

## Alpine Master Plan

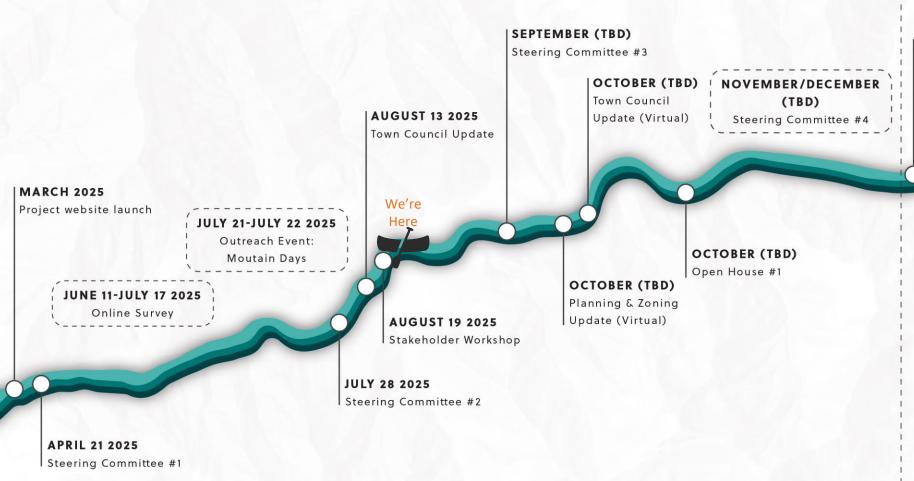
Commission Update 8-19-25

## Agenda

- 1. Project Timeline
- 2. Review Survey Results
- 3. Next Steps



#### **Project timeline**



2026 (TBD) Planning & Zoning Commission **EARLY 2026** Pop-up Events **EARLY 2026** Survey #2 2026 (TBD) Town Council **EARLY 2026** Open House #2

**EARLY 2026** 

Steering Committee #5

## Online Survey

#### Overview

#### Timeframe

• June 11 – July 17

#### Response

• 218 respondents

#### **Survey Promotion**

- Steering Committee
- Alpine Mountain Days
- Town social media channels
- Print copies left at key Town businesses/areas

#### Primary Response Demographic

- Full-time residents
- Homeowners
- Middle- to senior-aged



#### **ALPINE MASTER PLAN SURVEY KEY TAKEAWAYS**



Natural features and outdoor recreation were the most common reasons why people love Alpine!



The Palisades Reservoir and the Three Rivers were some of respondents' favorite places in Town.



A balance of growth and preservation, adventure and recreation, and friendliness should be what guides Alpine into the future.



Respondents want land use to focus on creating walkable areas with new businesses, while preserving natural places and open spaces.

**Q5** 



Respondents felt the Town was lacking bike paths and multi-use trails, a community pool, and other recreational facilities.

**Q6** 



There is demand for a new school located in Alpine. With half of the responses saying they wouldn't move to be closer to one already located outside of Town.

**Q7** 



Most respondents travel
by car, with some
preffering to walk or bike.
Many responses also
noted that they never use
bus service in Town.



A lack of infrastructure and connectivity were cited as major reasons respondents didn't move around without a car. Q9 \*\*\*

Pedestrian infrastructure, including more trails and paths, as well as new and enhanced sidewalks were considered top transportation priorities for Alpine.

**Q10** 



Respondents expressed interest in water conservation strategies such as fixing leaks, collecting and reusing graywater, and reducing irrigation use.

**Q11** 



Respondents said that most of their shopping needs, like groceries, drugstores, or fuel, were able to be fufilled in Alpine.

**Q12** 



Respondents said that they only eat or dine out some of the time in Alpine, with a small number saying they never do. **Q13** 



Respondents felt that local restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops and family-friendly entertainment would be the most successful new businesses in Town.

**Q14** 

Quality of housing and the range of housing options were considered strengths in Alpine. Though availability of affordable housing was considered a weakness.

