

KIOWA, COLORADO

COMMUNITY GUIDE



WELCOME TO KIOWA

Kiowa serves as the county seat of Elbert County, playing a central role in the region's civic, governmental, and community life. Rich in history and tradition, this charming small town offers residents a peaceful rural setting combined with essential public services and a strong sense of local identity.

LOCATION & ACCESS

Kiowa's strategic location as a county seat makes it a natural hub for local services, civic engagement, and community events, while its rural surroundings offer expansive views, open land, and a slower-paced, small-town lifestyle.

Approximate Drive Times:

- Denver: 60–65 minutes
- Aurora: 55–60 minutes
- Elizabeth: 15 minutes
- Elbert: 15–20 minutes

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



Kiowa was established as a governmental and agricultural center. Its downtown reflects historic buildings, ranching heritage, and ongoing community pride.

TIMELINE:

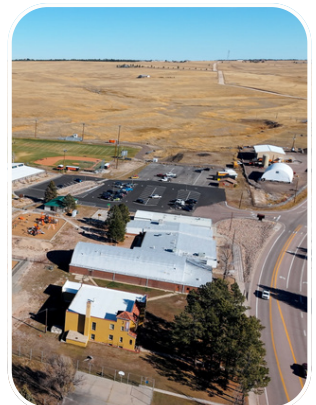
- 1874 – Kiowa established
- Late 1800s – County seat development
- 1900s – Agriculture drives local economy
- Recent Years – Small-scale residential growth

POPULATION & COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- 2020 Census Population: 723
- Estimated Current Population: ~750
- Local governance and community organizations active
- Events and schools central to town identity

SCHOOLS

- Served by Elbert School District
- PK–12 education primarily in Elizabeth
- Strong community support for school events and athletics



NEARBY GROCERY & RETAIL

- High Plains Food Store Inc – Long-standing local grocery store in Kiowa
- Some Kiowa residents drive to Elizabeth's Safeway for larger shopping trips and a wider selection of foods and household items as well.

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MARKET SNAPSHOT (2025–2026)

- Median Home Value: Approximately \$820,000–\$830,000
- Typical Lot Sizes: In town: ½–1 acre | Outskirts: 10–40+ acres
- Median Household Income: Approximately \$78,000–\$88,000
- Homeownership Rate: High owner-occupied percentage

LOCAL BUSINESSES

- Bino's Pizza – Popular local restaurant and pizzeria serving wings, calzones, hoagies, and more.
- Patty Ann's Cafe – A well-known local diner serving breakfast and lunch favorites
- Comanche Veterinary Hospital – Veterinary services
- Front Range Kubota – Equipment dealer



HOUSING & PROPERTY TYPES

- Residential lots in town (~½–1 acre)
- Surrounding acreage and ranch properties (10–40+ acres)
- Well and septic systems; propane or electric heating

COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE

- Historic small-town charm
- Agricultural and ranching roots remain strong
- Quiet living with open plains, wide skies, and rural landscapes



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