WELCOME TO Norton County

Opportunities Await

Norton County is a great place to live, raise a family and achieve your professional dreams. Our small-town values, determination and steady investment in our communities continues to set apart Norton County as a regional hub of northwest Kansas, with unprecedented growth of industry and local entrepreneurship within a strong economic base.

Norton is a vibrant, safe and progressive community, and we extend an open invitation for all to come enjoy the quality of life you desire. The local economy is strong with a diverse employment base that includes sustainable health care services, as well as being balanced with agriculture, manufacturing, multiple utility and service-based businesses, a state correctional facility and a variety of retail stores. Norton’s assets include modern city facilities, excellent school systems, variety of services and unique destination businesses. High-speed broadband internet via fiber to the premise ensures everyone stays connected to the rapidly growing world of internet commerce.

Norton County is home to Keith Sebelius Reservoir and Prairie Dog State Park, which boast some of the nation’s finest hunting, fishing, cabin and campsite facilities. These amazing outdoor spaces with access to abundant wildlife help provide Norton County a base for year-round calendar activities that keep the communities involved. We also proudly celebrate the service of our U.S. veterans with numerous recognition activities throughout the year.

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Norton County Statistics

County Population: 5,558  Median Age: 43.7  Median Income: $47,651
Cost of Living Rating: A+  Crime Rating: A+  Average Unemployment: 2%

Transportation: Norton County is a short drive to three regional airport hubs (Hays, KS; McCook, NE and Kearney, NE); and a 4 to 5-hour drive to four national/international airports (Wichita, KS; Omaha, NE; Denver, CO and Kansas City, MO). Norton County serves as midpoint between Interstates I-70 & I-80, and it is conveniently located between Denver and Kansas City.

Climate: Our climate allows you to enjoy all four seasons!
Average Temp: 51.7 °F, Average High: 65.3 °F, Average Low: 38.2 °F

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Housing & Realtors

Housing Information

Median Property Value: $69,700

Listed Housing Price Range: $30,000 to $325,000

Average Annual Property Tax: less than $800

Typical Rents (per month): $450 to $550
Rental market includes high-rise apartment units, several multiplex units, more than 50 duplex units, downtown loft apartments and more than 200 rental houses.

Other Housing Options: Senior and income-based living options include a nursing facility, assisted living center, age restricted owner-occupied townhouses, age restricted rentals and numerous income-based rate housing opportunities. (For more information, you can also see the current Norton Rental List published by Norton City/County Economic Development and Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. This list is available on www.DiscoverNorton.com.)

Realtor Listing

Advanced Real Estate
Abby Rice (785) 874-4774 / (785) 218-0692
abby@advancedhays.com
www.advancedhays.com

Big Iron Realty & Auction
Lee Jueneann (785) 871-0960
Emily Swatzell (785) 202-0217
www.BigIronRealty.com

Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc.
Grant Bailey (785) 871-7065
baileyseed@gmail.com
www.farmandranchrealty.com

Fred Pratt Realty and Auction
Jeanette Krizek (785) 678-7163
jkrizek@ruraltel.net

Kansasland Realty and Auction
Larry Riggs (785) 874-4776 / (785) 543-4440
kansaslandrealtors@yahoo.com
www.kansaslandrealtyandauction.com

McEwen Auction/Home Range Real Estate
Duane McEwen (785) 877-3032
www.homerangerealestate.com

Weiser Realty, LLC
Jolene Weiser (785) 877-2185 / (785) 871-7278
jwsac@ruraltel.net
www.weiserrealtyllc.com
Health Care

Hospital and Health Clinic
• Norton County Hospital
  25-bed critical access hospital & Level IV trauma center (785) 877-3351
• Norton Medical Clinic (785) 877-3305
  www.ntcohosp.com

Health Department
Norton County Health Dept. & Home Health (785) 877-5745
leslie@nortoncountyks.gov
www.nortoncountyhealthdept.org

Chiropractors
• Norton Family Chiropractic, Dr. Abbey Elliott (785) 874-5472
  www.nortonfamilychiro.com
• Norton Pain Relief Clinic, Dr. Terry Crow (785) 877-2645
  www.nortonpainreliefclinicblog.com

Dentists
• Centre Sky Dentistry, Dr. Craig Krizek, DDS MAGD (785) 877-2801
  www.centreskydentistry.com
• Dr. Lamont Shirk, DDS (785) 877-2821

