



2018 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

LOCATION

Morgan County is located on the High Plains of Northeastern Colorado, well situated on Interstate 76 and U.S. Highway 34.

The County is only 79 miles from Metro Denver and major U.S. trade corridors. The Denver International Airport is within an hour's drive.

CLIMATE

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

- 330 days of sunshine annually
- 14.16" annual precipitation
- 24" average snowfall
- Average annual temperature: 64 degrees F

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

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|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Denver, Colorado | 79 miles | El Paso, Texas | 784 miles |
| Cheyenne, Wyoming | 99 miles | Dallas, Texas | 863 miles |
| Rapid City, South Dakota | 330 miles | Chicago, IL | 928 miles |
| Albuquerque, New Mexico | 517 miles | Phoenix, Arizona | 980 miles |
| Kansas City, Missouri | 605 miles | Los Angeles, California | 1,099 miles |

EMPLOYMENT Source: Colorado LMI Gateway—www.colmigateway.com—2017

| <u>Morgan County</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Force | 14,749 | 16,712 | 16,902 |
| Employed | 14,159 | 16,241 | 16,440 |
| Unemployed | 590 | 471 | 462 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0% | 2.8% | 2.7% |



MAJOR EMPLOYERS Source: Human Resource Department for Each Company



| <u>Company</u> | <u>Product/Service</u> | <u># of Employees</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cargill Meat Solutions Corp. | Meat Processing | 2,100 |
| Colorado Plains Medical Center | Hospital | 360 |
| Leprino Foods | Cheese Processing | 357 |
| Walmart Super Center | Retail/Grocery | 284 |
| Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center | Senior Care | 250 |
| Western Sugar | Sugar Processing | 225 |
| East Morgan County Hospital | Hospital | 206 |
| Viaero Wireless | Cellular Provider | 150 |
| Valley View Villa | Nursing Home | 120 |
| Morgan Community College | Education | 105 |

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POPULATION Source: www.census.gov

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| County Total | 28,063 | 28,192 | 28,558 |
| Brush | 5,357 | 5,364 | 5,384 |
| Fort Morgan | 11,252 | 11,281 | 11,359 |
| Hillrose | 251 | 251 | 254 |
| Log Lane Village | 864 | 868 | 874 |
| Wiggins | 883 | 890 | 996 |
| Unincorporated | 9,456 | 9,456 | 9,691 |

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

| Ethnicity | Population | % |
|------------------|------------|----|
| White | 16,564 | 58 |
| Hispanic Origin | 10,280 | 36 |
| African American | 1,142 | 4 |
| American Indian | 571 | 2 |
| Asian | 228 | <1 |
| Other Races | 571 | 2 |



EDUCATION

- 13 Elementary/Middle Schools
- 5 High Schools
- 2 Private Schools
- 4 Pre-Schools
- 32 Licensed Child Care Homes/Centers
- 1 Community College

AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

Source: www.colmigateway.com - 1st quarter 2018

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| Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing/Hunting..... | \$38,037 |
| Administrative..... | \$29,662 |
| Community/Social Services..... | \$38,828 |
| Construction..... | \$45,487 |
| Educational Services..... | \$38,024 |
| Finance/Insurance..... | \$52,887 |
| Healthcare Support | \$30,963 |
| Information Technology | \$55,551 |
| Installation/Maintenance/Repair..... | \$40,529 |
| Management | \$75,930 |
| Mining..... | \$90,844 |
| Production..... | \$33,271 |
| Real Estate/Rental/Leasing..... | \$26,104 |

HOUSING

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| Efficiency Apartment..... | \$550-850 |
| 1 Bedroom..... | \$600-1,000 |
| 2 Bedroom..... | \$800-1,300 |
| 3 Bedroom..... | \$1,000-1,800 |
| 4 Bedroom..... | \$1,400-2,100 |
| Average Cost//Sq. Ft for New Home..... | \$150 |
| Total Housing Units..... | 11,651 |
| Persons Per Household..... | 2.69 |
| Vacancy Rate..... | 8% |

HEALTH CARE

- 2 Hospitals
- 10 Clinics
- 37 Doctors
- 11 Dentists
- 7 Optometrists
- 6 Chiropractors
- 3 Nursing Homes
- 7 Alternative Care Facilities
- 4 Retirement Facilities

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 Morgan County.

The Morgan County Communications Center provides 24-Hour public safety dispatch for enhanced 911, police, fire and ambulance calls. Ambulance service is owned by Morgan County with 32 volunteers, all of whom are certified EMT's.