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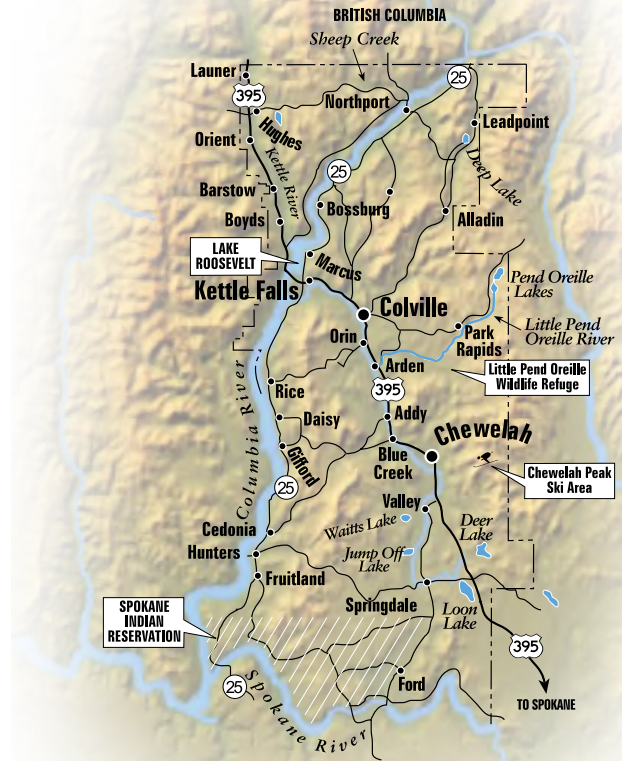


## WELCOME TO STEVENS COUNTY

**L**OCATED IN THE northeastern portion of Washington State, Stevens County is an area of scenic wonders. This pristine land mass is filled with fertile valleys, lush green forests, rugged mountain slopes, numerous lakes with hundreds of miles of natural shoreline, superb trout streams and an abundance of wildlife. Stevens County is large with 2,481 square miles and is within the Okanogan Highland Region of Washington with its predominately north-south valleys. This hilly and mountainous terrain is covered with lush pine, fir and larch forests. The elevation ranges from 7,308 feet at the famous Abercrombie Mountain to the northeast and at 1,290 feet, 153 miles to the southwest at Lake Roosevelt, formed by the backwaters of Grand Coulee Dam. The Columbia River outlines the western border of the county along with the Kettle River to the north.

The Spokane River and Lincoln County combine to make the southern border, with Pend Oreille and Spokane counties on the eastern border, and British Columbia, Canada, as the northern border. Highway 395 travels north from Spokane to the Canadian border for Port of Entry Laurier/Cascade, 31 miles north of Kettle Falls, operates from 8am to midnight. The Canadian Port of Entry at Patterson-Northport-Rossland, BC, on WA State Route 25 is 50 miles north of Colville and is open 24 hours a day. Access to Canadian Port of Entry at Waneta via Stevens County road is only 11 miles east of Highway 25 and is accessible daily, between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Federal, state and county agencies administer about 33% or 522,430 acres of land in Stevens County. The southern portion of Stevens County is inhabited by the Spokane Tribe. There are six incorporated cities in Stevens County, the largest being Colville, the county seat. Population growth in the three-county region Pend Oreille, Ferry and Stevens has outpaced statewide growth. Of the three counties, Stevens County had the largest and fastest growing population of 110% and ranks 23 in population to the other counties of Washington State.



Quaint communities nestled in the mountain valleys and along the banks of the rivers in Stevens County offer a tranquil country life-style, away from the hustle-bustle of much larger metropolitan cities. The quality of life in Stevens County is enriched by community and cultural events, with an abundance of recreational opportunities. Whether you desire to be a modern day rancher in a wide open valley, just have a cabin in the surrounding mountains, build your new home by a lake or stream, or be the proud owner of a most prestigious historic house in town, this is truly one of the most beautiful and affordable places to reside in the northwest.

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## COUNTY PROFILE

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### CLIMATE

Stevens County residents enjoy the seasonal changes, with a **normal summer temperature reaching 85 to 95°F during the day and cooling down nicely in the early evening hours.** Autumn in this part of the world often brings an added bonus of “Indian Summer” with displays of vivid brilliant colors, making the scenery even more picturesque. **Precipitation in the valley ranges from 15 to 25 inches, up to 50 inches in the mountains.** Rain usually arrives in the fall, winter and spring. Thanksgiving often brings the first snowfall of the season which continues through February. Temperatures are relatively mild during the winter; heavy snows however, can accumulate on the valley floors as well as in the higher mountains. These snowfalls make this season a delight for the ski and snowmobile enthusiasts. Spring is usually ushered in around the end of March which starts the gardening and planting season. **The growing season ranges from 110 to 180 days depending on the elevation and the year.**



