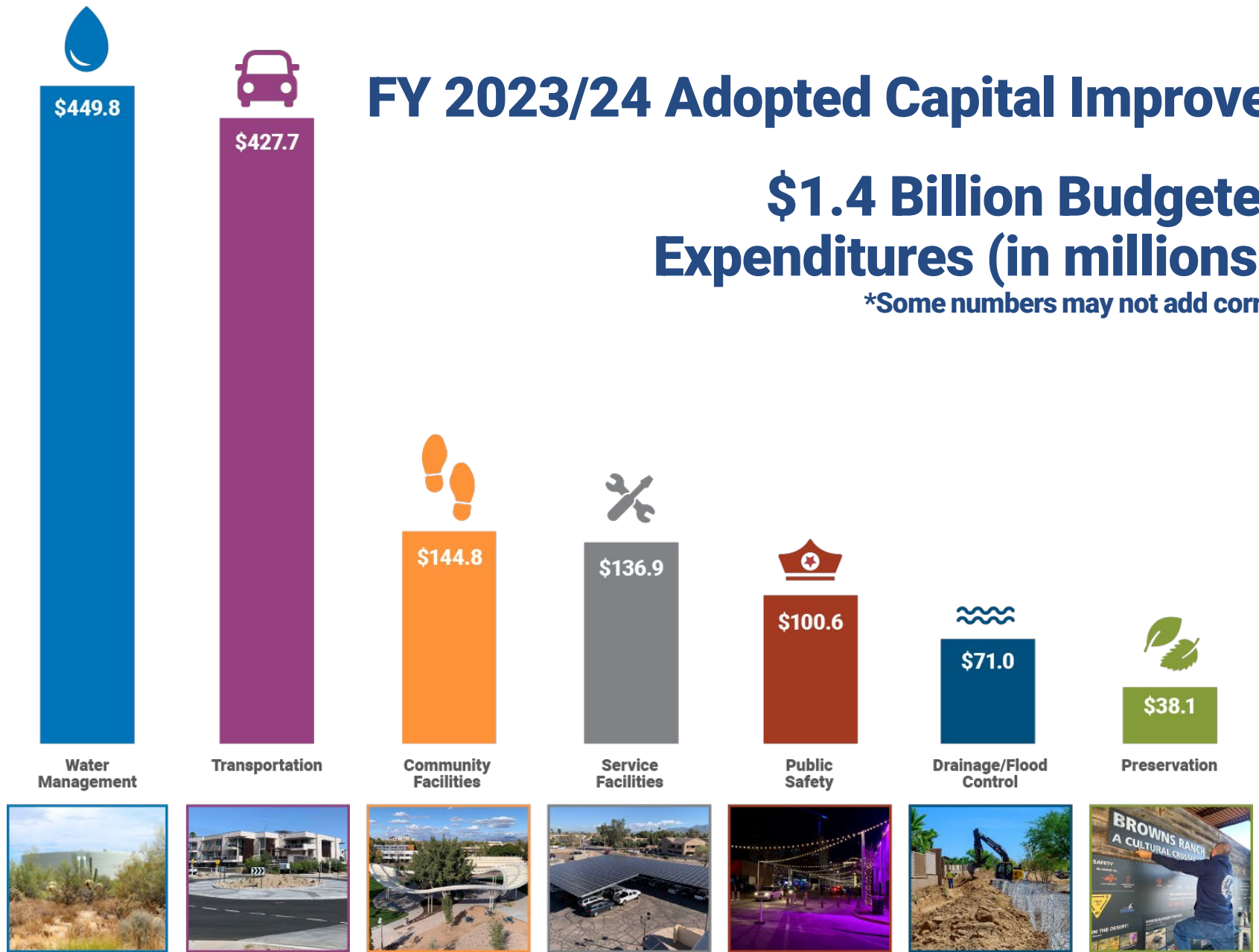
CITY DEBT SERVICES
\$0.07

Some property tax numbers may vary based on location in Scottsdale

Where Do My Sales Taxes Go?