The majority of respondents live in Alpine full-time, with some only working in Town or visiting from elsewhere. **Q16** 



Nearly all respondents own their own home in Alpine, with a small amount renting or living elsewhere. 017



Most respondents were older adults between 35-64 years old. There was a large gap in responses from younger residents.

**Q**18



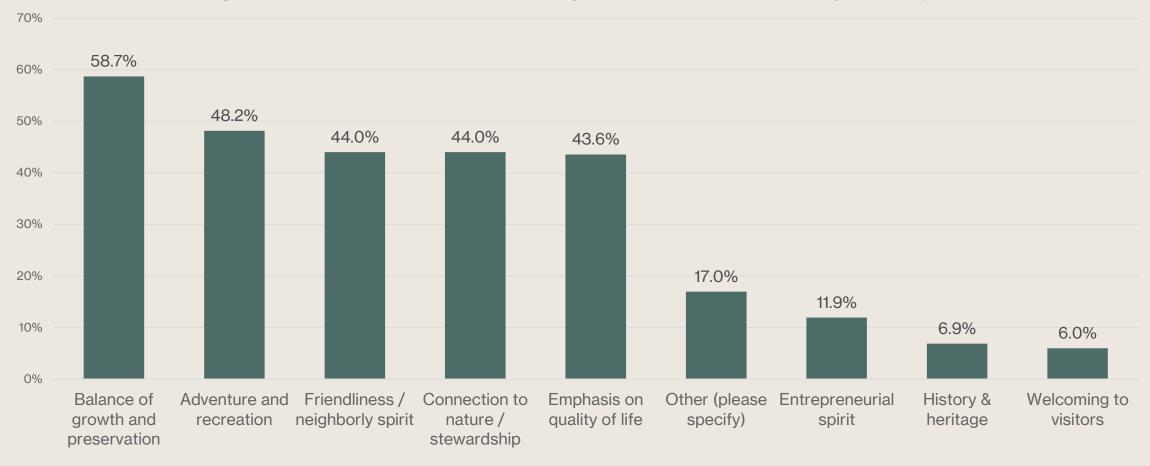
The overall vision for the future of Alpine among respondents was a small, vibrant community that values people and natural spaces.

SUMMARY

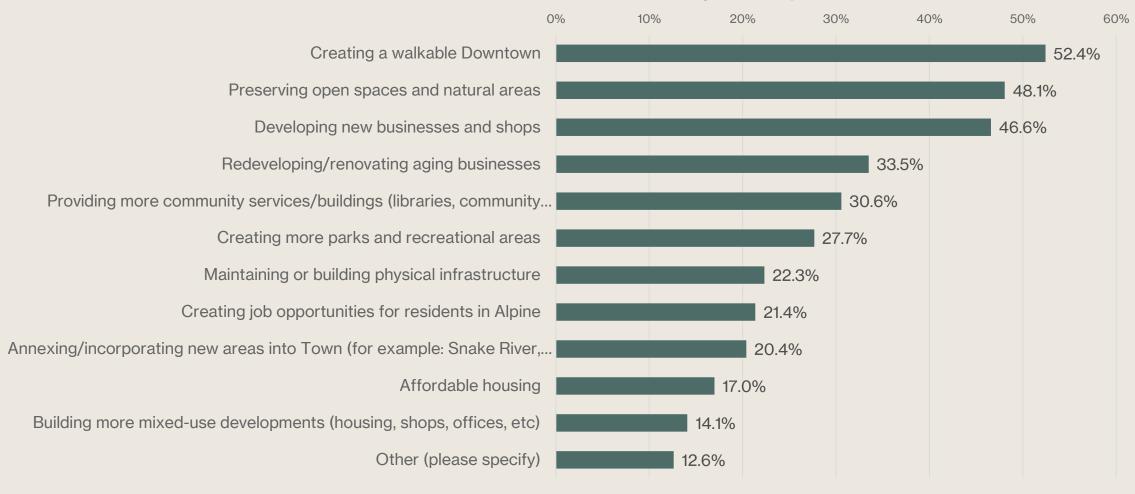
Residents of Alpine love the town's natural beauty and outdoor recreation, especially spots like the Palisades Reservoir and its three rivers. They envision a future that balances growth with preservation, creating a walkable, vibrant community. Key priorities include more bike paths, trails, a community pool, and a local school, while maintaining open spaces and supporting local businesses like restaurants and coffee shops. Transportation improvements, such as better pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity, are needed, as well as a focus on water conservation. Housing is seen as high-quality, but affordable options are a concern. Most respondents were full-time homeowners aged 35–64, and the overall vision is for Alpine to remain a small, people-focused town that values nature and thoughtful growth.



