

ALL ABOUT ASPEN

Aspen is located in the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 7,815 feet and encompasses 1.99 square miles. It is the 50th largest city in Colorado and is approximately 200 miles Southwest of Denver. Aspen is located at the southern end of the lush Roaring Fork Valley, which comprises the cities of Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, El Jebel and Basalt.

HISTORY

Although tourism is the number one industry, Aspen is a thriving community where 6,400 year-round residents take great pride in maintaining the town's Victorian charm of the past.

Aspen has always been home to colorful characters. From the flush days of silver mining to the lean quiet years, and from the romance of ranching to the rise of skiing and the arts, Aspen has been defined by its people.

It is a community with rich roots: a town where the old meets the new on each and every street corner; a place where Western heritage and modern mores join together to form a year-round destination resort. Aspen is and always has been – about style, substance and survival.

Boom and Bust

In the late 1800's, Aspen was alive with all the fortune and fancy of a silver mining town. Thousands of fortune seekers rushed to the newly inhabited mountain town for their chance to strike it rich. Many succeeded – the Hyman Avenue Mall and Wheeler Opera House pay homage to them. By the early 1890's, the town had four schools, three banks, 10 churches, a hospital, six newspapers, an opera house...and several brothels.

And while most Western mining towns were temporary in nature, Aspen was – and remains – unique in its character. Because as the mines closed and even diehard locals were forced to close up shop, the town grew stronger. Its residents turned to ranching and farming to see them through the tough times, never abandoning the land they called home. These were the Quiet Years – a period of tranquility between the booms of silver and skiing.

Alive Again

In the late 1930's, all was quiet on the Western front – yet change was on the horizon. Enter skiing and the arts.

It all began when Andre Roch, the famous Swiss avalanche expert, was hired to survey the area surrounding Aspen for development as a world-class ski resort. Meanwhile, a group of ingenious locals built the original "boat tow" ski lift on Aspen Mountain and cleared one ski run, naming it after Roch himself. The dream continued when Aspen went on to hold the 1941 U.S. National ski races. And just six years later, when Lift One carried its first passengers up Ajax, it was clear that Aspen would be a place where people from around the world would flock to schuss through champagne powder and sip hot toddies.

Of course the rebirth of Aspen didn't stop there. Two years later, when Walter Paepcke planned the Goethe Bicentennial Convocation, the town was filled with intellect, music, literature, art and theater. Yes, Aspen was on the map ... and it has remained there ever since.

In the 1960's, skiing was expanded to include Buttermilk, Highlands and Snowmass mountains, and the town's population was expanded to include high-rollers and hippies. In the 1970's and 1980's, growth was the issue – both how to control it (note gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson's campaign for sheriff on a platform of no-growth and legalized drugs) and how to keep it going. And in the 1990's, the town really took shape with retailers such as Polo, Gucci, and Prada, and nightclubs like the Caribou, Club Chelsea, and Eric's, it was clear that Aspen was more than just a ski town – it was a year-round destination resort.

And today, with the new millennium underway, Aspen is a bizarre tribute to its past – with a cast of colorful characters unlike any other town, including those who visit summer after summer, for a vacation unlike any other.

AREA POPULATION

Pop. Year	Area	Total Population
2007	Aspen	6,403
2007	Snowmass	2,268
2007	Pitkin County*	16,607
2007	Basalt	860
Unincorporated Area		7076

Source: April 2000 U.S. Census Bureau
July 2001 – July 2007, State Demography Office
Table prepared: November 2008

*Pitkin County Profile Summary:

The 2007 population of Pitkin County was estimated at 16,607. This represents a 1.1 percent increase from 2006.

The total civilian labor force in Pitkin County for 2007 was 11,445 of which 11,129 were employed and 316 were unemployed. The unemployment rate was 2.8 percent.

Source: Colorado Department of Labor LMI

Total Number of Units

2007	Aspen: 1892	Snowmass: 1591
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Total Number of Pillows

2007	Aspen: 6648	Snowmass: 7505
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Source: Stay Aspen Snowmass

LICENSING INFORMATION

Marriage Licenses

Pitkin County Clerk & Recorder
530 E. Main St., Suite 101 Aspen, CO 81611
(970) 920-5180

Driver's Licenses

New residents to the state have 30 days after establishing residency and employment to obtain a Colorado driver's license.

Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles

U.S. Hwy. 6 & 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 924-8229

www.mv.state.co.us

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

CLIMATE

Aspen's climate is characteristic of high altitudes with low humidity and intense sunshine. Sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended for all seasons.

	Day	Night
Summer	68°-85°	50° and below
Fall	60°-70°	30°-40°
Winter	20°-40°	30° and below
Spring	50°-70°	40° and below

Summer

Aspen's summer weather is warm and dry with temperatures occasionally as high as 90 degrees during the day. Brief afternoon showers are frequent, so bring a raincoat. Evening temperatures drop to 50 degrees and below; a light-weight coat or warm sweater is a good idea.

Fall

Aspen's fall weather is generally warm and dry, although cold spells do occur, and it can snow in the surrounding mountains. Daytime temperatures can reach the high 70's, dropping to the 30's at night. A warm sweater or lightweight coat is still a good idea for evenings. The last week of September is noted for the fall color beauty.

Winter

Aspen is renowned for its warm winter sun. Daytime temperatures range from 20 to 40 degrees in town and from 10 to 30 degrees on the mountain. Once the sun goes down, the temperature drops dramatically. Aspen dress is informal and either ski wear or après ski wear is appropriate.

Spring

Aspen's spring weather ranges from warm to cool both day and night. Showers and snowfalls are possible, so don't forget to pack a jacket.

FINDING HOUSING

Finding Housing in Aspen is not the easiest thing to do in the world! Because there is not a whole lot of room to build in the area (primarily because of the mountains), housing is somewhat difficult to come by. However, since there is a great number of seasonal employees (those employees that work either only in the summer or in the winter), you may be able to find housing when they leave town – which would be at the end of and the beginning of the summer and winter seasons.

Here are some suggestions on finding housing in Aspen:

City of Aspen Job Line (970) 544-3185

The Pitkin County Housing Office

Courthouse Plaza

530 E. Main Street, Basement Level, Aspen, CO 81611

Phone: (970) 920-5050

Fax: (970) 920-5580

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)

www.aspenhousingoffice.com

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of Aspen provides and maintains 27 public parks, the Wheeler Opera House, the Aspen Recreation Center (ARC), an 18 hole – municipal golf course, eight tennis courts, four ball fields, three ice skating rinks, a summer program for children, and 266 acres of open space. For more information contact the City of Aspen Recreation Department at (970) 544-4100, or visit the City of Aspen's Recreation Department website at www.aspenrecreation.com.

FINDING A JOB

Finding a job in Aspen can be difficult; here are some suggestions to begin your search. Our website is www.aspenchamber.org. On our homepage, there's a "Community" link on the left hand column, click on "Community" drop down to employment. Every November, our organization hosts a Job Fair, the date for the November Job fair will be posted on our website around the later part of September. If you should have any questions, please call us, the Aspen Chamber Resort Association, at (888) 290-1324, or directly at (970) 925-1940. You may also email us at info@aspenchamber.org.

The classified sections in both of our newspapers have always been a good source. You may access the Aspen Times classifieds by visiting their website at www.aspentimes.com. The Aspen Daily News website can be accessed at www.aspendailynews.com.

ASPEN'S TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

Employer	#Summer	#Winter
Aspen Skiing Company www.aspensnowmass.com (800) 525-6200 (970) 925-1220	800	3200
Pitkin County/City of Aspen www.aspengov.com (970) 920-5200 (970) 920-5000	625	525
Little Nell Hotel www.thelittlenell.com (888) 843-6355 (970) 920-4600	325	400
St. Regis Hotel www.stregisaspen.com (800) 454-9005 (970) 920-3300	250	350
Aspen Valley Hospital www.avhaspen.org (800) 262-3067 (970) 925-1120	270	300
R.F.T.A. (970) 384-4950	210	250
Aspen School District www.aspenk12.net (970) 925-5721	45	207
Hotel Jerome www.hoteljerome.com (800) 331-7213 (970) 920-1000	170	200
Aspen Sports Aspen: (970) 925-6331 Snowmass: (970) 923-3566	80	180
City Market (970) 925-2590	100	100

ZIP CODES

Aspen 81611 and 81612
Basalt 81621
Carbondale 81623
Glenwood 81601
Snowmass 81654
Snowmass Village 81615
Woody Creek 81656