Total: **8.05%**





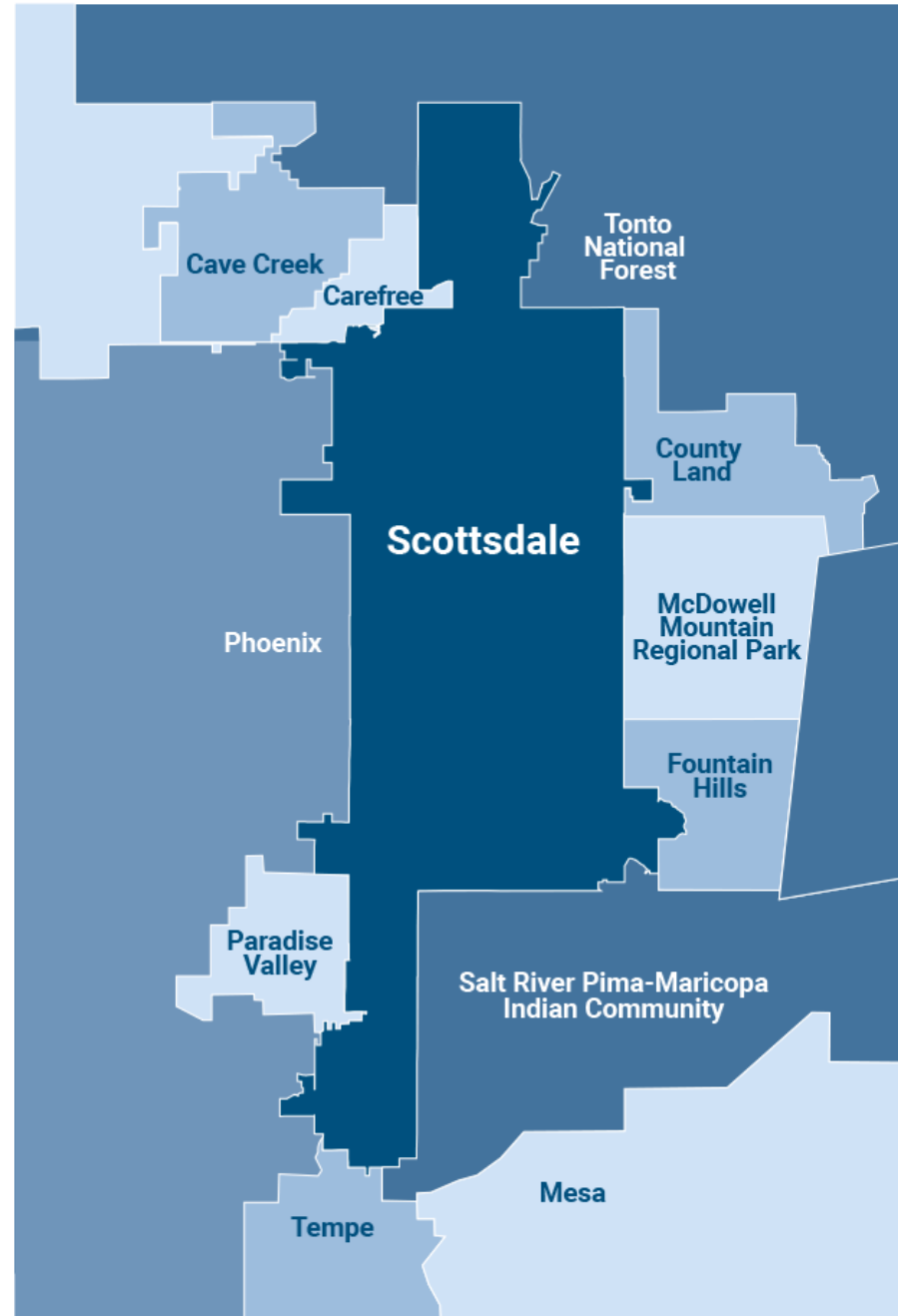
FY 2023/24 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan

\$1.4 Billion Budgeted Program Expenditures (in millions of dollars)

*Some numbers may not add correctly due to rounding.

