

Lifestyles of The Rich & Famous

Before a president can effectively govern this diverse nation, they must first be able to understand the needs and struggles of its citizens. McCain's astonishing wealth makes it impossible for him to relate to the millions of Americans who have been hurt by the economy.

Ten Homes = \$13,962,019

John & Cindy McCain Own At Least Ten Houses In Arizona, California, and Virginia Worth an Estimated \$13,962,019. John and Cindy McCain own a plethora of houses spread throughout the United States, including: a beachfront condo in Coronado, California, a condo in La Jolla, California, a two-unit condominium complex in Phoenix, Arizona, four ranch houses located outside of Sedona, Arizona, a high-rise condo in Arlington, Virginia, and, according to *GQ*, a loft they bought for their daughter, Meghan. The value of their houses is an estimated \$13,123,269. [San Diego County Property Records; Maricopa County Property Records; Yavapai County Property Records; Arlington County Property Records; *GQ*, [3/18/08](#)]

John McCain's Family Owns Its Property Through Various Private Investment Companies and Family Trusts. The McCain's family's real estate is owned by various private investment limited liability companies (LLCs) and family trust funds. Many of the properties, owned by entities such as Dream Catcher Family LLC, Wild River LLC, The Cindy Hensley McCain Trust, and the Marguerite Hensley Survivors Trust, which are all officially controlled by McCain's wife and children. [Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report; Arizona Property Records]

The McCain's Primary Residence

1. In 2006, McCains Purchased Two Condominiums in Phoenix For \$4,666,814. According to property records from Maricopa County, Arizona, the McCains spent \$4,666,814 Condominium in Phoenix, AZ in 2006. Officially, the sale was made to The Cindy Hensley McCain Family Trust on October 18, 2006. (2211 E Camelback Rd., Units 1105& 1106, 85016) [Maricopa County Property Records]

- **The McCains Converted the Two Condominiums Into A "Single Dwelling."** According to *The Arizona Republic*, "Property records show that Cindy [McCain's] trust recently bought a condo at the Residences at 2211 Camelback for \$4.66 million." The paper added, "The **deal was actually for two condos that could be combined to one space of 6,000 to 7,000 square feet.** That is plenty of elbow room, even for a high-end condo, in a region where the typical single-family home runs about 1,600 square feet." [*Arizona Republic*, 10/26/06, emphasis added]
- **The McCains Own A \$4.7 Million Condo, Vastly Exceeding The Neighborhood's Average Home Value of \$375,011.** In a profile of presidential candidates' homes, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported that the McCain's condominium in Phoenix is worth an estimated \$4.7 million. The average home value in their neighborhood is reported to be \$375,011. They added, "Cindy McCain, heiress to the John Hensley liquor empire, paid \$3 million for two units, which the couple combined for 6,000 square feet." [*Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 2/10/08]



The McCains' Primary Residence Is Outfitted With The Following Amenities:

- Valet parking for residents and guests
- Travel and driver services.
- Roof top pool terrace with zero edge pool, sun deck, spa, fire pit, gas barbeque, and panoramic mountain and downtown views
- Exclusive resident party room featuring separate guest entrance from porte-cochere, fireplace, 50" plasma
- Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment, men's and ladies' locker rooms, steam rooms, and massage room.
- Roof top entertainment terrace with lounge seating and breathtaking views of Piestewa Peak

