

Baca *county*

Plains, canyons and buttes converge in Baca County. Similarly, new business forces intersect with longstanding agricultural heritage in this far southeastern corner of Colorado.

The county has some of the strongest wind resources in the state, while oil wells continue to dot fields throughout the area. More traditional manufacturing enterprises and ranches are based here, as well.

People come to Springfield, the county seat, to shop and dine. Southeast Colorado Hospital is located here, and it provides acute, emergency and respite care for residents across the region.

The county is also a destination for history and nature lovers. Sixty-four rustic stone, brick and concrete New Deal era landmarks still stand in Baca County. Visitors can explore hiking trails and ancient Indian petroglyphs in the canyons of the Comanche National Grasslands.



Population¹

Total	4,218
Campo	129
Pritchett	117
Springfield	1,302
Two Buttes	58
Vilas	95
Walsh	643

County Taxes

Sales Tax ³	2.9%
Mill Levy Rate ⁴	20.46 mills

Workforce²

Labor force	2,466
Employment rate	97.4%

Sources
¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2007
²Colorado Department of Labor, 2007
³Colorado Department of Revenue, 2009
⁴Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, 2008

Attractions, Recreation & Events

Attractions

- Baca Museum
- CF Wheeler Museum
- New Deal Era Historic Structures

Recreation

- Carrizo Canyons
- Comanche National Grasslands
- Picture Canyon
- Santa Fe Trail
- Two Buttes Reservoir State Wildlife Area
- Vogel Canyon

Events

- Baca County Fair & Rodeo
- Moonlight Madness
- Springfield Spring & Fall Equinox Festivals
- Watermelon Festival



business profile: Colorado Cabinetry

In 1994, Bret Alton came home for what was supposed to be a brief family visit. Fifteen years later, his Walsh-based company has a long waiting list for its high-end custom cabinetry and millwork. Colorado Cabinetry takes a true craftsman’s approach, hand-selecting each piece of wood to create beautiful-yet-functional cupboards, desks, mantels and shelves for homes in more than five states. Alton says that the low cost of doing business allows him to provide clients with top quality products at reasonable prices, with designs ranging from simple Shaker style to more elaborate motifs featuring corbels and egg-and-dart trim.