Who are Scottsdale's neighbors?

Scottsdale is bordered by one tribal community, five municipalities, Maricopa County, & the Tonto National Forest





Scottsdale,
U.S.A.
Alamos,
Mexico

Kingston, Canada

Killarney, Ireland

Interlaken,
Switzerland

Marrakesh,
Morocco

Uasin Gishu,
Kenya

Haikou, China

Cairns, Australia

The Scottsdale Sister Cities Association promotes the City of Scottsdale by strengthening municipal and economic development partnerships between Scottsdale and its Sister Cities. SSCA is an independent non-profit corporation that receives about \$10,000 per year from the City of Scottsdale.

Scottsdale Sister Cities

Go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Sister Cities"

Citizen Advisory Groups

The Citizen Advisory Groups advise the City Council on a wide variety of policy matters.

To learn more or volunteer, go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search “Boards”

Commissions

Airport	Neighborhood
Environment	Parks and Recreation
Historic Preservation	Planning
Human Relations	Tourism Development
Human Services	Veterans
McDowell Sonoran Preserve	

Boards

Adjustment	Personnel
Building Appeals	Public Safety Personnel
Development Review	Retirement – Fire Local
Judicial Appointments	Public Safety Personnel
Library	Retirement – Police Local
Loss Trust Fund	

Simply Better Service for a World-Class Community



65.8
MILLION
GALLONS
OF DRINKING
WATER
DELIVERED
DAILY

8 WATER
FACILITIES

4 POLICE
STATIONS

355 POLICE
VEHICLES

15 FIRE
STATIONS

42 FIRE RESPONSE
VEHICLES

314 TRAFFIC
SIGNALS

2,801 LANE MILES OF ROADS

11,622
FIRE HYDRANTS

69 SOLID WASTE
TRUCKS

1,524
MILES OF
SANITARY
SEWERS

2,152 MILES OF WATER MAINS



44 PARKS

30,500 ACRES OF PRESERVE LAND

11 TRAILHEADS AND 230 MILES OF NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS IN THE PRESERVE

**52 HOTELS
9,354 ROOMS**

1 AIRPORT

5 URBAN LAKES

33,731 COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN SCOTTSDALE

982 TOTAL ACRES

37 PLAYGROUNDS

74 ATHLETIC FIELDS

39 BASKETBALL COURTS

3 OFF-LEASH AREAS

4 AQUATIC FACILITIES

6 SPRAY FEATURES

2 SKATE PARKS

35 VOLLEYBALL COURTS

30 PICKLEBALL & RACQUETBALL COURTS

**49 TENNIS COURTS
2 TENNIS CENTERS**

1 RAILROAD PARK

3 EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES

1 BASEBALL STADIUM

**37 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
24,283 ENROLLMENT**

7 MUSEUMS

127 ART GALLERIES & ART DEALERS

967 RESTAURANTS

123 MILES OF PAVED PATHWAYS, 156 UNPAVED

3 FREE TROLLEY ROUTES

11 BUS ROUTES

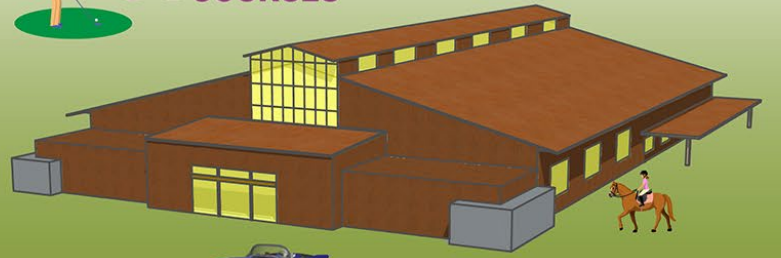
2 SENIOR CENTERS

6 COMMUNITY CENTERS

4 PUBLIC LIBRARIES

376 COMBINED SPECIAL EVENT DAYS AT WESTWORLD


51 GOLF COURSES





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CITY OF 
SCOTTSDALE

SCOTTSDALE OVERVIEW
INNOVATION HISTORY

SCOTTSDALE CITY HALL
3939 N. DRINKWATER BLVD.