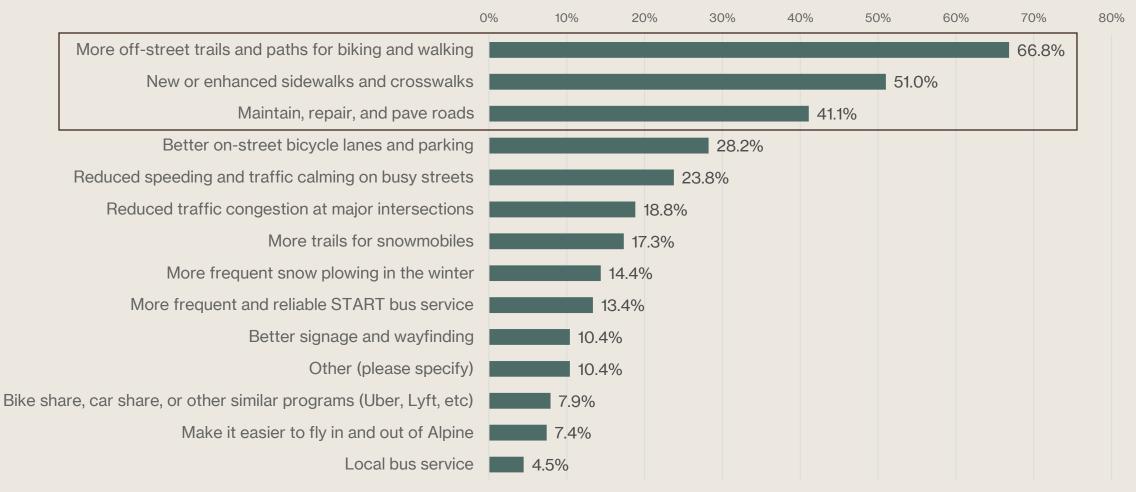
Q3: What community values should the Town of Alpine rely on when making decisions over the next 10 years? Please select your top three.



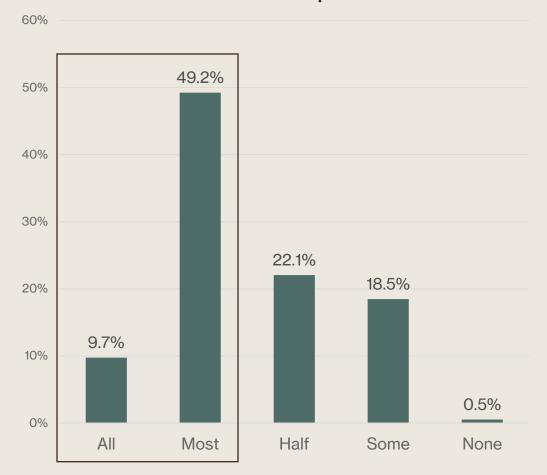
## Q4: What should be the primary focus of land use in Alpine when thinking about the future? Please select your top 4.



