



## About Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field (ASE)

- Airlines servicing ASE: American, Delta, United
- Elevation: 7838 ft.
- Distance from city: 3 miles NW of Aspen

### Link

[www.aspenairport.com](http://www.aspenairport.com)

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## About Aspen, CO

Aspen is a well-known ski resort town situated in the Elk Mountains section of the Rocky Mountains in Pitkin County. Aspen is a popular location for skiing, summer activities, the arts, music and business. It's a popular destination for the rich and famous.

The downtown is filled with upscale shops and restaurants. Aspen is known for its luxurious homes and condominiums. A large number of celebrities reside in the community on a part-time basis. There are numerous lodges, posh hotels and resorts for tourists to choose from. The city is home to the notable Aspen Institute. The popular Snowmass Village is nearby. The name was given due to the vast amount of aspen trees in the region.

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## Cost of Living

Cost of living is very high in the valley at roughly 150% of the national average. The closer officers live to Aspen, the higher the cost of living. Per bestplaces.net, a \$35,000/yr salary in Chicago, IL would equate to \$78,699/yr in Aspen.

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## Housing

Housing is very expensive in this area. A studio in Aspen is currently advertised at \$1100 per month. A 3 bedroom 2 bath house in Basalt averages \$2700/mo. Outside of Aspen by an average of 45 minutes could average \$900 per month for a one-bedroom unit.

When securing housing, officers should be looking from Aspen as far as Silt or Rifle. (e.g., Aspen, Snowmass, Basalt, El Jebel, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Silt, Rifle)

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## Transportation

TSA subsidizes public transportation to and from the airport. The current subsidy amount is maximum \$255 per month. If your schedule permits, officers can take advantage of this benefit. Some of TSA's morning shift officers carpool to help with the cost of gas.

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## Weather

We get a lot of snow at ASE! Average annual snowfall is 180 inches. During the winter season, there is only one way in and out of Aspen, as Independence Pass is closed. Officers can expect harsh weather for several months, and will most likely need a 4-wheel drive or all-wheel drive vehicle with all-weather tires.



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## Schools

There are 4 public schools in Aspen: Aspen High School (grades 9-12), Aspen Middle School (grades 5-8), Aspen Elementary School (grades PK-4), and Aspen Pre-school. Aspen public schools are rated "Excellent" by homefacts.com. There is also 1 private school: Aspen Country Day School.

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## Lifestyle/Culture

Aspen and Snowmass are alive with events year-round. Events are often posted online at [Aspenchamber.com](http://Aspenchamber.com). Some of the more well-known events include the X-Games, Aspen Food and Wine Festival, and the Jazz Aspen Music Festivals.