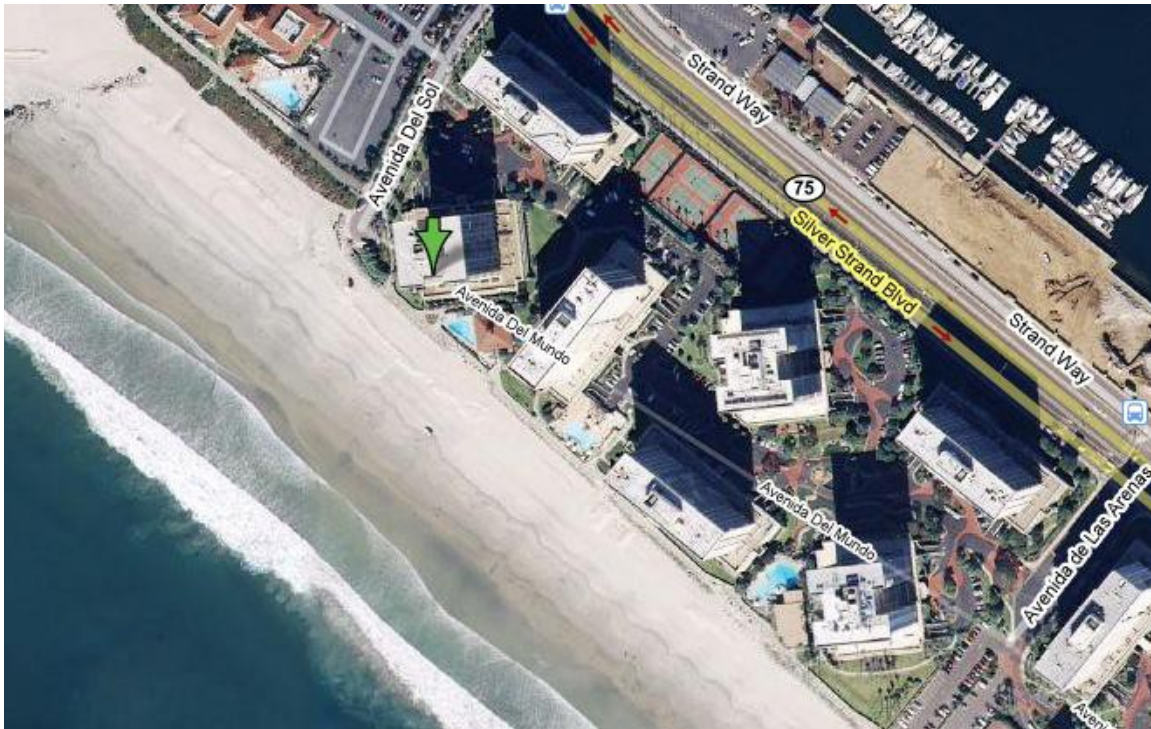
[Photo & amenities found at www.2211camelback.com, accessed on [4/2/08](#)]

Beachfront Condos in Coronado, California

2. The McCains Own A \$2,705,040 Beachfront Condominium on a Small Island Outside of San Diego.

According to property records from San Diego County, California the McCains own a \$2,705,040 condominium in Coronado, California. Coronado boasts the **second best beach in the country**, according to the Travel Channel. The condominium is officially the property of Dream Catcher Family. (1710 Avenida Del Mundo, Unit #802, 92118) [San Diego County Property Records; City of Coronado website, accessed [3/31/08](#), emphasis added]

3. In February 2008, The McCains Bought Another \$2.1 Million Condominium In Coronado. According to property records from San Diego County, California the McCains bought another \$2.1 million condominium in Coronado, California. Records show that the sale was completed on February 27, 2008. The condominium is officially the property of Dream Catcher Family. (1710 Avenida Del Mundo, Unit #204, 92118) [San Diego County Property Records]



[Google Maps]

Hidden Valley Ranch

The McCains Own Three “Hidden Valley Ranches” Worth \$1,942,365 in 2007. According to property records from Yavapai County, Arizona, the McCains own three ranch houses worth a combined \$1,103,615:

- 4.** \$405,757 - 11455 E Hidden Valley Ranch Rd
- 5.** \$369,929 - 11445 E Hidden Valley Ranch Rd
- 6.** \$327,929 –11415 E Hidden Valley Ranch Rd
- 7.** \$838,750 - 11405 E Hidden Valley Ranch Rd

All ranch properties are held by the Cindy Hensley McCain Family Trust. According to the *Arizona Republic*, the three houses include, “A main house, guest house and caretakers’ quarters[and] total more than 4,800 square feet.” [Yavapai County Property Records; 2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure; *Arizona Republic*, 8/12/00]

- **McCain Said There Are Six Houses On His Lot.** According to *CNN*, “McCain said the valley was settled by Mormons and that the Hidden Valley Ranch got its name from the horseshoe shape of the creek that runs through the property. He said he built the first house on his property 24 years ago and **now there are six houses on his lot.**” [CNN, 3/3/08, emphasis added]
- **McCain’s Ranch Was Described As “One of the Most Spectacular Creekfront Properties in the State.”** According to the *Arizona Republic*, McCain’s neighbor, Daniel Sims, said “It’s called Hidden Valley, and everyone who sees it says they would never expect to find such a beautiful place in such an arid climate.” He added that McCain’s ranch is “one of the most spectacular creekfront properties in the state.