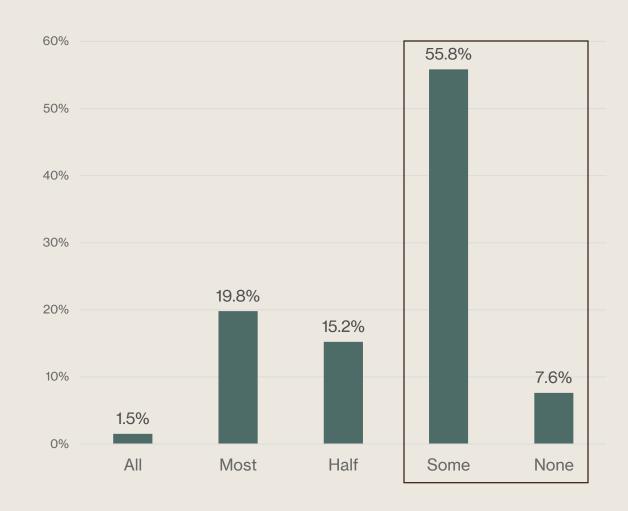
## Q9: What are the top transportation and mobility priorities Alpine should focus on? Please select your top 4.



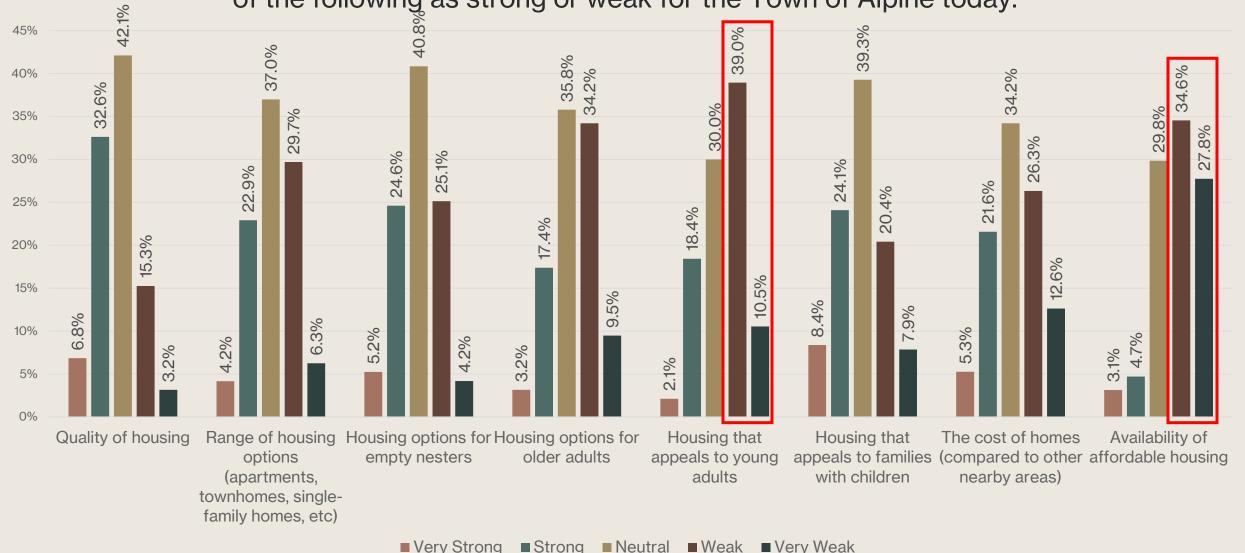
Q11: What percentage of your routine shopping needs (grocery, drugstores, fuel, etc) are you able to fufill in Alpine?



Q12: If you eat/drink out (restaurants, cafe, coffee shop, bars), what percentage is in Alpine?



Q14: When considering existing housing and residential areas, please rank each of the following as strong or weak for the Town of Alpine today.



