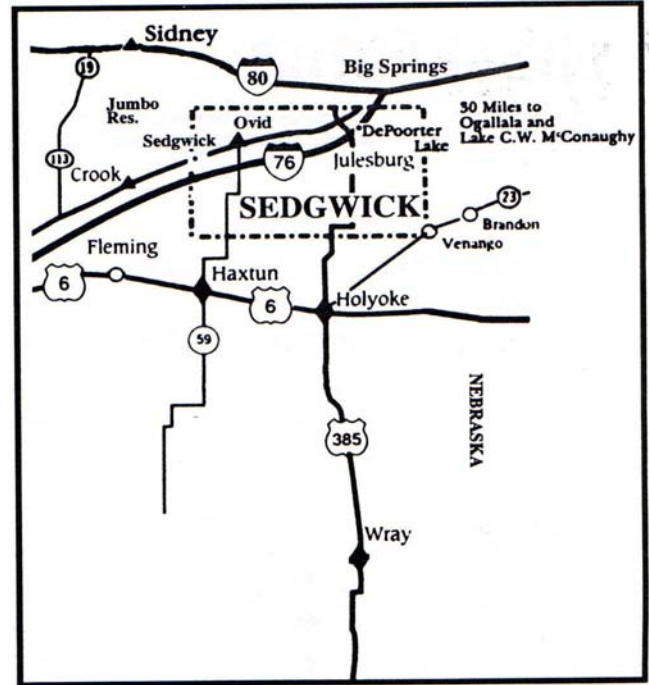


Sedgwick County, Colorado

Demographic Profile

Location

Sedgwick County is located in the Extreme Northeast corner of Colorado at the crossroads of Interstate 80 and Interstate 76. Bound to the north and east by Nebraska. Sedgwick County has been given the name, "Gateway to Colorado."



Climate

- Varies from fairly mild winters to warm summers.
- Average January temperature is 27.4 degrees F.
- Average July temperature is 76.4 degrees F.
- 17 – 19" average annual precipitation.
- 34.5" average annual snowfall.
- Growing season is 150 days.
- Average wind speed is 10.5 mph

Population

County & Places	1990	1995	2000	2010
County Total	2690	2631	2747	2887
Julesburg	1295	1260	1467	1530
Ovid	349	340	330	346
Sedgwick	183	180	191	173
Unincorporated Areas	863	850	759	838

Source: State Demographer's Office

Population Characteristics

Ethnic Distribution

White	90.5%
Hispanic	8.1%
Black	.5%
American Indian/Eskimo	.1%
Asian	.8%

Age Distribution

Under 20	684
20-44	768
45-64	688
65 and over	607

Median Age	43.2
Housing Units	1387

Income

Total Personal Income: \$64,554,000

Median Household Income: \$28,278

Source: Bureau of the Census; 2000

Per Capita Income (2003)

Sedgwick County: \$24,323
 Colorado: \$34,561
 U.S. Average: \$31,472

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Average Wage per Job \$21,341

Source: Bureau of the Labor Statistics; 2002

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Labor Force

Source: Colorado Dept. of Labor & Employment, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Sedgwick County Economic Development Corporation

Sedgwick County	2000	2001	2003
Labor Force	1140	1108	1174
Unemployment	29	33	42
Unemployment rate	2.5	3.0	3.6

Employment by Industry

Industry Employees	Number
Total	1626
Farm	770
Non-Farm	856
Agriculture Services, Forest, Fish, etc.	107
Construction	16
Manufacturing	37
Transportation, Communication, Utilities	22
Wholesale/Retail	228
F.I.R.E.	32
Services	74
Government	340

Major Employers

Company	Product/Service	Number
Sedgwick County Health Center	Medical	112
Seaboard Farms of Colorado	Swine	95
Julesburg School Dist. Re-1	Education	51
Platte Valley School Dist. Re-3	Education	47
Sedgwick County Government	Government	45
Julesburg Family Market	Food Distribution	20
D & L Meat Company	Processing	19
Kelley Bean Company	Agriculture	13
Stone Motors, Inc.	Auto Dealer	13
First National Bank	Financial	12
Town of Julesburg	Government	12
Colorado Welcome Center	Tourist Information	77 volunteers

Real Estate Sales

	1996	1997	2001	2003
# of Home Sales	42	18	49	35
Average Sales Price Per Home				
Julesburg	\$30,536	\$32,038	\$60,000	\$50,674
Ovid	\$20,667	\$27,458	\$32,000	\$23,525
Sedgwick	\$12,333	n/a	n/a	\$20,125
Overall Average	\$21,178	\$21,178	\$21,178	\$56,000

Taxes

Retail Sales

Sedgwick County	2%
Julesburg	1%
Ovid	1%
Sedgwick	1%

Property Tax

Sedgwick County	3.3%
Julesburg	4.09%
Ovid	2.72%
Sedgwick	3.6%

Average Estimated Cost to Build a Residential Building: \$100/Sq. Ft. (2007)