### POPULATION (Approximate)

	1990	1996	1999	2010
Stevens County	30,948	36,600	38,000	44,300
Chewlah	1,966	2,338	2,435	2,450
Colville	4,360	4,650	4,750	5,045
Kettle Falls	1,275	1,495	1,535	1,655
Marcus	135	174	154	183
Northport	308	378	312	310
Springdale	260	260	260	280

SOURCE Washington State Office of Financial Management



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## INCOME

	2000	2007 (EST.)
Median Household Income	\$36,458	\$44,133
Per Capita Personal Income	\$10,317	\$23,869

SOURCE U.S. Bureau of the Census

## TAXES

State sales tax	.065
Local sales tax	.011
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.076</b>

Washington State has no personal income tax. The state has a Business and Occupation tax, with rates based on the type of business.

## LABOR & WORKFORCE

	1990	MAY 2010
Average Civilian Labor Force	13,332	18,670
Average Unemployment Rate	8.7%	11.4%
Washington State Unemployment Rate		8.8%

SOURCE Washington State Employment Security Department



## AGRICULTURE

Stevens County agriculture constitutes an important portion of the county's economy. There are approximately 1,269 farms and ranches in the area, combined they average a total of 528,402 acres of land. The majority of local agriculture is livestock oriented, with dairy and beef cattle production being the most important. Forage crops and cereals are produced to support and feed livestock. A short growing season, distance from market, rough variable landscape and soils limit large scale agriculture production. Only nine percent of the land mass in Stevens County is cultivated. The majority of farms are part-time and small in nature.

SOURCE United States Department of Agriculture



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SOURCE [www.co.stevens.wa.us](http://www.co.stevens.wa.us)

## Dr. Karl J. Hunt

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Highway:** Colville is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 395 and State Route 20, 40 miles south of the Canadian Border crossing of Laurier/Cascade, 69 miles north of Spokane and 352 miles east of Seattle.

**Airports:** The Colville Municipal Airport is approximately ½ mile east of the city on State Route 20. It is a general service aviation airport with a 2,700-foot paved runway. Presently the airport’s capacity is 50 aircraft, parking apron, fueling facility, hangars and pilots’ lounge. The city is in the process of improving these facilities. Sand Canyon/Chewelah Airport runway is 3,680 feet. The nearest commercial air service is Spokane.

**Rail & Trucking:** Omini Tracks Rail offers rail service in Stevens County and connects this area with worldwide trade. It transports wood products, rocks, limestone and general merchandise. Stevens County has six trucking firms that provide freight service to the area.

**Taxi & Transportation:** Kettle Falls Cab Company & Colville Taxi. North Commuter Bus: Funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation, available between Kettle Falls and Chewelah, Monday through Friday. The cost is 50¢ each way or \$1 per round trip. Contact: 509-684-2961.

**Ferry:** Free, Ferry on the Columbia River (Inchelium/Gifford) runs on a daily basis from 7am–11pm. Contact 509-722-5473.



**UTILITIES**

**Electrical Power & Natural Gas:** Electrical power and natural gas services are provided by Avista Utilities. The Inland Northwest energy rates are among the lowest in the nation. Avista’s in-house experts can also help with your business energy issues. Chewelah owns and maintains, Chewelah Electric Utility (supplied by Bonneville Power Administration) providing service within the city limits. Meyers Falls in Kettle Falls is a hydroelectric development owned and operated by Hydro Technology Systems. Meyers Falls generates up to 1.2 megawatts of electricity, which produces enough electricity for about 575 homes.

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Nowhere else in the state of Washington does a town of 5,000 have the presence of a community college and a major university. Branch campuses of The Community Colleges of Spokane and Washington State University offer two year and four year degrees and several certificates, are located in Colville.

**Washington State University:** 509-684-2588  
stevens.wsu.edu

**Community Colleges of Spokane:** 509-685-2120



**HOUSING**

**8-1-2009 to 7-29-2010**

RESIDENTIAL	NO. OF LISTINGS	AVG. SALE PRICE	AVG. DAYS ON MARKET
Colville (City)	112	\$159,921	168
Kettle Falls	44	161,856	194
Chewelah	37	135,553	197

SOURCE Northeast Washington Association of Realtors\*

**Average Rental in Stevens County (approx.)**

Two bedroom home \$600-\$700/month  
Three bedroom home \$700-\$900/month

For information on commercial buildings, please contact Tri-County EDO at 509-684-4571

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**Urban Parks:** Colville, Chewelah, Kettle Falls, McDonald, Happy Del Park, Vaagen Memorial, Yep Kanum, Heritage Court