#### Q18: What is your Vision for Alpine?

infrastructure restaurants businesses residents business development community growth needs options walkable beautiful love small natural better school water downtown opportunities

river

housing

## Highlights from Existing Conditions

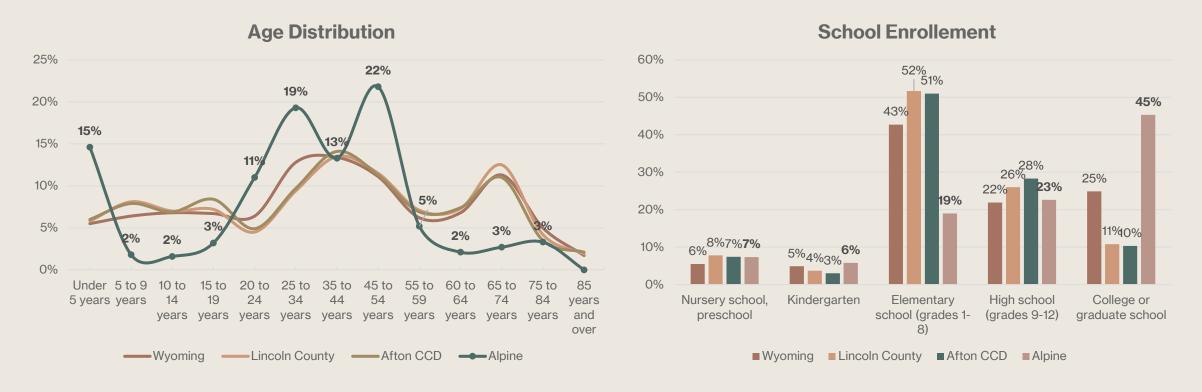
### Demographics

- Alpine has fewer married and cohabitating couples than comparison areas
- Alpine has an almost doubled percentage of males living alone (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) than comparison areas



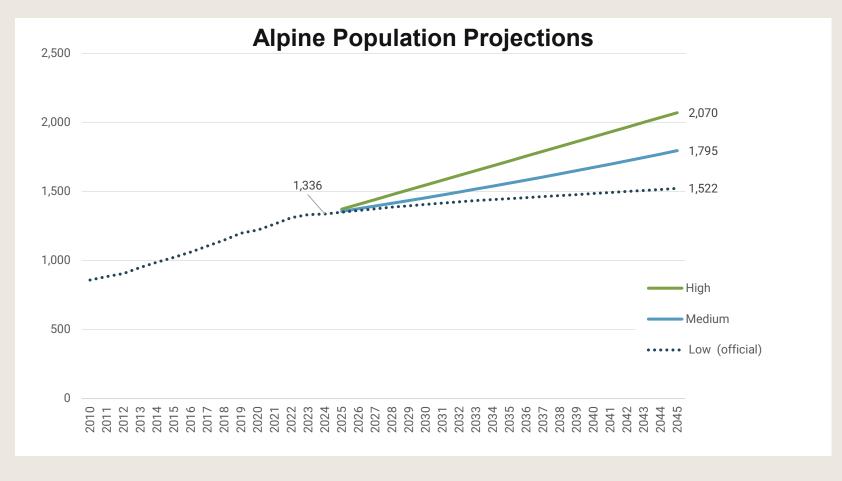
#### Demographics

- Alpine has more people in the following age brackets than comparison areas: under 5, 24 35, and 45 – 54; with lower population of elementary-aged children and seniors.
- Almost half (45%) of the school-enrolled population in Alpine are in college or graduate school