Lush lawns go from their house gently down to the water's edge. The creek makes a natural pool there. It's very romantic." [[Arizona Republic](#), 8/12/00]

- **AP: McCain's 15-Acre Ranch "Includes Four Single-Family Homes And Is Worth Nearly \$1.8 Million."** According to the *Associated Press*, "John McCain held a barbecue recently for reporters at a two-story cabin near Sedona, Ariz., that sits on 15 acres owned by his wife's family trust and a real estate partnership in her name. The property includes four single-family homes and is worth nearly \$1.8 million." [Associated Press, [4/3/08](#)]



[McCainBloette, accessed [4/2/08](#)]

Beachfront Condo in La Jolla, California

8. McCains Own A \$1 Million Condominium In La Jolla, California. According to John McCain's Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure, the McCains own a condominium in La Jolla, California valued at over \$1 million. The La Jolla property is held in the Hensley Survivors Trust. (8263 Camino Del Oro #379, 92037) [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure ; San Diego County Property Records]



[Photo found at www.beachagent.com, accessed on [4/2/08](#)]

High-Rise Condo in Arlington, Virginia

9. The McCains Own A \$847,800 High-Rise Condominium in Arlington, Virginia. According to property records from Arlington County, Virginia, the McCains own a \$847,800 High-Rise Condominium in Arlington, Virginia. The condominium is officially the property of the Cindy Hensley McCain Family Trust. (1300 Crystal Drive #1702S, 22202) [Arlington County Property Records]

Meghan McCain's Loft

10. McCains Bought Their Daughter A \$700,000 Loft When She Graduated From College. According to property records from Maricopa County Arizona, the McCains purchased a \$700,000 Phoenix Loft in May of 2007. Wild River LLC bought the loft on May 24, 2007. (4326 N 25th St., Unit 2, Phoenix, AZ 85016) [Maricopa County Property Records]

- **John And Cindy McCain Paid For Meghan's Loft With \$700,000 Cash.** According to the Property Transfer Record from Maricopa County, Arizona, **the McCains paid cash for Meghan McCain's \$700,000 Biltmore Loft.** [Maricopa County Property Transfer Records]
- **Meghan McCain's Parents Bought Her A Loft That "Looks Like A Spaceship Furnished By West Elm."** According to a Meghan McCain profile piece written in *GQ*, "Meghan's parents, Senator John and Cindy McCain, bought her this loft around the time she graduated from Columbia University last spring, and the interior looks like a spaceship furnished by West Elm. There's a giant silver chimney that extends out of her fireplace into the ceiling about twenty feet above. Across the living room is a very stylish and very uncomfortable-looking pod chair." [*GQ*, [3/18/08](#)]

Richie Rich

McCain Was The Eighth Wealthiest Senator In 2006 Based On His 2006 PFD. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, John McCain was the eighth wealthiest Senator in 2006, based on his 2006 personal financial disclosure. McCain's minimum net worth was listed at \$ 27,817,187 and his maximum net worth was listed at \$45,045,011. [Center For Responsive Politics via Opensecrets.org, accessed [4/2/08](#)]

Money Magazine: McCain's Net Worth Is \$40.4 Million. According to *Money Magazine* McCain's net worth is an estimated \$40.4 million, with \$24.6 million in miscellaneous family trusts. [*Money Magazine*, January 2008]

McCain Was Spotted Wearing An Armani Tie While Visiting Iraq. According to the *New Republic*, McCain was photographed wearing an Armani tie, which often cost over \$130. [*The New Republic*, [3/31/08](#)]

McCain's Home Was Featured As The Subject of A Cover Story In Architectural Digest. In July 2005, the McCain family's home was featured on the cover of *Architectural Digest* magazine. The article featured ten photographs of the majestic estate. [*Architectural Digest*, [July 2005](#)]

McCain Reportedly Visited Palau To Scuba Dive With His Family & Palauan President. According to the *Pacific Daily News*, "U.S. Sen. John McCain is expected to arrive Monday for a short dive vacation with his family." The paper added, "President Tommy Remengesau said McCain and his two sons are scuba divers and

Palau's president, also a scuba diver, hopes to dive with the McCains during their expected stay." [[Pacific Daily News](#), 4/14/03]

McCain's Mother Is Daughter Of "Wealthy Oil Wildcatter"; Was Too Old To Rent Car In Europe, So She Bought A New Mercedes. According to *Vanity Fair*, at the age of 94, John McCain's mother was "unstoppable." Apparently, she is "the daughter of a wealthy oil wildcatter" and when she went to Europe, and was too old to rent a car, "...she simply bought herself a new Mercedes and hit the road." [*Vanity Fair*, February 2007]

McCain's Family Oversees Eight Financial Entities. According to public records, McCain's family manages and oversees the finances of numerous companies, trusts, and foundations that hold the family's vast financial wealth. Including:

- Hensley & Company
- The Cindy Hensley McCain Family Trust
- John and Cindy McCain Family Trust (Non-Profit)
- Dream Catcher Family LLC
- Wild Creek Enterprises LLC
- Wild River LLC
- Wild Rapids LLC
- 701/801 LLC

[2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

McCain's Children Attended Expensive Private Schools. According to his campaign website, McCain's children have attended various private schools in the Phoenix area, including Christ Lutheran Elementary, Phoenix Country Day School, Brophy College Preparatory, and Xavier College Preparatory. Below are the tuition figures for these schools:

Brophy College Preparatory: **\$11,150 annually** (2007-2008)

Xavier College Preparatory: **\$11,961 annually** (2007-2008)

Christ Lutheran Elementary: **\$5,725 annually** (2007-2008)

Phoenix Country Day School: **\$18,800 to \$20,700 annually** (2007-2008)

[Brophy College Preparatory website, accessed on [4/4/08](#); Xavier College Preparatory website, accessed on [4/4/08](#); Christ Lutheran Elementary website, accessed on [4/4/08](#); Phoenix Country Day School, accessed on [4/4/08](#)]

- **McCain: "Parents Should Be Empowered" To Send Kids to Private Schools "Just As Many Members of Congress Do With Their Own Children."** John McCain believes parents should be empowered with school choice to send their children to the school that can best educate them just as many members of Congress do with their own children. He finds it beyond hypocritical that many of those who would refuse to allow public school parents to choose their child's school would never agree to force their own children into a school that did not work or was unsafe. [JohnMcCain.com, accessed [4/4/08](#)]

Assets Galore

McCain Receives A \$75,949 Annual Pension From The U.S. Navy. According to his 2006 Senate Personal Finance Disclosure, John McCain received an annual pension of \$75,949 from the U.S. Navy Finance Center. [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

In 2006, Cindy McCain's Retirement Plan Held Up To \$1.5 Million In Investment Funds. According to his 2006 Senate Personal Finance Disclosure, Cindy McCain's retirement plan held from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million from excepted investment funds through Hensley & Co., a major distributor for Anheuser-Busch. [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

In 2006, Cindy McCain's Retirement Plan Held Up to \$100,000 Of Anheuser-Busch Stock. According to his 2006 Senate Personal Finance Disclosure, Cindy McCain's retirement plan held from \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of stock in Anheuser-Busch. [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

In 2006, The Cindy McCain Revocable Trust Held Up To \$1 Million In Assets. According to McCain's 2006 Senate Personal Finance Disclosure, the Cindy McCain Revocable Trust holds from \$500,000 to \$1 million worth of assets. [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

In 2006, The Marguerite Hensley Survivor Trust Held More Than \$3 Million In Assets. According to McCain's 2006 Senate Personal Finance Disclosure the Marguerite Hensley Survivor Trust, of which Cindy McCain is a trustee, holds more than \$3 million in assets. [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

In 2006, McCain Owned A Parking Lot Worth Over A Million Dollars. According to McCain's Senate Personal Finance Disclosure, the McCain family owns a parking lot worth over \$1 million. [2007 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure]

- **The Average Family's Home Is Worth \$217,800.** According to a report by the National Association of Realtors, the average sale price for American homes in the final quarter of 2007 was \$217,800. [National Association of Realtors, "Single Family 4th Quarter 2007," accessed on [3/27/08](#)]

Cindy McCain

McCain's Wife "Is The Millionaire Daughter of An Arizona Beer Magnate." While describing the wealth of presidential candidates, The *Washington Post* wrote, "Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) married money -- his wife is the millionaire daughter of an Arizona beer magnate." [[Washington Post](#), 5/17/07]

Cindy McCain Is "An Executive Whose Net Worth May Exceed \$100 Million." According to the *Associated Press*, "As heiress to her father's stake in Hensley & Co. of Phoenix, Cindy McCain is an executive whose worth may exceed \$100 million." [Associated Press, [4/3/08](#)]

Cindy McCain's Assets Have Afforded John McCain "A Wealthy Lifestyle With A Private Jet And Vacation Homes." According to the *Associated Press*, "Her beer earnings have afforded the GOP presidential nominee a wealthy lifestyle with a private jet and vacation homes at his disposal, and her connections helped him launch his political career." [Associated Press, [4/3/08](#)]