Bloomberg Philanthropies | What Works Cities Certification | RESULTS FOR AMERICA

SCOTTSDALE, AZ



CERTIFIED CITY



3950 N 7200 E → CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
Main St

DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION



Welcome to HISTORIC OLD TOWN - SCOTTSDALE -

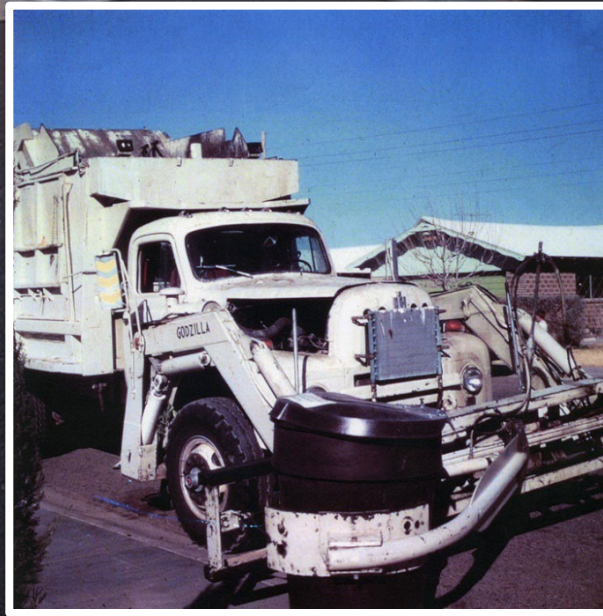