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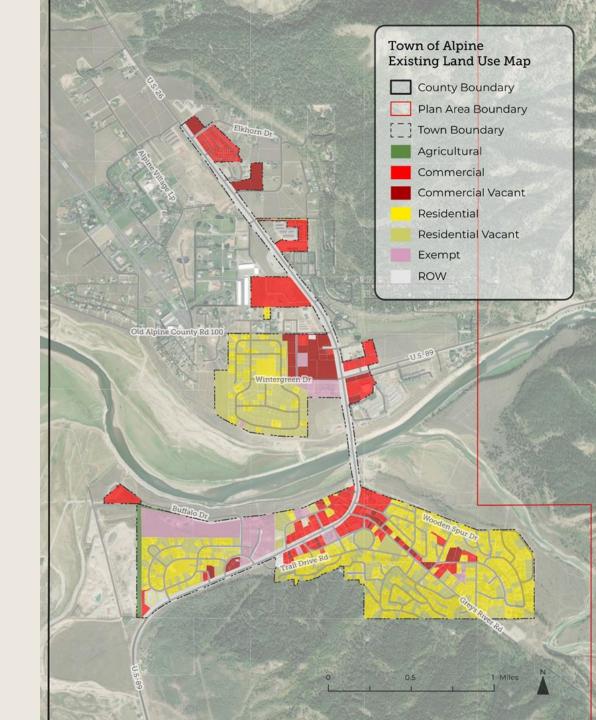
 The State's population projections are too low, we need to be planning for the growth that's coming



#### **Land Use**

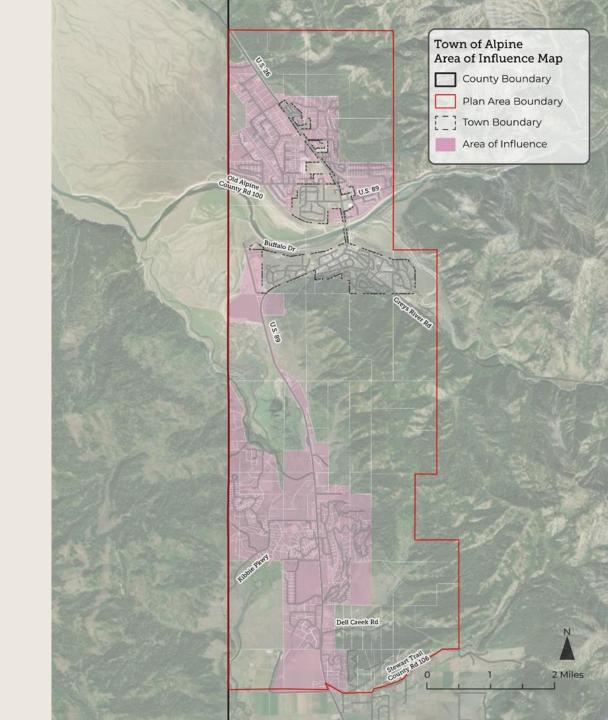
 Alpine's most prominent land uses are Residential (29%), Residential Vacant (23%), followed by Right of Way (16%) and Commercial (15%)

Land Use	Land Area (acres)	% Land Area
Residential	191.9	29.0%
Commercial	99.4	15.0%
Agricultural	7.7	1.2%
ROW	106.3	16.1%
Exempt	59.4	9.0%
Residential Vacant Land	152.2	23.0%
Commercial Vacant Land	43.9	6.6%
Total	660.8	100.0%



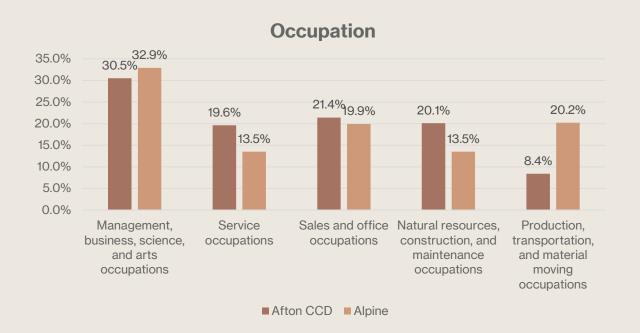
#### Land Use

- Alpine should consider entering into an interjurisdictional agreement (IGA) with the County and implementing an official Planning Area
- Tool for ensuring growth is predictable and meets the Town's standards
- Can provide for more cohesive neighborhoods, better connectivity, and long-term fiscal sustainability