Average Estimated Cost to Build a Commercial Building: \$120/Sq. Ft. (2007)

Average Home Price:
\$31,441

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Retail Sales

Area	1999	2000	2003
Sedgwick County	\$40,806,247	\$47,329,755	\$40,120,454
Julesburg	\$26,773,925	\$25,238,361	\$23,666,176
Ovid	\$ 1,416,169	\$ 1,336,448	\$ 1,264,026
Sedgwick	\$ 900,514	\$ 288,802	\$ 751,882
Rest of County	\$13,204,088	\$13,942,636	\$14,438,370

Oil & Gas Production

Year	Value
1998	\$55,486
1999	\$54,279
2002	\$28,069

Utilities & Communication

Source Gas
Customer Service
1-800-563-0012

Highline Electric
100 Main St.
Ovid, CO 80744
(970) 463-5440

Viaero
(970) 521-9911

Verizon
1-800-256-4646

AT&T
1-800-222-0300
(Residential)
1-800-222-0400 (Business)

Qwest
1-800-244-1111 (Residential)
1-800-603-6000 (Business)

Incentives

Enterprise Zone Tax Credits are available for expansion of private business, and development and relocation of industries in designated area. State income tax credits include 3% investment tax credit; \$500 job tax credit or refund; double job tax credit or refund for agricultural processing; \$200 job tax credit for employer health insurance programs; exemption from state sales and use tax for manufacturing equipment; and local government tax incentives.

Sedgwick County is an **Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone**. Businesses that create new jobs in a new or qualifying expanded business facility in an eligible Enhanced Rural EZ will be eligible for an additional state income tax credit of \$2,000 per new business facility employee. This enhanced credit is in addition to the regular EZ credit of \$500, for a total credit of \$2500 per NBF employee. For NBF employees hired in an agriculture processing business, there is an additional credit of \$500 per NBF, plus the regular EZ credit of \$500, for a total of \$3,500 per new ag processing job.

Transportation

Railroad

The Union Pacific Railroad runs the northeastern part of the county.

Air

Julesburg has a municipal airport with lighted runways that can service corporate jets. Sedgwick County is 2 ½ hours from Denver Airport.

Sedgwick County is located
At the crossroads of
Interstate 80 and Interstate 76.

Highways

I-76 runs through Sedgwick County from the northeast corner to the middle of the county's western border. I-76 connects to I-80, a major east-west thoroughfare, about two miles from the northeast corner of the county.

Highway 385 runs throughout the eastern part of the county from its southern border to Julesburg, then northwest into Nebraska. Highway 138 runs east-west through the county along the north side of the South Platte River.

Transit

Public transportation is provided by County Express.

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Finance

- 1 bank \$54,962,548 total assets
- 1 savings and loan, \$202,883,425 total assets
- 1 credit union, \$3,800,000 total assets

The Northeastern Colorado Revolving Loan

Fund provides investment capital to new and expanding businesses to create new employment and expand the economic base of the region. Call (970) 332-4335 for more information.

Health Care

- 1 hospital
- 1 clinic
- 1 nursing home
- 1 County Assisted Living Center
- 2 full-time doctors

Sedgwick County Sheriff's Dept.
Provides 24-hour public safety
Dispatch for 911, police, fire, and
Ambulance calls. Ambulance
Service is owned by Sedgwick
County with 38 volunteers of
Whom 21 are certified EMT's.

Government

County	Board of Commissioners
County Seat	Julesburg
Municipal	Mayor/Council

Education

- 2 elementary
- 2 junior-senior high schools
- 5 state licensed day care facilities
- 11:1 student teacher ratio
- 50 miles to community college
- 180 miles to university

Housing

1 bedroom apartment	\$250
Typical lot cost range	\$8,000 - \$16,000
Average cost per sq. ft. for new home	\$170

Apartments are available that are based on a families income.
These apartments start at \$50/month and go up from there.

Community Events

- Julesburg Drag Races – April-October
- Pony Express Reride & Festival – June
- Sedgwick County Fair - August
- Sedgwick Harvest Festival – Labor Day

Facilities & Recreation

- 3 hotels with a total of 75 rooms
- Hippodrome Theatre & Arts Center
- Ft. Sedgwick & Depot Museum
- South Platte River Trail
- 2 lakes
- Golf Course
- Public Library
- 5 City Parks
- 12 Churches

Agriculture

Sedgwick County is an agricultural area. The climate, growing season, precipitation, surface and ground water, soil characteristics, and natural vegetation make the area conducive to farm and ranch production.

Sedgwick County depends on corn for grain and silage, wheat, sorghum, grain, dry beans, barley, millet, oats, sugar beets, cattle, swine production, and a number of agriculturally related businesses as its economic base.

For more information, please contact:

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