**Rural Parks:** Douglas Falls, Old Kettle Rec. Area, Little Pend Oreille Lakes, Evans, Hunters, Bradbury, Cloverleaf, Rocky, Locust Grove

**Resorts & Campsites:** Old Kettle, Evans, Marcus Island, Bradbury Beach, Gifford, Hunters, Locust Grove, Waitts Lake and Beaver Creek

**Golf Courses:** Colville: Dominion Meadows Golf Course (public 18-hole); Chewelah Golf & Country Club (private/public 27-hole)

**Tennis Courts:** Colville City Park, Happy Dell Park and Colville High School

**Swimming Pools:** Colville, Chewelah, Kettle Falls

**Playing Fields:** City Parks, School Facilities, Eloise Barbour Recreational Complex, Snyder, Rotary Field, Happy Dell Park, Vaagen Field, Ford, Well-pinit, McDonald Park

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Kettle Falls	City Treasurer	509-738-6821
Chewelah	City Treasurer	509-935-8311
County Service	Sunshine Disposal	877-466-4668

STEVENS COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT 509-684-8325  
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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Newspaper:**

THE STATESMAN-EXAMINER (Colville): 509-684-4567  
[www.statesmanexaminer.com](http://www.statesmanexaminer.com)  
 CHEWELAH INDEPENDENT: 509-935-8422  
 THE NORTH COLUMBIA MONTHLY: 509-684-3109  
[www.ncmonthly.com](http://www.ncmonthly.com)

**Radio:** KCVL/KCRK: 509-684-5032, [www.kcvl.com](http://www.kcvl.com)

**Telephone:**

Colville: QWEST Communications: 888-561-7489  
 Chewelah/Kettle Falls: Century Telephone: 800-201-4099  
 Chewelah: Superior Communications: 509-935-0711

**Internet Providers:** There are several internet providers in the county.



**HEALTHCARE**

Colville has a variety of excellent health care facilities. The brand new \$34 million hospital complex, Providence Mount Carmel Hospital and the Northeast Washington Medical Group provide this community with a combined staff of 27 physicians. Specialists from Spokane visit the clinic for the added convenience of their patients. A new kidney dialysis center opened in June 2009.

Within the city limits are Buena Vista Nursing Home, Colville Physical Therapy Orthopedic & Sports Rehabilitation Center, and Parkview Retirement & Assisted Living Residence and Pinewood Terrace Retirement & Skilled Nursing Center. The Medical and Osteopathic physicians at the Healing Arts Center specialize in Family Practice and offer a wide range of healing options for both illness and injury.

Providence St. Joseph's Hospital is located in the city of Chewelah and provides a variety of health care services. There are other medical facilities Rice, Colville, Chewelah, and Kettle Falls.

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## COLVILLE COMMUNITY PROFILE

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**C**OLVILLE (CALL-VILLE) is a small mountain community nestled in the Colville Valley with an elevation of 1,635 feet. This immaculate friendly town is the County Seat of Stevens County. It also houses the Superior & District Court House and a multitude of other state and county facilities. Highway 395 is Main Street as it traverses through this quaint little town on its way to the Canadian Border. There are six city parks and numerous historical buildings. The city streets are wider than normal to accommodate the logging wagons, which were pulled by 16-horse teams. It is the area's medical center, Providence Mount Carmel Hospital that is regarded as one of the best rural hospitals in the nation.

The public and private schools are nationally recognized. The exceptional education system ranges from K-12, Community College and an extension of Washington State University. Cultural activities such as concerts, plays and music can be enjoyed at the Colville High School Auditorium. Indoor recreation facilities include: athletic clubs, swimming pools, a bowling alley, a movie theatre, a library and museums. One of eastern Washington's oldest cities, Colville is a leader in historic preservation with a large museum and the "Keller House," a well-appointed reminder of the past.

Colville is a hub of activity for agriculture, manufacturing, mining and the timber industries. The timber industry has been the life's blood of this portion of the northwest for sometime. The surrounding mountains are covered with Douglas fir, Western Larch, Ponderosa Pine and a myriad of other indigenous trees. Timber is considered a renewable resource and is nurtured as a sustained yield basis. Natural resources continue to play a vital role in the economic health and development of the Colville community. In the neighborhood of 65% of every dollar spent in the valley is directly generated from the timber industry. This industry is striving to provide a strong future for the community of Colville.