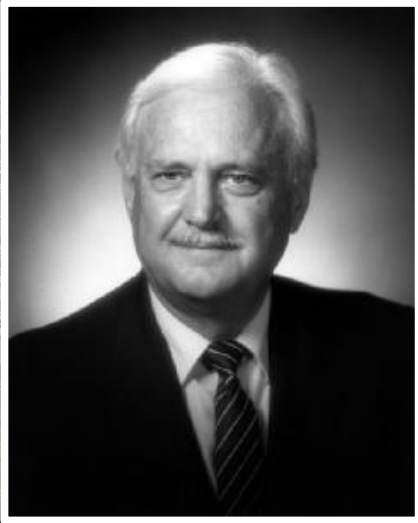
1950s





1960s

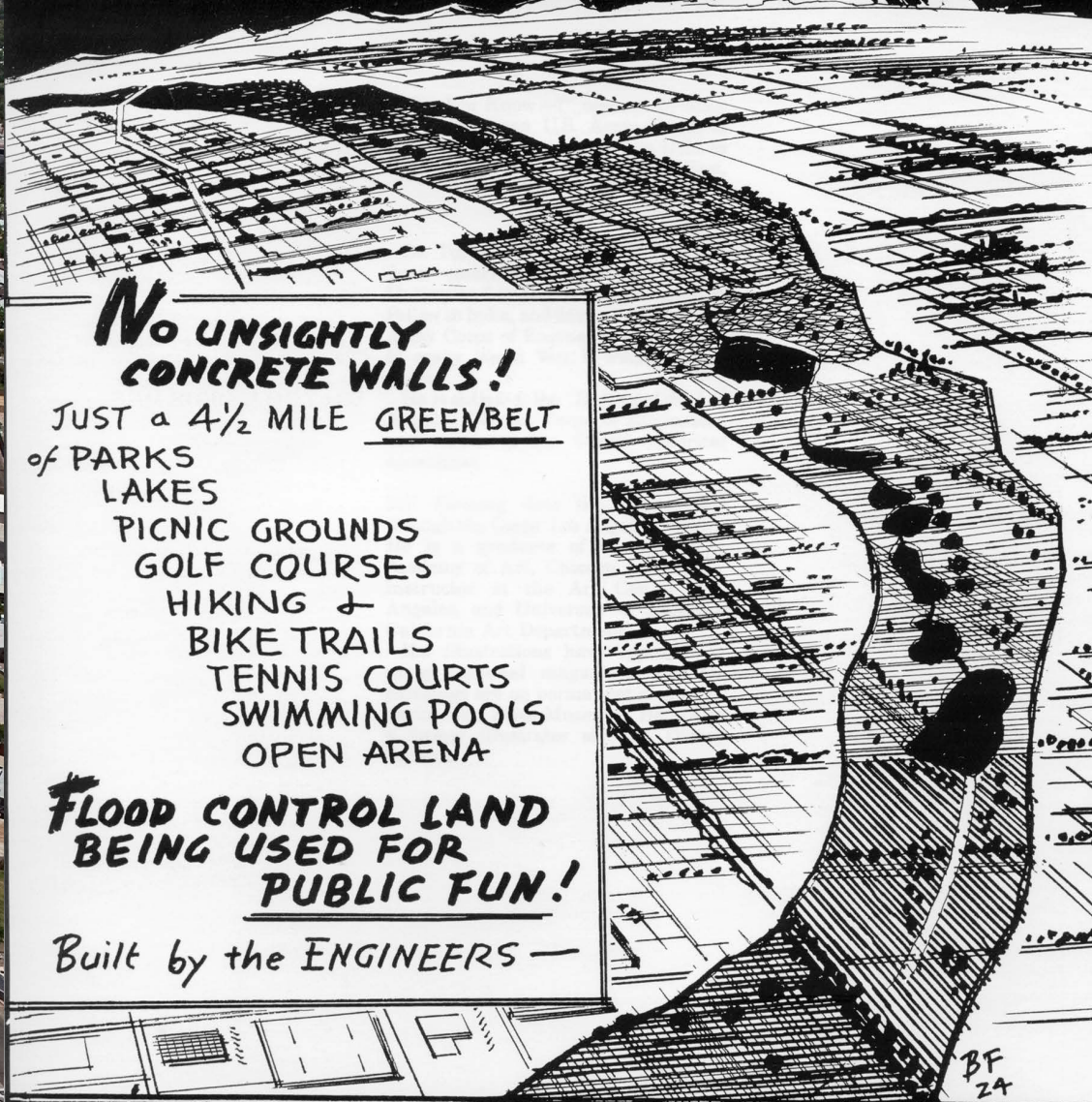




1970s

Indian Bend Wash

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA



**NO UNSIGHTLY
CONCRETE WALLS!**

JUST a 4½ MILE GREENBELT
of PARKS
LAKES
PICNIC GROUNDS
GOLF COURSES
HIKING &
BIKE TRAILS
TENNIS COURTS
SWIMMING POOLS
OPEN ARENA

