

## *adams county mission*

Adams County is committed to being a leader and a partner in enhancing and protecting the quality of life and the future of our community.

## *adams county values*

### SERVICE

Provide prompt, courteous, high quality, cost-effective services to all.

### TEAMWORK

Continuously improve service delivery systems through partnerships within and outside the organization.

### CREDIBILITY

Generate a greater trust and confidence in government by demonstrating high ethics, standards, and accountability when providing customer service.

## *our web site*

[www.co.adams.co.us](http://www.co.adams.co.us)

## *our 24-hour jobline*

303.654.6075

## *our location*

Adams County Administration  
450 South 4th Avenue  
Brighton, Colorado 80601-3190

## *our telephone*

Human Resources  
303.654.6070

Human Resources fax  
303.654.6069



*Adams County, Colorado*

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## formation of adams county

In 1902, voters approved the creation of Adams County, which, before that time, had been part of a much larger Arapahoe County. The county was named after Alva Adams, a popular governor in office at the time of the 1902 election. In 2002, Adams County was proud to celebrate its 100th birthday.

## growth in adams county

At the end of World War II, only two incorporated towns existed in Adams County west of the Platte River: Westminster, with a population of 2,000, and Federal Heights, with a population of a few hundred. Today, Adams County contains all or part of five additional municipalities. Thornton was incorporated in 1956, followed by Northglenn, incorporated in 1968. And now, the cities and towns of Arvada, Aurora, Bennett, Brighton, and Commerce City are also contained either partially or wholly within Adams County.

It is difficult to comprehend the scale of growth that has taken place in the county over the last 55 years, though population statistics give some idea of how enormous it has been. In 1945, the population of the county was estimated at 45,000; in 2003, it is projected to have increased well over eight-fold to approximately 373,000 residents, making it one of the largest counties in Colorado.

## why seek employment with adams county?

- A variety of departments and offices

### *elected offices*

Assessor's Office  
Clerk and Recorder's Office  
Coroner's Office  
County Attorney's Office (*appointed*)  
County Commissioners' Office  
District Attorney's Office  
Sheriff's Office  
Surveyor's Office  
Treasurer's Office

### *departments*

Facilities Management  
Fiscal Affairs/MIS  
Fleet Management  
Human Development  
Human Resources  
Parks and Community Resources  
Planning and Development  
Public Works  
Social Services

- Competitive Compensation Plan
- Tuition Reimbursement Plan
- Extensive Employee Training and Management Development Program
- Employee Recognition and Award Programs
- Promotional Opportunities
- Wide range of benefits:

Medical, dental, and vision plans  
Life Insurance  
Long-term Disability Insurance  
Retirement plan  
Vacation  
Sick leave

## functions and duties of county government

Adams County, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, was created to carry out the will of the state. Here is a summary of the functions and duties of Adams County:

- List and value all property, establish land use controls
- Enforce zoning and building regulations, issue building permits
- Set and alter precinct boundaries
- Collect and distribute taxes for all taxing districts within the county
- Plan, construct, and maintain county roads and bridges
- Keep and preserve peace in the community
- Prosecute felonies and misdemeanors and operate a county detention facility
- Determine the cause of unattended deaths
- Administer welfare programs as determined by the State Department of Social Services
- Issue certificates for solid waste disposal sites
- Issue licenses for marriage, liquor sales, dog ownership, and mercantile establishment
- Register electors and conduct elections
- Record and provide safekeeping of public records
- Register motor vehicles
- Promote agricultural research