The four season playground with its unique balance of industry, services and amenities, low cost of living and community involvement



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provide residents with an excellent quality of life. The weather allows everyone the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors no matter what sport or activity you are involved in. Spring brings out the golf enthusiasts, fisherman, amateur sports teams and gardeners. In this part of the country you can fish streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and reservoirs, catching a variety of fish native to northwest Washington. Colville has its own 18-hole public golf course. The many parks and sports facilities in Colville are conducive to community involvement with amateur sports. The surrounding mountains offer such activities as hiking, biking and camping. Cycling enthusiasts love this area, Colville is on the National Bike Route, Highway 20 (Anacortes, WA, to Bangor, ME). Fall brings the community fair, hunting, fishing and the satisfaction of the harvest. There is an abundance of locally grown fruits and vegetables which are available from the nearby orchards and farms and the weekly Farmers Markets. Winter is savored by all, whether you like the outdoors or just wish to stay indoors. Colville is within easy reach of national forest trails and topnotch skiing at 49° North Ski Area.

### RESOURCES

#### Colville Chamber of Commerce

121 Astor, Colville, WA 99114  
509-684-5973 colvillecoc@colville.com  
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#### Tri-County Economic Development District

347 West 2nd Street; Colville, WA 99114  
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#### City of Colville

170 South Oak Street, Colville, WA 99114, 509-684-5094  
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#### Colville Public Library

195 South Oak Street, Colville, WA 99114, 509-684-6620





**EDUCATION**

Colville has an excellent and diverse educational system, refer to page 4 for further information on Colville’s education.

**Colville School District**

217 S. Hofstetter Street, Colville, WA 99114, 509-684-7850

**Washington Assessment of Student Learning 2008–09**

		MATH	READING	WRITING
GRADE 4	Colville	51.4%	78.7%	60.0%
	WA	52.3%	73.6%	60.4%
GRADE 7	Colville	53.4%	67.7%	80.0%
	WA	51.8%	59.3%	64.8%
GRADE 10	Colville	51.3%	84.0%	89.7%
	WA	45.4%	81.2%	87.6%

SOURCE Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction



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## ANNUAL EVENTS

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### JANUARY

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Winterfest

### MARCH

Colville Jr. Miss Pageant  
Home, Garden & Travel Expo

### APRIL

Wild Turkey Daze

### MAY

Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet  
Old Timers' Rodeo  
Farmers' Market Starts (May–October)

### JUNE

Colville Panorama Pro West Rodeo  
Washington Governor's Cup Walleye Tourney (Lake Roosevelt)  
Relay for Life  
"The Joy of Gardening" Tour

### JULY

Annual Sidewalk Sale  
SummerJam  
Tiger-Tri (Swim, Bike, Run)

### AUGUST

Kiwanis BBQ  
Rendezvous in the Park  
Northeast Washington Fair

### SEPTEMBER

Goldwing Motorcycle Club-Cruising to Colville

### OCTOBER

Moonlight Madness  
Kiddie Parade

### NOVEMBER

Home for the Holidays  
Wellness Fair

### DECEMBER

Holiday Tour of Homes &  
Christmas Tour of the Keller House

**For further information contact  
Colville Chamber of Commerce: 509-684-5973**



## CHEWELAH COMMUNITY PROFILE

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**M**INING WAS THE reason Chewelah prospered as a town in the early 1880s. In 1883 silver and lead deposits were discovered, it wasn't long and 20 such miners were operating in the area. In the early 1900s Chewelah's population was in the neighborhood of 1,500 people. Unlike other mining towns the mines in and around the area Chewelah kept producing well into the 1950s. The year 2003 brought Chewelah its 100th anniversary. Chewelah sits between the Huckleberry and Selkirk mountains at an elevation of 1,671 feet. It lies 45 miles north of Spokane and 50 miles south of the Canadian Border. Chewelah enjoys a moderate climate and distinct seasons, including; Indian summers with autumn foliage rivaling New England. The general topography is mountainous bench land, forested with conifers, larch, fir and pine. Today Chewelah has approximately 2,260 residents and displays a pleasant blend of the past and future. The turn of the century brick buildings house an array of modern day shops and businesses. Manufacturing, agriculture, mining and logging are the primary industries in the area at the present.

Excellent medical facilities are available in Chewelah. St. Joseph's Hospital is a full service modern hospital, staffed with physicians and surgeons. There is a 40-bed Long Term Care Unit rated as one of the best in the state (See back cover). Outstanding home healthcare allows seniors and others to safely stay in their homes and receive competent medical care. There are a number of other healthcare facilities with the ability to assist with your medical needs, including: optometry, dental clinics, chiropractic, and physical, medical and massage therapy.

The area is loaded with organized sports for the young and old alike. A spectacular 27-hole championship golf course, driving range, club house, RV park and tennis courts that are enjoyed by all. The recreational choices are endless, including a 50-mile bicycle tour, fun runs, tennis, antique car shows, fairs, rodeos and the annual Chataqua festival. Nearby is Lake Roosevelt, with hundreds of miles of shoreline, easy access, sandy beaches and secluded coves. Farm fresh produce is available May through October, creekside every Friday at the Chewelah Farmers Market. Indoor activities such as: live theatre, concerts, card



parties, bowling, casino gambling and square dancing. Chewelah is located approximately 8 short miles from the ski resort of 49° North Mountain Resort.

