

BY THE NUMBERS

# “BRINGING YOU HOME” TO THE VAIL VALLEY

*The Vail Valley is a thriving community surrounded by natural beauty*

**S**KIING, MOUNTAIN BIKING and hiking are a few recreational activities that draw people to the Vail Valley. Many fall in love with the area and wish to make the Valley their home. Whether one chooses to make this community their permanent residence or vacation home there are numerous residential options to accommodate every want and need.

The residential real estate options run the entire gamut from single-family, duplexes, townhouses, condominiums, ranches and lavish mountain estates. The median sales price in Eagle County is \$720,000; and for local and owner-occupied residences, \$471,100.

While this community boasts some of the most exclusive and exquisite homes in the world, there are affordable housing options and down payment assistance programs available from various sources — your local Realtor® can provide information.

The 2019 Bloomberg Index of Affluent Vacation Home Havens has placed Edwards, Colorado, at the number-two spot over more than 500 areas across the country — only 0.1 of a point lower than the number-one spot. Categories of note in Edwards: At least 30 percent are employed in real estate sales or leasing; or providing services and entertainment.

Eagle County averages 118 inches of snow per year, but this community is not just the host to the best snow skiing in the world — it is a year-round attraction. The county garners national recognition for its extensive trail system and



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every outdoor activity, both summer and winter, are explored and enjoyed to the max. There are 17 golf courses, local rivers and lakes to discover, and countless outdoor interests at the ready. This is an active community where people enjoy every one of the 243 sunny days presented each year.

Community and cultural activities are a major focus in the Vail area, geared for both locals and guests. Crissy Rumford, Past Chair of the Vail Board of Realtors®, notes that there are numerous ways to engage in our local community. Annual events abound such as the Taste of Vail, Burton U.S. Open, Vail Dance Festival, Bravo! Colorado Music Festival, Whistle Pig Musical Festival, Wheels & Wings Festival, Beaver Creek Winter Culinary

Weekend, Blues, Brews & Barbecue Festival, Vilar Performing Arts Center, Vail Automotive Classic and summer rodeos are but a few of the myriad of choices that are ever present in this area.

The median age in the county is 36.5 years old and the job growth is 2.98 percent compared to the U.S. percentage of 1.59 percent. The unemployment rate is also healthier than the U.S. average, resting at 2.6 percent compared with the 3.9 percent national average.

Local folks have an average travel time to work of about 22 minutes and with the spectacular views, this trip can be the highlight of the day. Kevin Kuebert, 2019 Chair of the Vail MLS Board of Directors, says sometimes we need to pause, take a look around and remember that

the beauty of this area is one of the many reasons we moved here and made this our home.

While housing is the key element pushing Eagle County’s overall cost of living above the U.S. average, it is actually quite competitive with a number of other Colorado counties, falling below that of Boulder, Denver, Jefferson and Douglas Counties.

The Vail Valley is an extraordinary place to live and visit — it’s like no place on earth. Contact a local Realtor® to learn more about the Valley and what wonders it holds; learn about what options are available to fit your needs. [vvr](#)

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