**FLOOD CONTROL LAND
BEING USED FOR
PUBLIC FUN!**

Built by the ENGINEERS —

**THE FIRST NON-STRUCTURAL FLOOD CONTROL
SOLUTION IN THE U.S. !!**

RURAL / METRO
FIRE TEST

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1980s

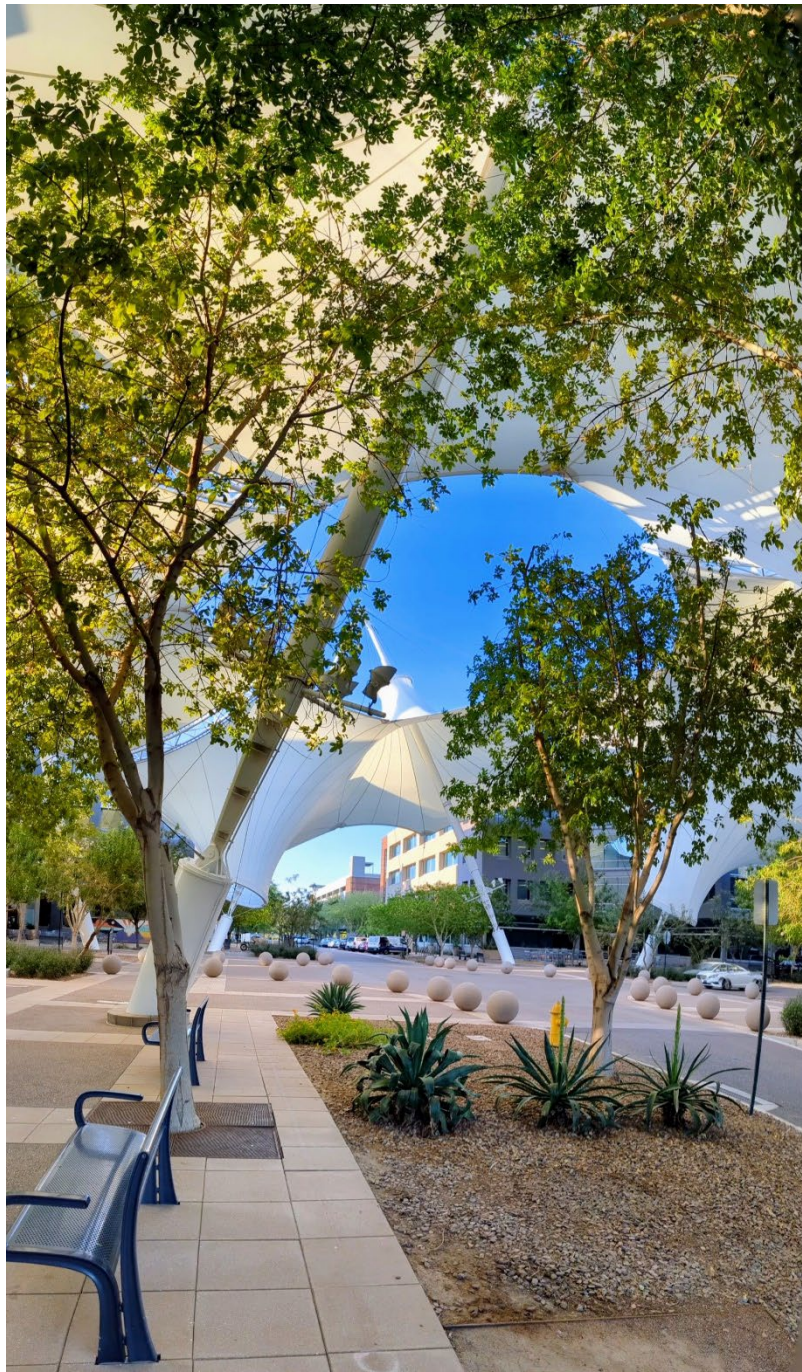


Jane Rau
Trail

0.5 mi. Loop



1990s






2010s



2020s



CITY OF 
SCOTTSDALE

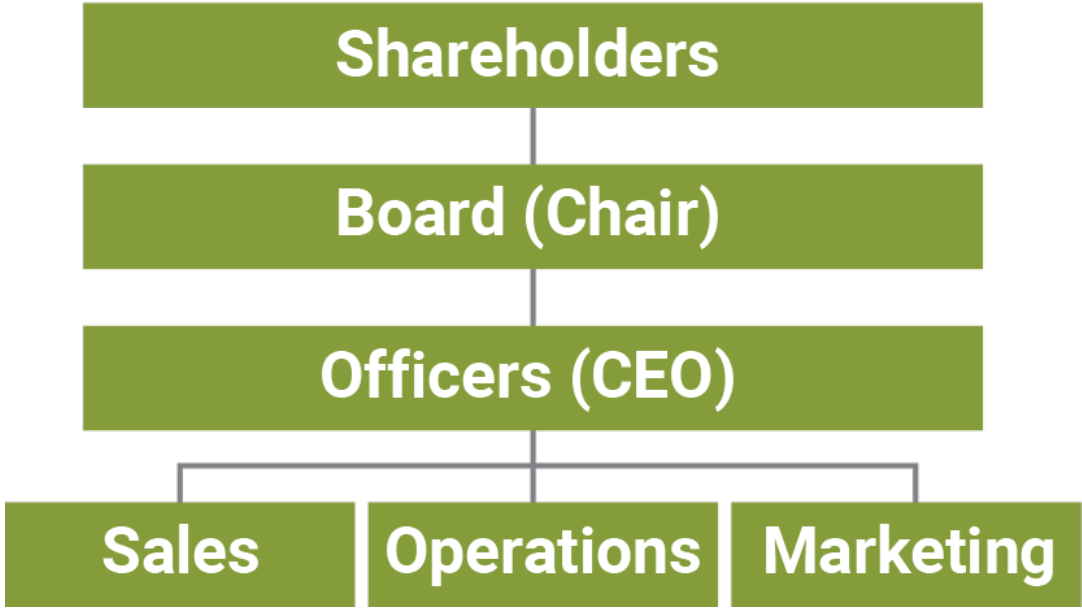
SCOTTSDALE OVERVIEW
COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM



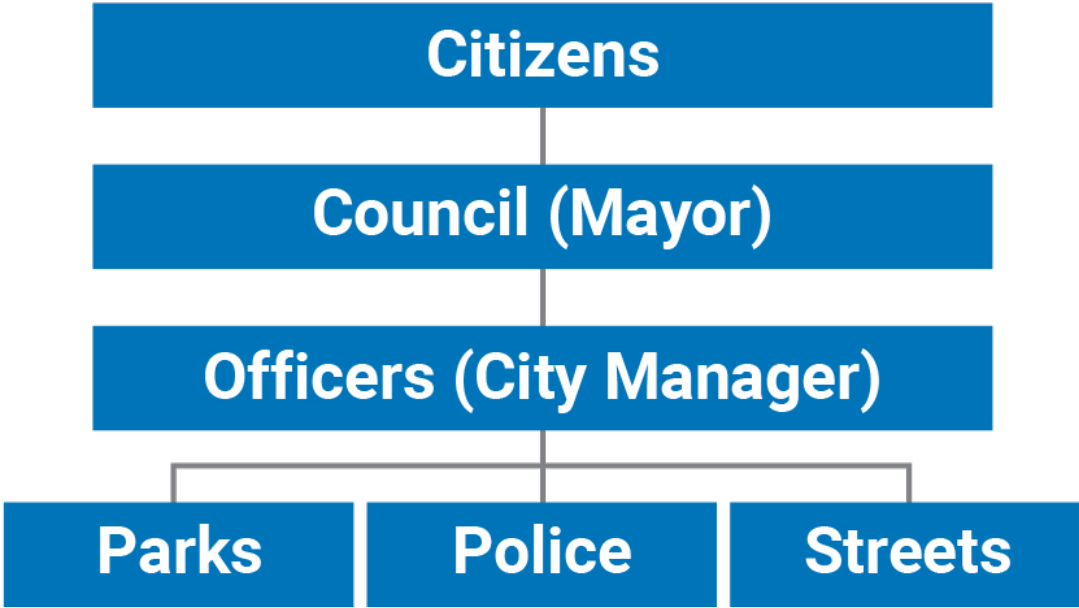
"The municipal government provided by this charter shall be known as the **council manager form of government."**



Corporate Model



Council-Manager Form of Government



Key thoughts from the ICMA Code of Ethics...

professional management
essential to effective, efficient,
equitable and democratic
local government

highest ideals of honor
and integrity in all
relationships to merit
respect and confidence

serve the best
interests of
all community
members