

Sedgwick County, Colorado

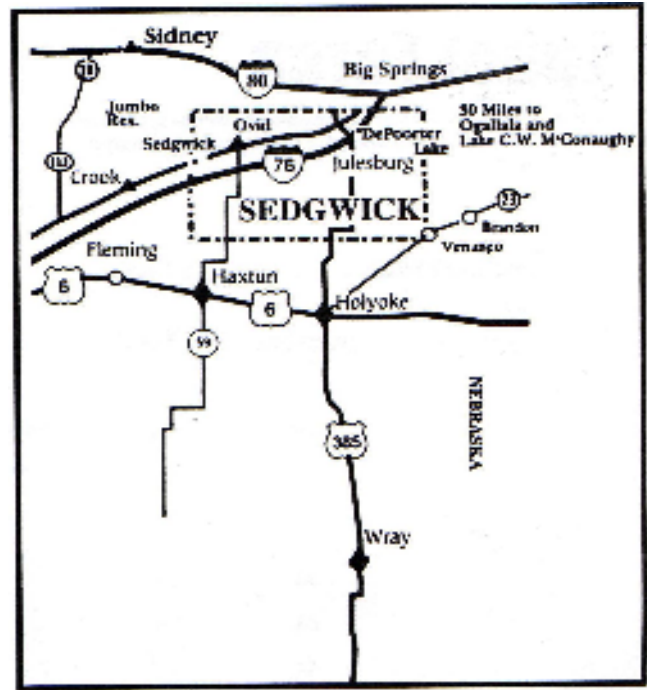
Demographic Profile

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	2000	2007	2010
County Total	2690	2747	2509	2468
Julesburg	1295	1467	1318	1284
Ovid	349	330	328	296
Sedgwick	183	191	175	148
Unincorporated Areas	863	759	688	740

Source: State Demographer's Office

Population Characteristics

Ethnic Distribution

White	86.5%
Hispanic	11.4%
Black	.5%
American Indian/Eskimo	.1%
Asian	.8%

Age Distribution

Under 20	621
20-44	645
45-64	712
65 and over	593

Median Age	43.2
Housing Units	1387

Income

Total Personal Income: \$70,000,000

Median Household Income: \$28,278

Source: Bureau of the Census; 2000

Per Capita Income (2006)

Sedgwick County: \$16,125

Colorado: \$34,283

U.S. Average: \$38,615

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Average Wage per Job \$20,720

Source: Bureau of the Labor Statistics; 2006

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Labor Force

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

Sedgwick County	2001	2003	2009
Labor Force	1108	1174	1267
Unemployment	33	42	61
Unemployment rate	3.0	3.6	4.8

Employment by Industry

Industry	Number
Total	1626
Farm	770
Non-Farm	836
Agriculture Services, Forest, Fish, etc.	120
Construction	17
Manufacturing	37
Transportation, Communication, Utilities	35
Wholesale/Retail	110
F.I.R.E.	32
Services	86
Government	340

Major Employers

Company	Product/Service	Employees
Sedgwick County Health Center	Medical	90
Seaboard Farms of Colorado	Swine	80
Julesburg School Dist. Re-1	Education	51
Platte Valley School Dist. Re-3	Education	47
Sedgwick County Government	Government	52
D & L Meat Company	Processing	11
Town of Julesburg	Government	11
Stone Motors, Inc.	Auto Dealer	10
Julesburg Family Market	Food Distribution	10
Points West Community Bank	Financial	9
Kelley Bean Company	Agriculture	9
Colorado Welcome Center Tourist Information		77 volunteers

Real Estate Sales

	1997	2001	2003	2008
# of Home Sales	18	49	35	32
Average Sales Price Per Home				
Julesburg	\$32,038	\$60,000	\$50,674	\$45,379
Ovid	\$27,458	\$32,000	\$23,525	\$30,000
Sedgwick	n/a	n/a	\$20,125	\$34,086
Overall Average	\$21,178	\$56,000	\$31,441	\$36,488

Average Estimated Cost to Build a Residential Building: \$100/Sq. Ft. (2007)
 Average Estimated Cost to Build a Commercial Building: \$120/Sq. Ft. (2007)

Taxes

Retail Sales

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

Property Tax

Sedgwick County	3.3%
Julesburg	4.09%
Ovid	2.72%

Average Home Price:
\$36,488

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Retail Sales

Area	2003	2005	2007
Sedgwick County	\$40,120,454	\$50,426,212	\$67,455,981
Julesburg	\$23,666,176	\$41,426,212	\$49,778,771
Ovid	\$ 1,264,026	\$ 2,099,676	\$12,869,850
Sedgwick	\$ 751,882	\$ 525,111	\$ 435,623
Rest of County	\$14,438,370	\$ 6,580,779	\$ 4,371,737

Oil & Gas Production

Year	Value
2007	\$649,460
2008	\$550,455
2009	\$606,110

Utilities & Communications

Source Gas
Customer Service
1-800-563-0012

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

Viaero
(970) 474-0945

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 through 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 International 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 \$98,455,999 total assets
- 1 savings and loan, \$184,645,377 total assets
- 1 credit union, \$3,100,000 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
- Holiday Lighting Festival – Day After Thanksgiving

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.

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