#### **Economics**

- Alpine's top occupations are management, business, science, and arts; followed by production, transportation, and material moving
- From 2012 to 2022, the number of construction businesses in Alpine doubled



# in Zip Code Area 83128 (2012, 2017, 2022) 50 45 40 35 30 205 20 2012 2017 2022 Construction Real estate and rental and leasing Retail trade Health care and social assistance Accommodation and food services

Professional, scientific, and technical services

**Number of Establishments by Industry** 

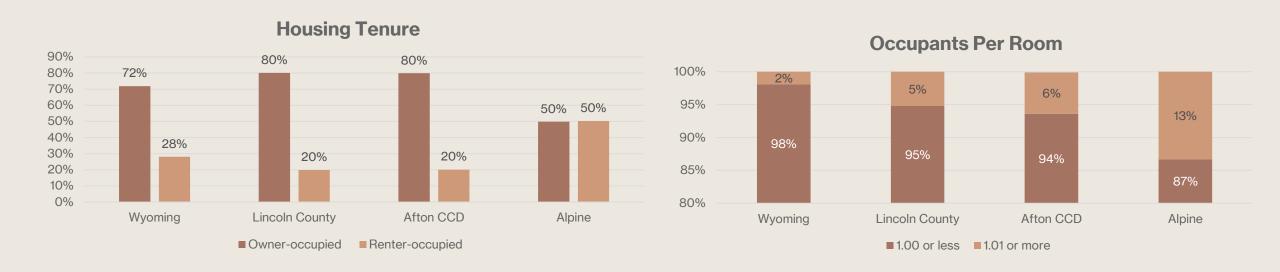
#### **Economics**

Potential "future role" commercial & mixed use opportunities:

- Waterfront experiential restaurants, breweries, equipment rental that leverage scenic setting
- Lodging support services if you can capture overnight visitors, they need different retail than day-trippers
- "Jackson alternative" retail higher-end dining/shopping that offers the resort experience without Jackson pricing/crowds

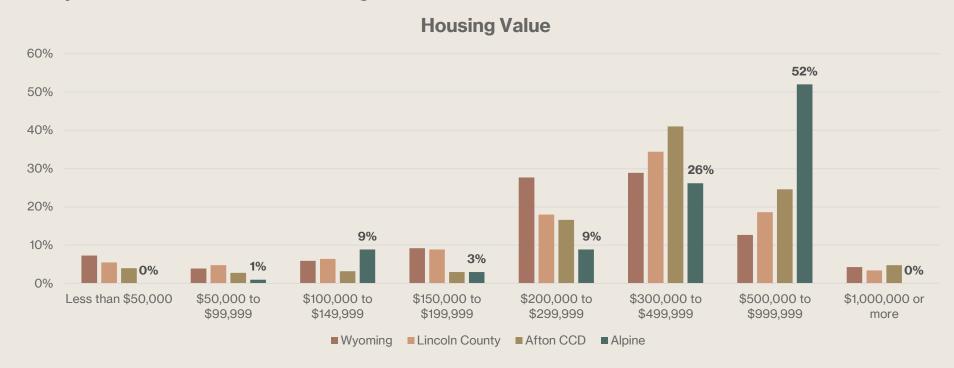
## Housing

- Alpine is split 50/50 between renters and owners, when homeownership is the predominant tenure in comparison areas
- Alpine has a higher portion of more than one occupant per room than comparison areas (which is significant considering there are more single people in Alpine)



## Housing

- Alpine has historically been a bedroom community to Teton County, however, escalating housing costs in the last decade are limiting housing affordability
- Increasing the diversity of housing types affordable to different income brackets is critical
- Mixed use neighborhoods that provide housing and retail options would allow residents to spend dollars locally and decrease traffic congestion



#### Transportation

- 224 people commute into Alpine for work, 14 live and work in Alpine, and 492 commute out of Alpine
- Most commuters are heading northeast and south





#### Next steps



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #3 – SEPTEMBER



OPEN HOUSE #1 -OCTOBER