### EDUCATION

#### Chewelah School District

North 210 Park Street, Chewelah, WA 99109, 509-685-6800

#### Washington Assessment of Student Learning 2008-2009

	MATH	READING	WRITING
GRADE 4	52.3%	73.6%	60.4%
GRADE 7	51.8%	59.3%	69.8%
GRADE 10	45.4%	81.2%	86.7%

SOURCE: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

### RESOURCES

#### Chewelah Peak Learning Center

509-935-7400

#### Chewelah Chamber of Commerce

214 Main Street, Chewelah, WA 99109

509-935-8595 info@chewelaha.org

www.chewelaha.org

#### City of Chewelah (City Hall)

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www.cityofchewelaha.com

#### Chewelah Public Library

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### March

Chewelah Arts Guild Souper Supper  
 JHS Theater Production  
 Stagetime Theater School Production

### May

Downtown Car Show  
 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
 Park Avenue Players Theater Production  
 Nostalgia Days: Antique/Classic Cars & Quilt show

### June

Mistequa—Motorcycle show

### July

Chataqua Arts & Crafts Festival 4 DAYS 2ND WEEKEND IN JULY  
 Chataqua Challenge Fun Run 5K & 10K

**Contact: Chewelah Chamber of Commerce, 509-935-8595**

### August

James Dean Days –Vintage street rods in Chewelah Park  
 Melody Riders Horse Show

### September

Spokane Symphony—Chewelah Peak Learning Center  
 Lion's 25 or 50 mile bike ride

### October

Snowmobile Grass Drags

### November

Park Avenue Players Theater Production  
 49 Degrees North opens for skiing –THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

### December

Festival of Lights- Santa Social-Tree of Sharing  
 Christmas Craftfest  
 Stagetime Theater School Production

### May – October

Chewelah Farmers' Market on the Creek – EVERY FRIDAY  
 Chewelah Golf and Country Club host numerous golf tournaments



## KETTLE FALLS COMMUNITY PROFILE

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**K**ETTLE FALLS, the gateway to the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, is near the confluence of the Columbia and Kettle Falls Rivers, at an elevation of 1,625 feet. This is a quaint community of approximately 1,535 and one "GROUCH," selected yearly at Town & Country Days. All this and more thrives in an area of historical significance, recreational opportunities and unsurpassed beauty. The Kettle Falls school district services a significant portion of the smaller communities in the surrounding area, including: Marcus, Rice, Orient, Barstow, Daisy and Gifford.

This community has three parks, a swimming pool, sports area, picnic tables and children's play area. Kettle Falls also has a well-stocked library, volunteer fire department (26 personnel), a law enforcement staff of five (10 reserve officers), one elementary school, one middle school, one high school and one private school. This area of Stevens County has one of the mildest year round temperatures in Washington, due to the protection of the mountains and its close proximity to several large bodies of water. Summers are warm and dry with 85–95°F temperatures (record high, 113). Annual precipitation equals 16.12 inches of moisture. The growing season is 180 days! Location and climate are only two of the reasons you should check out this marvelous area.

The community is one of the oldest in Stevens County, thus their rich past is enhanced through cultural activities and events. The earliest documentation of white settlement dates back to 1826 with Hudson Bay Company's grist mill at Meyers Falls. Kettle Falls has a well-rounded list of public services available, including medical facilities. Wood products and agriculture are the industrial mainstays of this community, followed closely by tourism. Most residents are involved in their community and surroundings, a good number hunt, fish, horseback ride, boat and there are an abundance of other outdoor activities.

### EDUCATION

#### Kettle Falls School District

South 735 Meyers, Kettle Falls, WA 99141, 509-738-6625

#### Private Education

**Columbia River Christian**, 1086 Hwy 395 N., 509-738-6776

#### Washington Assessment of Student Learning 2008–09

	MATH	READING	WRITING
GRADE 4	52.3%	73.6%	60.4%
GRADE 7	51.8%	59.3%	69.8%
GRADE 10	45.4%	81.2%	86.7%

SOURCE Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

### RESOURCES

#### Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce

On Highway 395, Kettle Falls, WA 99141, 509-738-2300  
www.kettlefalls.com

#### Kettle Falls (City Hall)

Meyers Street, Kettle Falls, WA 99141, 509-738-6821  
www.kettlefalls.com

#### Kettle Falls Public Library

605 Meyers Street, Kettle Falls, WA 99141, 509-738-6817

### ANNUAL EVENTS

#### March

Woodland Theatre Spring Production

#### April

Lady Lions Easter Egg Hunt

#### May

Kid's Fishing Derby  
Woodland Theatre Production  
Historical Center Opens

#### June

Town & Country Days  
Colville Confederated Tribes Salmon Days Feed  
Washington Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament

#### July

Lake Roosevelt Sailboat Regatta  
Paddle Days  
Ridenhog Rodeo  
Rock Cut Blues Festival

#### September

Historical Center Auction  
Kettle Falls Booster Club Auction

#### October

Marcus Cider Fest  
Woodland Theater Fall Production

#### December

Lady Lions Craft Show  
Woodland Theatre Winter Production  
Christmas Activities & Lighting Ceremony



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## CULTURAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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### COLVILLE VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION

Since 1982, the Colville Performing Arts Association has been a primary source of cultural activity in the greater Colville Valley. Over the past 23 years it has sponsored musical performances, plays and art exhibits. CCAA currently sponsors the Colville Community Concert series, an annual four concert event which brings internationally renowned artists to the area. Artists bring a variety of styles ranging from classical, jazz, to folk. In addition to the Community Concert series, CCAA also sponsors the annual Missoula Children's theater production which features local children under the direction of the Missoula Children's Theatre Staff.

### COLVILLE ARTS FOUNDATION

[www.colvillearts.org](http://www.colvillearts.org)

A nonprofit organization, which sponsors many annual projects within the community, including the North Country Artist Trails. For information on this project check out [www.northcountryartisttrails.com](http://www.northcountryartisttrails.com).

### NORTHERN SKY ARTS

North Sky Arts (NAS) welcomes artists who work in any form: painters, sculptors, poets, actors, jewelry-makers, print makers, wood and metal workers, pottery, basket weavers, fabric artists, et cetera. In its sixth year, Northern Sky Arts hosts a monthly meeting inside Picture Perfect, 344 N. Main, featuring demonstrations on a style of art, art techniques or various other aspects of art, such marketing your creations. NAS holds art shows for its members, this is in addition to their regularly busy schedule of shows and events. Notice of monthly meetings can be found in the North Columbia Monthly. 509-684-3178

### PURPLE BIRCH GALLERY FOUNDATION

A nonprofit organization since 2001. The foundation sponsors many annual projects within the community, including Kids Create It workshop. For further information, call 509-684-3178.



### CHEWELAH PERFORMING ARTS

**StageTime Theater Production Group** is led by Janet McLaughlin, who puts on two plays each year, primarily children's productions, such as "Peter Pan," "Oliver," "The Velveteen Rabbit" and "The Snow Queen." She has around 100 children involved in her StageTime Theatre Group ranging in age from four to eighteen. These plays are performed at the Chewelah Civic Center.

**Greenwood Institute d'Arts** offers art and dance instruction and a gallery. N. 107 3rd Street, Chewelah, 509-675-1924.

**Chewelah Arts Guild** holds its membership meeting the second Tuesday of every month at the Flowery Trail Coffee House at 6pm, except July, August and December.

#### Chewelah Performing Arts

This is an organization formed in 2007 to create a performance and cultural center for the community. <http://chewelahpaca.org>

**Chataqua** juried art and crafts festival. Live music and entertainment free at CenterStage during the four-day festival.

**Park Avenue Players**, an amateur ensemble of area performers, produces two shows each year in November and May with a Dinner Theater Production catered by the Chewelah Kiwanis Club. Founded by the late Elizabeth Riley, the group often performs melodramas predicated on local people and/or local historical situations. Audience participation is generally encouraged. Performances are held at the Chewelah Civic Center.

### WOODLAND THEATRE—KETTLE FALLS

The Woodland Theatre is owned and maintained by Woodland Productions an all-volunteer, non-profit organization of performing artists of Northeast Washington. The organization consists of an orchestra, choir, theatre operations and a drama committee. Having been in existence over 20 years, more than 1,000 Tri-County residents have performed in musicals, drama presentations and concerts.

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## ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

### KELLER HERITAGE CENTER

Heritage Center is on the hill just north of downtown Colville. The Center consists of Keller House, a museum, lookout tower, pioneer machinery, Colville's first school house, farmstead and trapper's cabin, blacksmith's shop and pioneer sawmill. The museum contains over 4,000 items of historic interest. The museum is arranged in chronological order to tell the story of the area's development and the geological history of the American Indian influence, fur trades of



Hudson's Bay Fort Colville, agriculture, schools, mining, timber and lumber industries, Military Fort Colville and Main Street Colville.

The Keller House was built in 1910 and rebuilt in April of 1912 after a fire. Many of the furnishings are original and have not been altered since the reconstruction. 509-684-5968, [www.stevenscounty-historicalsociety.org](http://www.stevenscounty-historicalsociety.org)

an exhibit of the grist mill, Meyers Falls. Located a quarter-mile from the historical center is St. Paul's Mission. One of the oldest standing churches in the state, it was built in 1845 and restored to match the original rustic structure.