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

ELECTRICITY

City of Aspen

130 S. Galena St., Aspen
Phone: (970) 920-5148

Holy Cross Electric Association

215 AABC, Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-7311

GARBAGE SERVICES

Colorado Resource Management

PO Box 189, Carbondale
www.coresourcemgmt.com
Phone: (970) 963-8900

Wally's Waste Solutions

Phone: (970) 963-1842

Waste Management

PO Box 369, Carbondale
Phone: (970) 963-1858

GAS

AM Gas

Phone: (970) 925-2901

AmeriGas:

Phone (970) 963-3113

Ferrellgas

3230 S. Glen Ave., Glenwood Springs
Phone: (970) 945-8611

Source Gas

PO Box 490, Delta, CO 81416
toll free: (800) 563-0012
www.sourcegas.com

INTERNET PROVIDERS

Comcast Cable

201 AABC, Aspen
Phone: (970) 945-7292

Everwave

PO Box 11657, Aspen
Phone: (970) 920-9600

Rof.net

2520 Grand Ave., Suite 12, Glenwood Springs
Phone: (970) 945-4920

Sopris Surfers

Phone: (970) 963-SURF
www.sopris.net
sales@sopris.net

Qwest

Denver, CO
toll free: (800) 244-1111

MOVING AND STORAGE

All Hours Self Storage

336 Park Ave., Basalt
Phone: (970) 927-9494
www.allhoursstorage.com

Aspen Moving and Storage- Atlas Van lines

0237 Park Ave., Basalt
Phone: (970) 927-4900
dispatch@aspenmoving.com

Basalt Mini Storage

400 West Cody Lane, Basalt
Phone: (970) 927-3700

Columbine Storage Center Inc.

411 AABC, Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-2201

Old Towne Antiques Moving and Storage

7025 Hwy. 82, Glenwood Springs
Phone: (970) 384-4444
www.wheatonworldwide.com

Sopris Self Storage

Phone: (970) 963-2807

Storage Mart

0115 Park Ave., Basalt
Phone: (970) 927-3133

POST OFFICE

Aspen Post Office

235 Puppy Smith, Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-7523

Basalt Post Office

12 Midland, Basalt
Phone: (970) 927-3891

SEWER

Aspen Consolidated Sanitation District

565 N. Mill St., Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-3601

TELEPHONE

AT&T

Residential- (800) 222-0300
Business- (800) 222-0400

Qwest

Denver, CO 80244
Residential - (800) 244-1111
Business - (800) 603-6000

TELEVISION / SATELLITE

Comcast Cable

201 AABC, Aspen
Phone: (970) 945-7292

Henry's Audio Video Specialist

PO Box 12364, Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-1110

WATER

City of Aspen

130 S. Galena St., Aspen
Phone: (970) 920-5110

BANKS

Alpine Bank Aspen

600 E. Hopkins Ave., Suite 101, Aspen
Phone: (970) 920-4800

American National Bank Aspen

317 E. Hopkins, Aspen
Phone: (970) 544-3777

Community Bank of Colorado

210 N. Mill St., Aspen
Phone: (970) 544-8282

Timberline Bank

311 E. Hopkins, Aspen
Phone: (970) 920-0112

U.S. Bank

420 Main St., Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-3959

Vectra Bank Colorado

534 E. Hyman Ave., Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-6700

Wells Fargo Bank

119 S. Mill St., Aspen
Phone: (970) 925-2500

LOCAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Aspen Chapel

0077 Meadowood Drive, Aspen
Highway 82 and Castle Creek Road
Phone: (970) 925-7184
www.aspenchapel.org
aspnchap@rof.net

Aspen Jewish Congregation

At the Aspen Chapel
0077 Meadowood Drive, Aspen
(970) 925-8245
www.aspenjewish.com

