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# Eagle County leads in owner costs

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# $2,291

**Median Monthly Owner Cost (2024)**

Eagle County has the highest median monthly owner cost among High Country cities, surpassing even Aspen and Vail.

This figure reflects the true cost of ownership in a region where luxury real estate and seasonal tourism dominate. Despite high home values and strong demand, the financial burden on homeowners is concentrated in Eagle County, where property taxes, insurance, and maintenance drive up monthly outlays. This trend suggests that affordability pressures are not just about purchase price, but also about long-term ownership economics.

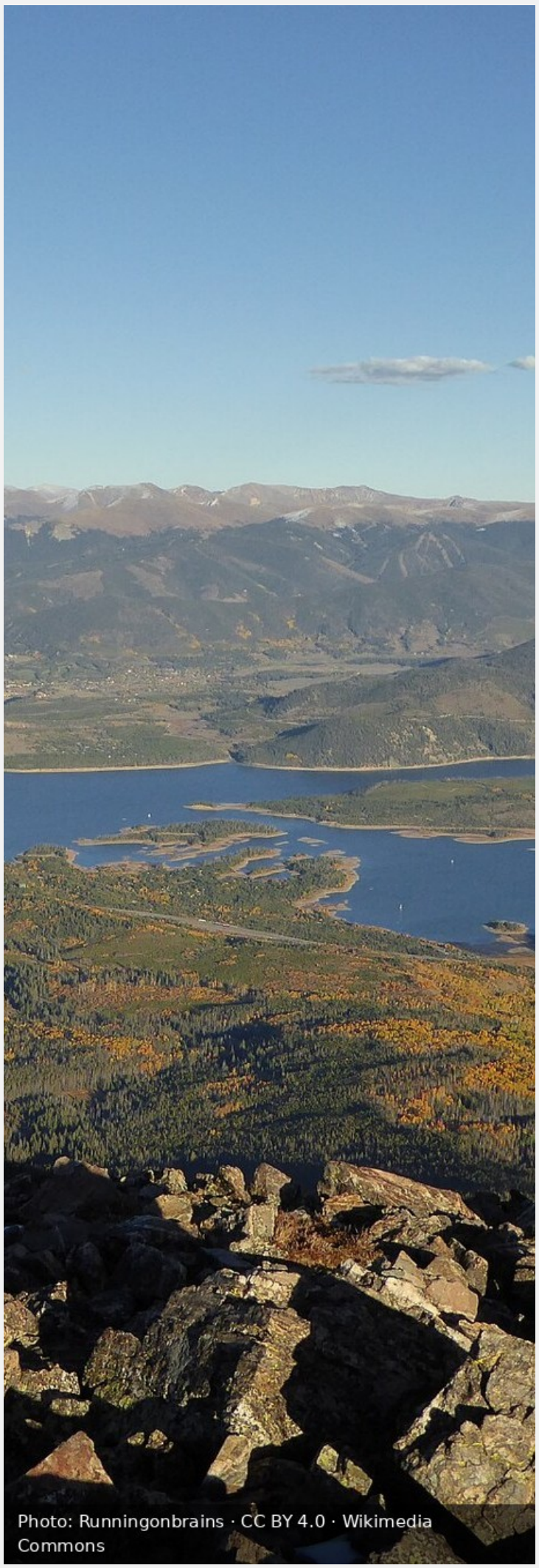


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# Luxury comes with a steep ownership tax

The $2,291 median owner cost in Eagle County underscores a growing disconnect between high-end property values and sustainable ownership. This burden disproportionately affects long-term residents and second-home owners who lack the financial buffers of full-time investors, raising questions about the long-term viability of the region’s housing model.

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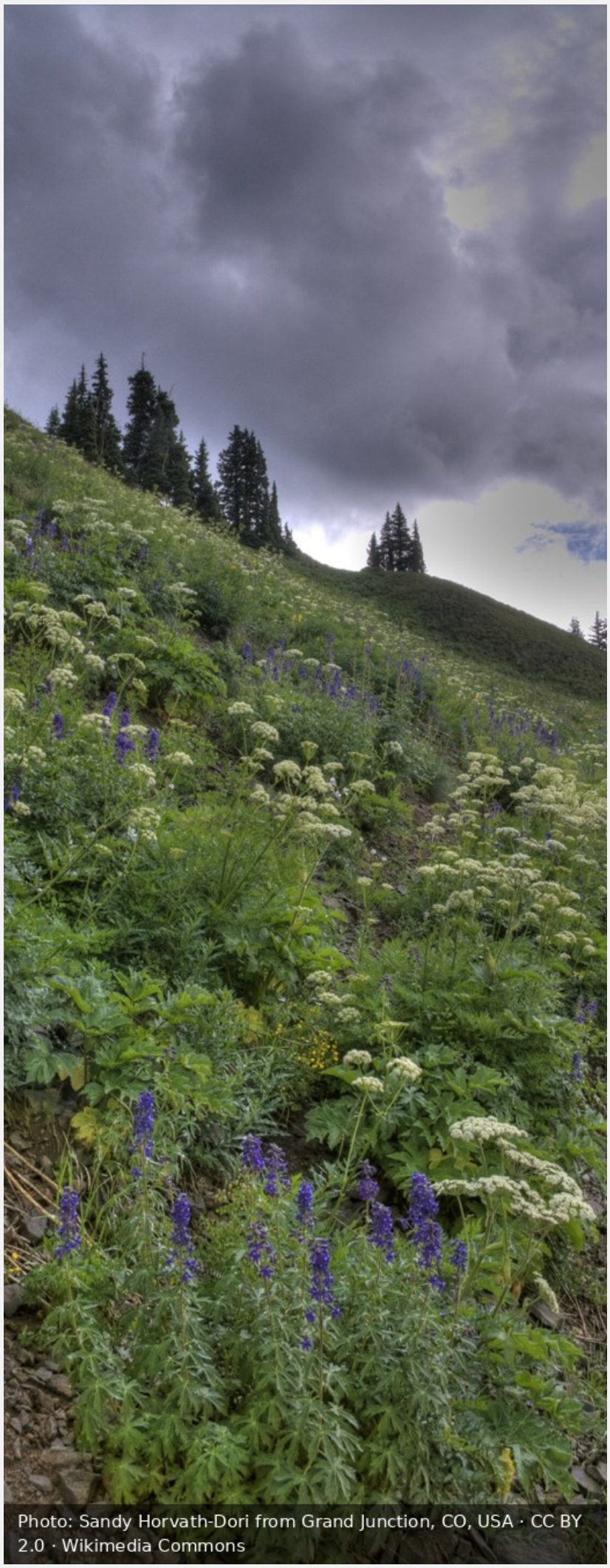


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## Affordability is a local, not national, crisis

The high owner costs in Eagle County, combined with elevated poverty, signal a structural imbalance: the market rewards investment and tourism, but fails to support the economic stability of its residents. This divergence suggests that without policy interventions in taxation, maintenance, or housing supply, the region risks deepening inequality.

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