In-Home Health Care Services
• Guardian Home Health, LLC (785) 622-4256
  tim.miller@guardianks.com
  www.guardianks.com
• Norton County Health Dept. & Home Health (785) 877-5745
  leslie@nortoncountyks.gov
  www.nortoncountyhealthdept.org

Massage Therapists
• Back in Balance, Charla Sprigg (785) 877-6031
• BodyWorx, Amber Nuttycomb, CMT (785) 877-7563
  nuttycomb@ruraltel.net
• Essentials, Amy Vacura, CMT (785) 877-7577
  essentialmassage.norton@gmail.com
  www.amyvacura.amtamembers.com
• Head to Toe Health Systems, Kathleen Beckman (785) 202-0293
  healthyhands51@gmail.com
• ReNew Therapeutic Massage, Karla Colligan (785) 871-0346
Health Care

Mental Health, Addiction & Disability Services
- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc. - Frontier Developmental Center: day and residential services for children / adults with disabilities (785) 877-5154 [www.dsnwk.org]
- High Plains Mental Health Center - Norton Branch (785) 877-5141 [www.hpmhc.com/HPMHC]
- RC Counseling (785) 202-0684
- Valley Hope Alcohol & Drug Treatment Center (785) 877-5101
- Valley Hope Association, National Headquarters (785) 877-5111 [www.valleyhope.org]

Optometrists
Cole Family Eyecare
Dr. Benjamin Cole, OD, PA
(785) 877-5115

Pediatric Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists
Theraplay Learning Center
(785) 877-0550
theraplaylc@gmail.com
www.theraplaylc.com

Pharmacies
Moffet Drug
(785) 877-2721
moffet@ruraltel.net
www.moffetdrug.com

Veterinarians
- All Creatures Vet Clinic, Almena (785) 669-2227
- Norton Animal Health Center (785) 877-2411
nahcdvm@ruraltel.net
www.nortonanimalhealthcenter.com

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**K-12 Public Education**

**USD 211 Norton Community Schools**
www.usd211.org
Unified Office (785) 877-3386
Eisenhower Elementary School
(785) 877-5113
Norton Junior High School
(785) 877-5851
Norton Community High School
(785) 877-3338
District Highlights:
- 3A School; Total Enrollment: 680
- Graduation Rate 90.5%
- Student/Computer Ratio 1:1
  (Chromebooks 5th – 12th)
- Teacher/Student Ratio 1:12
- $9.96 million bond investment completed in 2017

**USD 212 Northern Valley Schools**
(Almena & Long Island Unified)
www.nvhuskies.org
Grade School (785) 664-2446
Middle School (785) 854-7681
High School (785) 669-2445
District Highlights:
- 1A School; Total Enrollment: 152
- Average 14 students per grade level
- Thriving small school with great community support

**Post-Secondary Education**

**Colby Community College, Norton Campus**
www.colbycc.edu
(785) 877-2735
Day and evening RN + LPN programs

**Others:** 90-mile drive to two state universities (Fort Hays State University & University of Nebraska at Kearney); within 2-hour drive of at least seven community/technical colleges.
Early Childhood Resources

Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center (Center Based Head Start)
(785) 877-2730 camundson@nkesc.org

Norton Christian Church Pre-school
(785) 202-1728 allie7391@yahoo.com

Norton County Head Start
(Home Based)
(785) 877-2213 nortonhs@mnca.net

Sunshine Learning Center
(785) 877-3521 sunshinelc@rualtel.net

Free car seat installations and checks at Norton County Hospital
(785) 877-3351

Childcare/Pre-schools
- Cooper & Company (620) 804-1208
- Esther Thompson Daycare
  (785) 877-2863
- Here We Grow (785) 871-7010
- Holly’s Clubhouse (785) 874-4019
- Lil Bluejays Daycare (785) 202-1738
- Mindy’s Magical Playhouse
  (Almena) (785) 664-4020
  almenacommunitydaycare@gmail.com
- Mommy and Me Daycare
  (785) 877-2519
Churches

(Address and phone data in Norton County Community & Business Directory)

