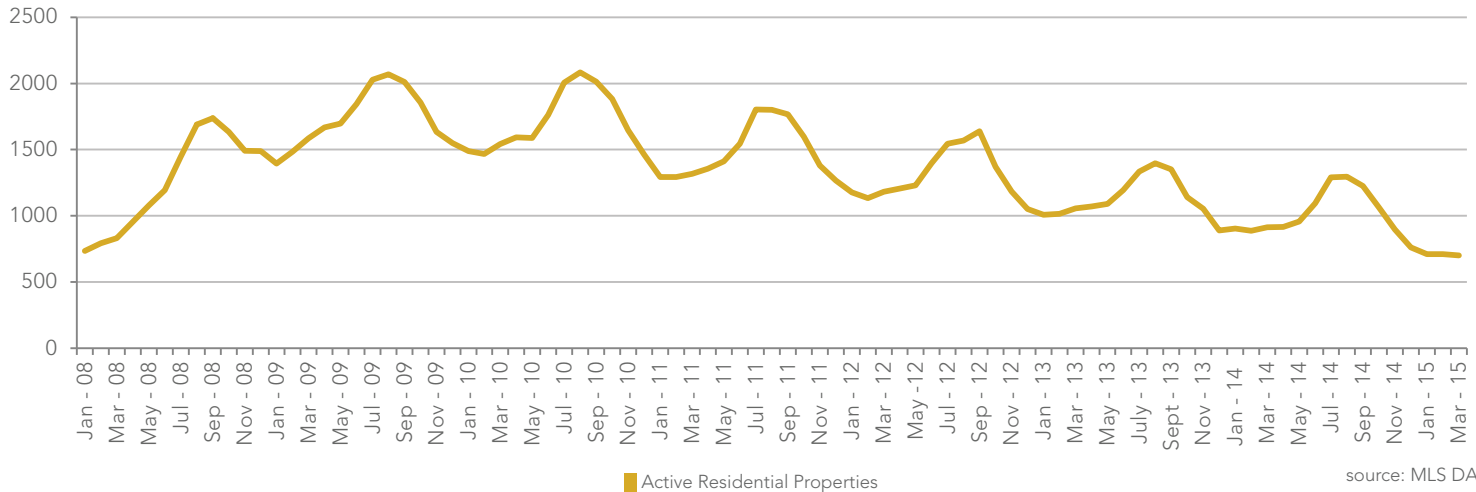


# Market Insider

## SUMMIT COUNTY EDITION

### SUMMIT COUNTY ACTIVE RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY

Comparing active inventory over the past eight years.



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM REAL ESTATE & SUMMIT COUNTY LIFESTYLE NEWS ARTICLES

#### THE 20 COOLEST TOWNS IN THE US. [MatadorNetwork.com](http://MatadorNetwork.com) 2/24/15

**2. FRISCO, COLORADO:** Where else can you go skiing, sailing, and mountain biking in the same day? Frisco is one of the only towns in Colorado's Ski Towns Association without an actual ski area. But with Copper Mountain 5 minutes away, Breckenridge 10 minutes, and Vail 25 minutes, it's got all the ski-town advantages without the overwhelming crush of tourism. Summer brings a buffet of outdoor recreation — mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, fly fishing, camping, cycling, sailing — and idyllic weather.

**WHY IT'S SO COOL:** Visitors, second homeowners, and locals peacefully coexist in this impossibly quaint alpine playground complete with a pedestrian-friendly main street.

**PERFECT DAY:** Eggs, croissants, and dark-roasted coffee at the Butterhorn Bakery provide fuel for a day of skiing at Copper Mountain in winter — take the free bus — and an evening of tubing under the lights at the Frisco Adventure Park. In summer, hike up Mount Royal (2-3hrs) or Peak One (4-6hrs), or mountain bike Peaks Trail (beware of moose!). Spend the afternoon on the water: Run class-II/III Tenmile Creek, ending at the town's wave park — Ten Mile Creek Kayaks provides transport and rentals. For flat-water fun, rent a boat at the Frisco Marina on Lake Dillon. Come evening, take a self-guided tour through Frisco Historic Park for a glimpse of Rocky Mountain pioneer life. Dine on sausage sampler, cucumber salad, soft-baked pretzels, and one-liter Stiegls at Prost. Revel late into the night at almost-famous dive bar, the Moose Jaw.

#### COLORADO HAD BEST AND CONNECTICUT THE WORST HOME-PRICE GROWTH IN 2014. [MarketWatch.com](http://MarketWatch.com) 2/3/15

WASHINGTON (MarketWatch) — Colorado saw the fastest rate of house-price growth last year, while Connecticut's drop, while modest, was the worst in the nation, according to data released Tuesday. CoreLogic reported home-price growth in December that slipped 0.1% on the month, to take the year-on-year move to 5%. CoreLogic was measuring single-family homes, including distressed properties like foreclosures and short sales.

At 8.4%, Colorado saw the strongest growth, followed closely by Texas at 7.8% and New York at 7.6%. Connecticut, Vermont and Maryland were the only states to see prices drop, with the Nutmeg State's 2.2% drop bringing up the rear in the nation.

#### NAR: HOME STAGING CAN HELP SELL HOME FOR MORE. [NationalMortgageProfessional.com](http://NationalMortgageProfessional.com) 1/30/15

Most homeowners know it is important to keep a home clean, bright and free from clutter while it is on the market for sale. But sometimes, Realtors say, taking the extra step to stage a home can make a difference in how a buyer values it and the price a seller might get for it, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR) 2015 Profile of Home Staging. "Realtors know how important it is to have a home in the best shape possible when showing it to prospective buyers," said NAR President Chris Polychron, executive broker with 1st Choice Realty in Hot Springs, Arkansas. "At a minimum, homeowners should conduct a thorough cleaning, haul out clutter, make sure the home is well-lit and fix any major aesthetic issues. Another option is staging a home, which Realtors often suggest to sellers to help prospective buyers better visualize themselves in the home and could modestly increase the home's value for both the buyer and seller."

The report, the first of its kind from NAR, found that 49 percent of surveyed Realtors who work with buyers believe staging usually has an effect on the buyer's view of the home. Another 47 percent believe that staging only sometimes has an impact on a buyer's view of the home only. Only four percent of Realtors said staging has no impact on buyer perceptions.