Crossroads Church

726 West Francis Street, Aspen
(970) 925-7828
www.fbcaspen.com

Aspen Chabad Jewish Center

Rabbi Mendel Mintz
Call for services, programs and classes
(970) 544-3770

Aspen Christian World Outreach

P.O. Box J-3, Aspen
Phone: (970) 920-7711

Aspen Community Church - United Methodist

200 East Bleeker Street
Aspen, CO 81611
Phone: (970) 925-1571

Christ Episcopal Church

536 W. North Street, Aspen
 (one block from Music Tent)
 Office: (970) 925-3278
 Rectory: (970) 309-0403

Christian Science Society

734 West Main Street, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-7315

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

50 Moore Drive, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-7330

Jehovah's Witness Aspen Congregation

0055 Pyramid Road, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 920-4723

Messiah Lutheran Church

1235 Mountain View Drive, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-7725

Snowmass Chapel & Community Center

5307 Owl Creek Road, Snowmass Village
 Phone: (970) 923-6192
www.snowmasschapel.org/services.html

St. Mary's Catholic Church

533 East Main Street, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-7339
www.stmaryaspen.4lpi.com

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

P.O. Box 218, Aspen, CO 81612
 Phone: (970) 925-6066

SCHOOLS / COLLEGES

Aspen Camp School for the Deaf

Summer camp for deaf children
 PO Box 1494, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 923-2511

Aspen Country Day School

Pre – K through 8th grade, accredited independent school
 3 Music School Road, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-1909
www.aspencds.org

Aspen School District

Public School System
 0235 High School Road, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-3760
www.aspenk12.net

Aspen Elementary School

Phone: (970) 925-3760

Colorado Mountain College

Accredited two – year college offering classes and degrees
 0255 Sage Road, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-7740
www.coloradomtn.edu

Colorado Rocky Mountain School

Co-educational, college-preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9 – 12
 1493 County Road 106, Carbondale
 Phone: (970) 963-2562

Compass

Aspen/Carbondale community schools, early childhood center, child centered experiential and Academic Commitment
 1199 Woody Creek Road, Woody Creek
 Phone: (970) 923-4646

Roaring Fork School District

www.rfsd.k12.co.us

BASALT

Basalt Elementary School (970) 384-5800
 Basalt Middle School (970) 384-5900
 Basalt High School (970) 384-5959

CARBONDALE

Carbondale Elementary School (970) 384-5620
 Carbondale Middle School (970) 384-5700
 Crystal River Elementary School (970) 384-5620
 Roaring fork High School (970) 384-5757

DAYCARE

Kids First and Early Childhood Connections can answer questions about your child's development, help find a licensed daycare center and provide valuable information and resources in Aspen. They also promote the availability of quality, affordable childcare in Pitkin County.
 Kids First (970) 920-5363

Early Childhood Connections

(888) 777-4041

Health and Human Services

(970) 920-5235
www.aspenpitkin.com

Pitkin County Social Service

(970) 927-1611

Community Health: (970) 920-5420

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CLINICS

Aspen Valley Hospital

0401 Castle Creek Road
 Aspen Full-service board certified physicians in 20 specialties. Warmth and friendliness of small town, technical expertise of a major medical center. Round-the-clock emergency physician coverage.
 Phone: (970) 925-1120

Community Health

Health clinic that operates on a sliding scale
 (970) 920-5420

NEWSPAPER

Aspen Daily News

517 E. Hopkins Ave., Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-2220
www.aspendailynews.com

Aspen Times

310 E. Main St., Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-3414
www.aspentimes.com

RADIO STATIONS

KAJX - Aspen Public Radio Station (91.5 FM)
KDNK FM - Radio Station (88.3 FM)
KNFO FM- Smart Radio Station (106.1 FM)
KSNO FM- The Sound Station (103.9 FM)
KSPN FM – The Valley's Quality Rock Station (97.3, 98.3, 100.1, 103.1 FM)
KUUR FM – Your radio Station (101.1, 96.7 FM)

TELEVISION STATIONS

Grassroots Community TV

Channel 12
 110 E. Hallam, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-8000

Plum TV

Channel 16 KSZG
 303 AABC, Aspen
 Phone: (970) 925-9579

T.V. Aspen

Channel 19
 132 W. Main St., Suite B, Aspen

Skier Visit History	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Snowmass	699,701	724,753	747,303	768,010	769,570
Aspen Mountain	315,130	298,831	304,497	324,468	327,750
Aspen Highlands	157,317	160,836	167,390	193,244	193,496
Buttermilk	141,077	139,213	148,017	159,081	153,831
Totals	1,313,225	1,323,633	1,367,207	1,444,803	1,444,647