### CHEWELAH MUSEUM

A museum of local history and historical artifacts. Located between city park and swimming pool at 501 N 3rd Street E; 509-935-6091, [www.chewelahmuseum.org](http://www.chewelahmuseum.org)



### MISTEQUA INTERNATIONAL AUTO MUSEUM

Located left of the Chewelah Casino, the museum features some of the most beautiful collector cars manufactured. 509-935-8034, [www.chewelahcasino/carmuseum.htm](http://www.chewelahcasino/carmuseum.htm)



### KETTLE FALLS HISTORICAL CENTER MUSEUM

The "People of the Falls" Interpretative Center is an opportunity to step back in time while experiencing the lifestyle of Native Americans of the area. You will learn of their seasonal activities, the influence Europeans had on this area, through an unique combination of murals and exhibits. The center contains artifacts and history of Fort Colville along with

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## FISHING

Fishing is a year around sport in this area, and perhaps the most popular activity in Stevens County, more than likely due to the number of lakes and streams. You are allowed to fish for certain fish year around and others you have to catch during the fishing season. For most of the area, opening day for fishing is in April. One of the more popular spots with the locals for spring fishing is at or near the mouth of streams which feed Lake Roosevelt.

There are 306 lakes and 175 streams in the county, lakes range in size from a few acres, to 82,000 surface acres in Lake Roosevelt. Crested from the backwaters of Grand Coulee Dam, Lake Roosevelt is open year around, offering over 30 species of fish. A few of these are walleye, large and small mouth bass, a variety of trout, dolly varden (bull trout), mountain whitefish, crappie, perch, carp, bullhead, ling cod, Kokanee and Chinook salmon and sturgeon. The sturgeon by far is the largest fish, they have been known to measure over 13 feet in length and weighing around 1,000 pounds. The smaller lakes scattered throughout the county contain such species as cutthroat and cutthroat cross, rainbow, stocked brook trout, German brown trout, large and smallmouth bass, crappie, catfish, crawdads, perch and mackinaw, Kokanee and silver salmon. The Kettle River is the habitat for several varieties of trout, large & smallmouth bass, ling cod, walleye, catfish and perch.

For further hunting and fishing information contact Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife at 509-902-2515.

## HUNTING

Big and small game hunting is popular in the area and Stevens County is known as the Wild Turkey Capital. Stevens County is the #1 most populated wild turkey in the state and amongst the top in the nation. Not only do we have the highest population but the new state record Merriam wild turkey was harvested in the Blue Creek area. In combination with local and state lands, the Colville National Forest lands provide several hundred thousand acres of ground open to public hunting just in Stevens County alone, thus drawing a large number of turkey seekers whether they are photographers or hunters. The Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife refuge is located about 13 miles south-east of Colville. Situated on the west slope of the Selkirk Mountain range, it is the only mountainous, mixed-conifer forest refuge in the contiguous US. The 42,000 acres in the refuge alone holds great turkey habitat, as well as manage great turkey sight seeing and hunting access for physically challenged person. For more information on turkeys in our area, feel free to give Andy a call at 509-684-2517. Information provided courtesy of Andy Hydorn of Benny's Colville Inn.



## SHERMAN CREEK HATCHERY

The hatchery is located four miles west of Kettle Falls, on Highway 20. The main purpose of the hatchery is to raise Kokanee salmon to be released in to Lake Roosevelt. The Kokanee are hatched south of the hatchery in incubators, as fingerlings they are placed into concrete pools to await their introduction in to Lake Roosevelt. At this point the hatchery manager takes on the responsibility of seeing that the youngsters reach sufficient size before being released into Sherman Creek. Noticeably absent is the high-stress trucking conducted by some hatcheries. There are in the neighborhood of 1 million Kokanee released each year. In full operation this facility will be collecting and hatching Kokanee eggs each fall, from the salmon returning to Sherman Creek. 509-738-6971



## WILDLIFE VIEWING

The amount of wildlife in and around Colville Valley makes this area ideal for wildlife watching, photography and hunting. Several years ago the citizens of the valley, along with wildlife experts started a wildlife reintroduction program, to date they have managed to double, maybe even triple the moose population. Today the only area in the country with a population of woodland caribou is the Selkirk Mountains of northeast Washington and northern Idaho. Northwest Washington boasts the largest herd of whitetail deer in the United States. Mule deer are also plentiful though not as common. There are a large number of other animals in the valley including: elk, black bear, cougar and the wolverine.