- Church of God, Lenora
- Cornerstone Church
- Congregational Church, Almena
- First Church of God, Norton
- First Baptist Church
- Living Hope Fellowship Church
- First United Methodist Church, Norton
- Immanuel Lutheran Church LCMS
- Maple Grove Church of the Brethren
- Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church WELS
- Norton Christian Church
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton
- St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Almelo
- United Methodist Church, Almena
- United Methodist Church, Clayton
- United Parish of Lenora

Norton County Relocation Guide
Recreation & Activities

To See

• Heaton Building
• Norton County Historical Museum  
  (785) 877-5107
• They Also Ran Gallery  
  (785) 877-3341
• Stagecoach Station 15
• Frederic Remington statue collection

• Almena Public Library (785) 669-2336
• Lenora Public Library (785) 567-4432
• Norton Theatre (digital twin screens)  
  (785) 877-2075
  Facebook: Norton Theatre Assn.
• Prairie Dog Golf Club and Course  
  (785) 877-3643
• Prairie Dog State Park and Sebelius Reservoir (785) 877-2953
  www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Prairie-Dog

To Do

• Almena, Lenora and Norton Community Senior Citizen Centers
• Define Gym (785) 874-3306
  www.definegym.com
• Elmwood Park: Disc Golf Course,  
  Equine Facility, Ball Diamonds, Home-Owned Carnival, Playground
• Fit to Go Exercise Facility  
  (785) 874-4306
• Norton Aquatic Center  
  (785) 877-5080 / (785) 877-5000
• Norton Public Library (785) 877-2481
  www.nortonpubliclibrary.org
• Norton Rec Center (785) 877-3087
  Facebook: Norton Recreation Center
Recreation & Activities

Clubs and Organizations:

(See contacts in the Norton County Community & Business Directory.)

- American Legion & Auxiliary
- American Legion Riders
- Awana Club
- Blue Jay Booster Club
- Fraternal Order of Eagles & Auxiliary
- Girl Scouts
- Kiwanis
- Knights of Columbus
- Lions Club
- Live.Well.Norton
- Norton Archery Club
- Norton County Arts Council
- Norton County Horse Council
- Norton Gun Club
- Norton County Republicans
- Norton Recreation Center
- Rotary Club
- Second Chance Homeless Pet Society
- 4-H Clubs
- Sunflower Pioneer Power Association
- The Rock Christian Youth Center
- V.F.W.
Recreation & Activities

Typical annual events and activities:

Spring Events:
- Chamber of Commerce Banquet
- Easter Egg Hunt
- 5K Run/Walk Events Begin
- Horse Council Events Begin
- Golf Club Tournaments Begin
- Kids’ Day at State Park
- Lenora Jubilee
- Lake Fishing Events
- Norton County Community Foundation Gala
- Sunflower Pioneer Power Show
- Tri-State Toy & Collectable Show

Summer Events:
- Arts Council Art Walk
- Classic Car Show
- Disc Golf Tournament
- Home-Owned Carnival
- Lake Fishing Events
- Norton County Fair
- Run/Walk Events
- Vintage Car Racers Weekend

Fall/Winter Events:
- Chamber Annual Event
- Trivia Night
- Football Homecoming Activities
- Lions Club Pancake Feed
- Halloween Parade & Festival
- Haunted House
- Pheasant Season Opens
- Pheasants Forever Banquet
- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Veterans Day Parade
- Christmas Season Kick-Off
- Norton County Honor Hunt
- Community Christmas Dinner
Dining & Lodging

**Dining:**

**Norton:**
- China Kitchen
- Dairy Queen
- Destination Kitchen
- Eagles Lodge
- Las Canteras (Mexican)
- 110 Bar and Grill
- Pfonz’ Grill & Pub
- Pizza Hut
- Sale Barn Café
- Sonic Drive-In
- Subway
- Town & Country Kitchen

**Almena:**
- Almena Market

**Lenora:**
- Country Corner

**Lodging:**

**Brooks Motel,** 900 N. State, Norton
(785) 877-3381  [www.brooksmotel.com](http://www.brooksmotel.com)

**Hillcrest Motel,** 606 W. Holme, Norton
(785) 877-3343  [www.hillcrestmotelnorton.com](http://www.hillcrestmotelnorton.com)

**Prairie Dog State Park – Lake Cabins**
13037 State Hwy 261, Norton
(785) 877-2953  [www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Prairie-Dog/Cabins](http://www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Prairie-Dog/Cabins)

**Sleep Inn & Suites**
201 E. Holme, Norton (785) 874-5151  [www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ks180](http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ks180)

**The Haven**
813 N. Grant Ave., Norton
(785) 874-4043

**Bed & Breakfast**

**Prairie Inn at Lathrop House**
602 N. First, Norton
(785) 877-2758
Facebook: Prairie Inn at Lathrop House

**Bed & Bath**

**The Rose of Sharon Inn**
603 E. Main, Norton
(785) 877-3010  [www.theroseofsharoninn.com](http://www.theroseofsharoninn.com)
Norton has jobs!

