

# Logan County Economic Development Corporation

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*Offering information and resources to new and expanding businesses.*

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 110 acres of city parks
- 2 public golf courses / 1 private club
- 14 recreational areas
- 2 museums
- 3 public libraries
- Over 15 churches
- 12 motels, 550 total rooms
- Community theatre
- City intramural sports
- North Sterling Reservoir
- 62,000 + square foot athletic event center/meeting facility
- Indoor recreation center featuring Olympic size pool
- Beautiful outdoor pool complex with adjacent park
- Trail system for walking and biking

## UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Electric:</b> Xcel Energy 1-800-772-7858	<b>Solid Waste</b> Waste Management 970-522-3061
Morgan County REA (electric Service South of Merino)970-867-5688	Merrick's Waste Disposal 970-886-3681
Highline Electric Association 970-854-2236	<b>Telephone</b> Qwest Communications 1-800-244-1111
<b>Natural Gas</b> Kinder- Morgan Gas Company (Ilfiff and Crook) 1-800-563-0012	McLeod USA 1-800-909-3012
Sterling Oil & Gas (Propane Service) 970-522-3496	Excel Communication 970-521-0750
Horizon Co-op (Propane Service) 970-522-5324	Peetz Cooperative Telephone Co. 970-334-2220
<b>Water and Sewer</b> City of Sterling 421 N. 4th Street Sterling, CO 80751 970-522-9700	Haxtun Telephone Co. (Crook, Fleming, Haxtun) 970-774-7611
Town of Merino 970-522-1036	<b>Internet, Cable, Satellite</b> Bresnan Communications 970-522-0978
Town of Fleming 970-265-2692	KCI 970-522-8107
Town of Iliff 970-522-2283	Radio Shack 970-522-8324
Town of Peetz 970-334-2473	Satellite Solutions 970-466-9096
Logan County 970-522-7879	TERR-DAN Communication 970-522-0636
	Sterling Computer Center 970-522-4203
	Colorado Graphics 970-522-7559

## Wide Open Opportunity

# LOGAN COUNTY

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*Colorado*

## CLIMATE

Moderate summers, crisp falls, cool winters and warm springs are the norm.

- 331 days of sunshine annually
- 15.5" annual precipitation
- 21.2" average snowfall
- Average January temperatures 59° F (high) 38° F (low)
- Average July temperatures 90° F (high) 59° F (low)

## DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	574
Cheyenne, Wyoming.....	135
Colorado Springs, Colorado .....	182
Dallas, Texas.....	869
Denver, Colorado.....	110
Fort Collins, Colorado.....	102
North Platte, Nebraska.....	136
Omaha, Nebraska.....	405
Phoenix, Arizona.....	1036
Rapid City, South Dakota .....	273
San Francisco, California.....	1304

## LOCATION

Logan County is located on the High Plains of Northeast Colorado, well situated on Interstate Highway 76, as well as Highways 6, 61, 14, 113, and 138. The County is only 90 minutes from Metro Denver and the Denver International Airport.



## EMPLOYMENT

Logan County	2004	2005	2006
Labor Force	10,716	10,628	11,351
Employment	10,250	10,196	10,961
Unemployment	466	432	390
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.1%	3.4%

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Industry	Average #	%	Industry	Average #	%
Agriculture/ Forestry/ Fishing / Hunting & Mining	972	10.3	Professional, Scientific, Management & Administrative	371	3.9
Construction	711	7.6	Educational, Health and Social Assistance	1925	20.5
Manufacturing	638	6.8	Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation & Food Services	821	8.7
Wholesale	224	2.4	Other Services (except public administration)	528	5.6
Retail	1071	11.4	Public Administration	696	7.4
Transportation/ Warehousing & Utilities	577	6.1			
Information	449	4.8			
Finance, Insurance,					

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company	# of Employees	Industry
Sterling Correctional Facility	850	Public Administration
Sterling Regional Med-Center	370	Health Care/Social Assistance
RE-1 Valley School District	367	Education
Wal-Mart Super Center	354	Retail
Sykes Enterprises	320	Business Services
Northeastern Junior College	200	Education
Wisdom Industries	150	Manufacturing
Logan County	145	Public Administration
City of Sterling	132	Public Administration
BNSF Railroad	130	Warehousing & Transportation
Home Depot	120	Retail
Devonshire Acres	106	Health Care & Social Assistance
Nichols Tillage Tools	100	Manufacturing
Sterling Living Center	92	Health Care & Social Assistance
Ramada Inn	73	Accommodation & Food Service
Trinidad Benham Bean	65	Agriculture
Sterling Ethanol	34	Energy
Union Pacific Railroad	30	Warehousing & Transportation
Industrial Welding & Supply	30	Manufacturing
Sterling Journal Advocate	28	Information
Xcel Energies	26	Utilities
Cargill	20	Agriculture

## POPULATION

County & Places	2004	2005	2006
County Total	21,821	21,605	21,864
Sterling	13,713	13,560	13,723
Peetz	236	234	237
Iliff	220	218	221
Merino	291	286	289
Fleming	445	438	443
Unincorporated Areas	6,916	6,869	6,951

## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Population by Age & Sex (Logan County 2000)		
Total Population:	20,504	100%
Male:	10,834	52.8%
Female	9,670	47.2%
Under 5 years	1,291	6.3%
5 to 9 years	1,373	6.7%
10 to 14 years	1,463	7.1%
15 to 19 years	1,779	8.7%
20 to 24 years	1,374	6.7%
25 to 34 years	2,521	12.3%
35 to 44 years	3,285	16.0%
45 to 54 years	2,675	13.0%
55 to 59 years	925	4.5%
60 to 64 years	853	4.2%
65 to 74 years	1,491	7.3%
75 to 84 years	1,072	5.2%
85 years & older	402	2.0%

Median age (years): 36.5

Source: Colorado department of Local Affairs

## INCOME

Logan County 2006	
Average Household Income:	\$47,984
Median Household Income:	\$37,494
Per Capita Personal Income:	\$27,691

Total Average Annual Wages For All Industry Groups (based on full-time/52 weeks per year employment)	\$28,860
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## AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES

Logan County, 2006--Full time represents 52 weeks/year

Construction: Manufacturing	\$36,244
Wholesale Trade	\$32,500
Retail Trade	\$28,560
Education and Health Services	\$32,448
Information	\$25,110
Finance and Insurance	\$34,320
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	\$26,100
Professional & Technical Services	\$22,412
Administrative & Waste Services	\$23,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$26,200
Agriculture: Animal and Crops	\$32,620
Accommodation and Food Services	\$15,520

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment  
Source: Colorado Department of Revenue

## RETAIL SALES

	2004	2005	2006
Sterling	\$306,834	\$354,894	\$420,284
Crook	\$6,307	\$6,893	\$10,248
Fleming	\$1,183	\$1,295	\$1,327
Iliff	\$158	\$363	\$792
Merino	\$5,570	\$7,155	\$11,690
Remainder	\$45,730	\$58,304	\$74,208
Total:	\$365,782	\$428,904	\$518,548

## AGRICULTURE

Logan County is an agriculturally diverse economy. The major crops grown in Logan County include corn, sugar beets, wheat, millet hay, silage, alfalfa, beans, field seeds and nursery and greenhouse crops. The beef industry also has a very significant presence in the county.

In 2005, Logan was the 4th largest agriculture-producing county in Colorado, with products valued at \$350,000,000.

## HOUSING

Average Rent	
Efficiency Apartment	\$413/month
One Bedroom Apartment	\$350/month
Two Bedroom/One Bathroom Apartment	\$450/month
Two Bedroom/Two Bathroom Apartment	\$550/month
Three Bedroom House	\$700/month

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways –

- Major east west access to Logan County is U.S. Interstate Highway 76
  - I-80 is less than 40 miles north
  - I-70 is less than 90 miles south
  - I-25 is less than 100 miles west
  - US Highways 6 and 138 run through Logan County
- Colorado Highways 14, 61, and 63 run through Logan County

### Railroad –

Logan County is served by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad.

### Transit –

Taxi and Regional bus service is provided by D&D Cab Service, County Express, and Dash-About Shuttle.

### Airport –

The City of Sterling's Crossen Field provides Logan County with airport service. Crossen Field is equipped with an NDB Instrument Approach system and a 4700 by 75 foot lighted runway.

## FINANCE

- 6 banks
- 1 credit Union
- 1 Savings & Loan
- 1 Government Lending Institution

Logan County Revolving Loan Fund: (970) 521-0744

NE CO Revolving Loan Fund serving Sterling: (970) 848-3150

Small Business Development Center: (970) 867-3351

## GOVERNMENT

County	Board of Commissioners
County Seat	City of Sterling
Municipal Mayor/Council	

## EDUCATION

- 8 elementary and junior high/middle schools
- 6 high schools
- 1 private school
- 6 licensed daycare centers
- numerous licensed care homes

Northeastern Junior College is an NCA accredited two-year community college. As a member of the Community Colleges of Colorado, NJC offers associate degrees, applied technology and vocational programs, as well as adult basic and continuing education. NJC also offers four-year degree programs through participating 4-year colleges around the state. NJC often customizes training programs for business and industry in Logan and the surrounding counties.

## HEALTH CARE

Traditional services, combined with cutting-edge technology, a wide range of specialty clinics and occupational health programs allow residents to receive up-to-date health care in Logan County

- Sterling Regional Medical Center
- Level III Trauma Center
- Dialysis and Cancer Center
- 3 Clinics
- 2 Nursing Homes
- 2 Independent Living Apartment complexes connected to nursing facilities
- 2 Assisted Living Facilities
- 1 Dementia/Alzheimer Secured Care Facility
- 8 Dentists
- 30 Physicians
- 4 Pharmacies
- Northeastern Colorado Health Department
- Centennial Mental Health Department

## INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS

Logan County and the City of Sterling encourage the expansion or relocation of manufacturing, industrial, or commercial enterprises, and to that end, make available the issuance of development revenue bonds in appropriate circumstances pursuant to the City and County Revenue Bond Act. Please ask for details.