Cindy McCain Is The Majority Shareholder Of Hensley & Co. Which Surpassed \$300 Million In Revenues. Cindy Hensley is the majority shareholder and chairman of Hensley & Company, the Anheuser-Busch distributor founded by her father. According to the *Arizona Republic*, the company surpassed "\$300 million in revenues, [and sold] more than 22 million cases of beer." [[Arizona Republic](#), 3/5/05]

- **Beverage Industry Experts Estimate Hensley & Co. To Be Worth Over \$250 Million.** According to the *Associated Press*, "Beverage industry analysts estimate Hensley's value at more than \$250 million and its annual sales at \$300 million or more." Additionally, "Within the industry, as heiress to her father, she is widely assumed to own a majority of the company. If so, that would make her net worth at least \$100 million, if industry estimates of Hensley's value are accurate." [Associated Press, [4/3/08](#)]
- **In 2000, Cindy McCain's Suburban Had A Vanity License Plate That Said "Ms. Bud."** In an article describing the history of Hensley & Company, the *Phoenix New Times* wrote, "Cindy drives a Suburban with the license plate 'Ms Bud.'" [[Phoenix New Times](#), 2/17/00]

Cindy McCain Was “A Child of Privilege” Who “Grew Up In Affluence.” *Cox News Service* wrote, in a section titled *A Child of Affluence*, “Cindy Lou Hensley was born in Phoenix in 1954, the only child of James and Marguerite “Smitty” Hensley. Her father was the founder of Hensley & Company, one of the largest Anheuser-Busch distributorships in the country. She grew up in affluence, vacationing at a beach house on Coronado Island near San Diego and becoming a rodeo beauty queen.” [Cox News Service, 2/22/08]

Cindy McCain’s Income From Her Investments Amounted To About \$3.7 Million. According to *Money*, “Cindy is the chairman of Hensley & Co., the Anheuser-Busch beer distribution business she inherited from her father. As an only child, Cindy is in charge of the family trusts. Although she only has to report that she has a salary of \$1,000 or more, her income from investments in 2006 came to about \$3.7 million.” [*Money*, January 2008]

Celebrating Its 50th Anniversary, Cindy McCain’s Company Hosted A Party With The Budweiser Clydesdale. According to the *Arizona Republic*, “the beer distributor threw itself a 50th anniversary bash last month at the Arizona Biltmore. **About 600 employees and their guests had their pictures taken with a Budweiser Clydesdale** and listened to Anheuser-Busch Chairman August Busch III and President Patrick Stokes describe Hensley as a model among its suppliers.” [*Arizona Republic*, 3/5/05, emphasis added]

Cindy McCain Was Seen Shopping At An Elite Washington Jewelry Store. According to the *Washington Post*, “Cindy McCain [was seen] shopping for spring accessories at Ann Hand Tuesday. The presumptive GOP nominee’s wife (in a silver-gray pantsuit) and daughter *Meghan* (white T-shirt, black pants, really high heels) dropped by the jeweler’s MacArthur Boulevard store with a few friends; they picked up two custom-designed pearl necklaces -- one an oval butterscotch, the other a ruffled white.” [*Washington Post*, 4/3/08]

Meghan McCain: Washington DC’s Answer To Paris Hilton

Newsweek Named Meghan McCain As The Next “Brash, Boozy, Barely Legal Hellraiser-in-Chief.” In a blog post predicting who will be the heir to Jenna Bush’s legacy as the “brash, boozy, barely legal hellraiser-in-chief, *Newsweek*’s Andrew Romano predicted Meghan McCain to beat out the other candidates’ children. Romano said, “Think: The Simple Life: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.” [*Newsweek*, 11/5/07]

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Meghan McCain “Loves” The Way Fetish Model Dresses. Meghan McCain told *GQ* that she is a fan of Dita Von Teese, the famed fetish model and burlesque stripper. She said, “And, yes, I know she’s a fetish star, but I think that’s rock ‘n’ roll.” [*GQ*, 3/18/08]

Meghan McCain Bragged About Wearing Giuseppe Zanotti Boots. On her blog McCainBloette, Meghan McCain posted a picture of herself sitting on the floor while wearing a pair of tall, black, leather boots. The caption read, “I don’t like chairs... (boots Giuseppe Zanotti).” [McCainBloette.com, accessed 4/1/08]

- **Meghan McCain’s Giuseppe Zanotti Boots Cost An Estimated \$999.** Meghan McCain posted a picture of herself wearing Giuseppe Zanotti boots. A pair of 16inch patent leather croc print Giuseppe **Zanotti boots has a regular price of \$999.00** according to Zappos.com. [McCainBloette.com, accessed 4/1/08; Zappos.com, accessed on 4/2/08; emphasis added]