Top employers offer diverse employment options creating a strong economic base.

Agriculture:
- Ag Valley Cooperative www.agvalley.com
- Decatur Co-op www.decaturcoop.net

Banks/Lending Institutions:
- Almena State Bank www.almenastatebank.com
- First State Bank www.firststatebank.com
- Solutions North Bank www.snbs.com
- The Bank www.thebankks.com
- United Northwest Federal Credit Union www.unwfcu.org

Health Care:
- Norton County Hospital & Norton Medical Clinic www.ntcohosp.com
- Norton County Health Dept. and Home Health www.nortoncountyhealthdept.org
- Andbe Home – Assisted Living
- DSNWK Disability Services www.dsnwk.org
- Guardian Home Health www.guardiansks.com
- Valley Hope Treatment Center www.valleyhope.org
- Whispering Pines Assisted Living www.whisperingpinesks.com

Manufacturing:
- Miltech Machine Corporation www.miltechmachine.net
- Natoma Manufacturing Corporation www.natomacorp.com
- New Age Industrial Corporation www.newageindustrial.com

Public Services:
- K-Dot Regional Office www.ksdot.org
- Norton Correctional Facility www.doc.ks.gov/facilities/nfc
- Norton County www.nortoncounty.org
- USD 211 & USD 212 www.usd211.org www.nvhuskies.org

Utilities:
- City of Norton www.cityofnorton.com
- Midwest Energy www.mwenergy.com
- Nex-Tech: Your Broadband & Technology Company www.nex-tech.com
- Prairie Land Electric Cooperative www.prairielandelectric.com

For current job listings:
Important Contacts

Norton County Offices
www.nortoncounty.org
105 S. Kansas Ave., Norton
  County Appraiser (785) 877-5700, County Clerk (785) 877-5710, County Treasurer (785) 877-5795, County Sheriff’s Office (785) 877-5780, County Health Dept. (785) 877-5745, Register of Deeds (785) 877-5765

City of Norton Offices
www.cityofnorton.com
301 E. Washington St., Norton, Clerk: (785) 877-5000, Police Dept.: (785) 877-5010

City of Almena
www.cityofalmena.com
421 Main St., Almena, Clerk: (785) 669-2425

City of Lenora
www.lenoraks.com
125 E. Washington St., Lenora, Clerk: (785) 567-4860

Moving to Norton County? Here is a list of important contacts!
  • City Water, Sewer & Trash Utilities
    For residential service, contact respective City office or website listed above
  • Electric Services
    City of Norton, contact City of Norton offices, as above or www.cityofnorton.com
    City of Almena, City of Lenora or rural residencies, contact Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, 14935 US Hwy 36, Norton www.prairielandelectric.com or (785) 877-3323
  • Gas Services
    For Almena, Norton & Lenora, visit Midwest Energy website at www.mwenergy.com or call (800) 222-3121
  • Internet/Phone/Wireless Provider
    Nex-Tech, 117 N. Norton Ave., Norton www.nex-tech.com or (785) 877-4135
    AT&T, www.att.com or (844) 723-0250
  • Lenders/Banks
    Almena State Bank, Almena (785) 669-2486, Norton (785) 877-2600 www.almenastatebank.com
    First State Bank, Norton (785) 877-3341 www.firststatebank.com
    Solutions North Bank, Lenora (785) 567-4286, Norton (785) 877-3313 www.snbks.com
    The Bank, Norton, (785) 877-5109 www.thebankks.com
    United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Norton (785) 877-5191 www.unwfcu.org
Norton City/County Economic Development
(785) 874-4816

Norton Area Chamber of Commerce
(785) 877-2501

Offices are located in the
Norton Business & Visitors Station
205 S. State Street
Norton, KS 67654
www.DiscoverNorton.com