

# crowley county

Crowley County's 802 square miles feature rolling prairies, wooded glades, farm fields and ranchlands. Expansive lakes and streets lined with shade trees make the area a popular place to visit and to settle down.

Crowley County offers award-winning schools which have been recognized nationally. Most high school seniors graduate with some college credit, and many are able to graduate with associate degrees. Crowley County School District also offers a full online school available to students throughout the state.

Crowley-based companies ship merchandise across the region and the nation. Trucks leave the area every day carrying appliances, millwork, plants and cattle.

The four towns in the area act as county hubs where residents gather to conduct business and cheer on the community. Every July, people come to Ordway's Conestoga Park from all over the region for the week-long Crowley County Days celebration.

The county's open spaces appeal to visitors from around the region. Serene lakes, reservoirs and nearby grasslands attract water sports enthusiasts, fishermen, hunters, campers and bird watchers.



## Population<sup>1</sup>

Total*	6,113
Crowley	169
Olney Springs	353
Ordway	1,115
Sugar City	249

## Workforce<sup>2</sup>

Labor force	1,600
Employment rate	93.2%

## County Taxes

Sales Tax <sup>3</sup>	2.0%
Mill Levy Rate <sup>4</sup>	39.846 mills

### Sources

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, 2007

<sup>2</sup>Colorado Department of Labor, 2007

<sup>3</sup>Colorado Department of Revenue, 2009

<sup>4</sup>Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, 2009

\*Includes correctional facilities

## Attractions, Recreation & Events

### Attractions

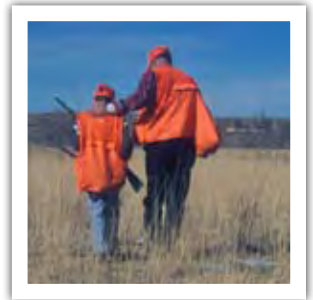
Crowley Heritage Center & Museum  
 Pronghorn Birding Trail  
 Rabbit Run Motocross  
 Prairie Horizons/Transamerica Bicycle Trail

### Recreation

Lake Henry  
 Lake Meredith  
 Olney Springs Reservoir  
 Ordway Reservoir

### Events

Crowley County Days  
 Spring Heritage Festival  
 Fourth of July Celebration  
 Winter Festivities



## business profile: Springtime Nursery

Born in China, Victor Plawski lived in Russia and Brazil before settling in this country. He met his Colorado-born wife, Sandy, in Hawaii, and they established their Springtime Nursery in Sugar City in 1992. Since then, what started out as a small bedding plants business has grown into an international e-commerce enterprise specializing in water plants. Customers from Japan, Spain, Italy, Germany and across the United States order waterlilies, rushes, lotus and other exotic plants from the eWaterlily.com and Waterplants.com Web sites. The Plawskis have provided plants for landscape projects ranging from urban patio gardens to private estates, public parks and Caesar's Palace, shipping as many as 30,000 perishable plants each year and often more than 2,000 in a single day to destinations across the country and around the world.