

FOUNTAIN COLORADO COST OF LIVING Dec09

Fountain Colorado Cost of Living

Fountain/Colorado Springs MSA area cost of living 3rd Quarter 2009

Source: ACCRA now CCER

7.6% below national average. The Fountain Valley area is generally lower than Colorado Springs' due to lower housing costs (the same home and lot in Colorado Springs is \$15,000 to \$40,000 more, depending on the neighborhood).



Home prices 2009

The median sales price of a single family home in the Fountain Valley area as of November 2009 was \$164,000. Townhomes and condos went for a median sales price of \$98,950, with the average at \$101,678. Brand new houses are in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. The average list price for single family or patio homes was \$203,632. Home values in Colorado hold better than most of the USA, especially in the Pikes Peak Region. Both Money Magazine and the Wall Street Journal reported this in early 2009.

Residential Utilities

Residential Electric: Source: City of Fountain Utilities Dept. 2009

Fountain Electric Department serves most of the City

Rates are listed under "Customer Services" on the Utilities Department web page at

<http://www.fountaincolorado.org/departament/division.asp?fDD=18-100>

Residential electric estimates January 2009:

Approximately 700kWh \$73.52 (Including Street Light Charge)

Customer service contact: (719) 322-2092

-Some sections of Fountain are served by:

Mountain View Electric Association Rates: <http://www.mvea.org/rates/residential.html>

Colorado Springs Utilities Rates: : http://www.csu.org/wa/rate/elec_ratecalc.jsp

Electric rate comparison for 700 kWh residential 2008

Mountainview Electric	\$93.24
Fountain	\$71.22
Black Hills Energy	\$79.44
Xcel Energy	\$84.15
Colorado Springs	\$60.74

Residential Water: Source: City of Fountain Utilities Dept. 2009

Fountain Water Department serves most of the City:

Rates are listed under "Customer Services" on the Utilities Department web page at

<http://www.fountaincolorado.org/departament/division.asp?fDD=17-105>

-Residential water estimates January 2009:

10,000 gallons \$38.90

Customer service contact: (719) 322-2072

-Some sections of Fountain are served by:

Widefield Water and Sanitation District: <http://wwsdonline.com/index.php?page=about-us>

Security Water and Sanitation District: <http://www.securitywsd.com>

Residential Gas Source: Black Hills Energy 2009

Aquila Natural Gas serves most of the City:

Rates: <http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/customers/energyrates>

-Residential gas 2009:

Residential \$10.00 monthly facility charge plus \$.58341/therm

-Customer service contact: 1-888-890-5554

-Sections of Fountain north of Fontaine Blvd are served by:

Colorado Springs Utilities Rates: http://www.csu.org/wa/rate/elec_ratecalc.jsp

Waste Water Source: Fountain Sanitation District 2009

Fountain Sanitation District serves most of the City:

Rates: <http://www.fountainsanitation.com/Rates/RatesAndFees.htm>

-Residential users pay a flat fee of \$17.25 a month.

-Customer service contact: (719) 382-5303

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Widefield Water and Sanitation District: <http://wwsdonline.com/index.php?page=rates>

Security Water and Sanitation District: <http://www.securitywsd.com/>