Migratory birds, such as tundra swans are enticed to touch down in Steven's County, due to the types vegetation being planted, vast amounts of water and protection. The tundra swan is protected in Washington and can live up to 50 years. The less common trumpeter swan, sometimes spend their winters on the Columbia River, not far away. The grey owl is common in this area of Washington, due largely to



the dense forests adjacent to lush meadows. Wild turkeys are abundant in Steven's county. Bald Eagles by the hundreds are a sight to behold in the winter months on the shores of Lake Roosevelt.

## COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST

The Colville National Forest (CNF) covers about 1,096,000 acres, in Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille counties. CNF extends south from the Canadian border for up to 60 miles, west of the Columbia River the CNF shares its southern boundary with the Colville Confederated Tribes Indian Reservation. Elevations range from 1,800 feet to 7,309 feet at Gypsy Peaks summit. Abercrombie Peak is the highest point in Stevens County at 7,308 feet. The CNF is divided into four Ranger Districts, Three Rivers, Newport, Republic and Sullivan Lakes. One wilderness, the Salmon-Priest, lies in the northeast corner of the CNF.

The area contains two mountain ranges, oriented north and south: Kettle River and Selkirk Crest. Numerous glacial valleys cut the main ridges and diversity the topography, which ranges from rounded mountain slopes at lower elevations to high peaks and basins at above 7,300 feet. Streams, rivers, bogs, marshes and lakes are found throughout the area. Three distinctly different zones, each with its own unique climate, topography and vegetation are found in the major river watershed. 509-684-7000, [www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/)

## LITTLE PEND OREILLE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge, located 13 miles southeast of Colville, protects six distinct forest vegetation zones, from lower elevation Ponderosa Pine at 1,800 feet to a high elevation sub-alpine fir at 5,600 feet. These zones include diverse riparian meadows, wetlands and lake habitats.

The 40,000-acre Refuge provides an important wintering area for white-tail deer and supports diverse mountain forest wildlife ecosystems. Lakes and marshes provide a stopover point for migratory waterfowl: mallards, wood ducks, Barrow's and goldeneye, common and hooded mergansers and a small breeding population of Canadian geese. Bald Eagles use the Little Pend Oreille River during the winter months. Some sensitive or rare species that visitors may find on the LPO include: the golden eagle, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, Lewis' pileated, white-headed and black-backed woodpeckers, Vaux's swift, pygmy shrew fisher and Townsend's big-eared bat. Public use of LPO includes wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping (in designated areas only), horseback riding and mountain biking. Refuge Manager: 509-684-8384, [www.fws.gov/littlependoreille/](http://www.fws.gov/littlependoreille/)

## MARCUS

The completion of Grand Coulee Dam in 1933 brought economic prosperity to the state through more electrical energy and agricultural expansion through greater irrigation. The dam also caused the end of a thriving commercial town of 3,000 residents. The backup of water formed by Lake Roosevelt put the town of Marcus under 50 to 60 feet of water. It was the largest and most prosperous of all the towns that had to move as a result of Lake Roosevelt. Present day Marcus is a pleasant little village nestled in a pine forest on a bluff above Lake Roosevelt. Marcus comprises some forty architecturally or historically interesting buildings around a divided boulevard, with a broad grassy median strip that serves as the village green. The boulevard and the modest scale of the buildings give Marcus an identity that is uniquely its own.



## LAKE ROOSEVELT

Lake Roosevelt the largest lake in Washington and is the dominant feature of Coulee Dam National Recreation area. This reservoir's 660 miles of shore line is ideal for water sports of any type, not to mention camping, picnic areas and boat launches. The Lake Roosevelt Regatta is an annual sail boat event taking place in July. The regatta starting point is about four miles south on Highway 395. No racing experience is necessary to join this event, since it is a fun only event!!! The regatta is designed for the beginning sailor, with the emphasis on gaining experience, having fun and promoting the sport of sailing. Another annual event that takes place on this lake is the Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament in June. Walleye fishermen compete for \$40,000 in prizes during the event, which is held out of the Kettle Falls Marina. Trophy Walleye harvested from Lake Roosevelt are in the 20 lb. class.

The Lake Roosevelt area provides an excellent home for hundreds of Bald Eagles who migrate from their summer range in northwestern Canada. During the winter months they search out feeding sites around the lakes shore line. With its vast shore line, open waters, rocky perches and dense forests areas, the lake provides exceptional habitat for one of the largest populations of Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states. 509-738-6366, [www.nps.gov/laro](http://www.nps.gov/laro)

## CHEWELAH PEAK LEARNING CENTER

Owned by the Association of Washington School Principals is a state of the art facility, this center offers a variety of outdoor education and leadership programs. Open to schools, business groups, families and the community, located at the Chewelah Peak summit. 509-935-7400, [www.chewelahpeak.org](http://www.chewelahpeak.org)





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2537 Sand Canyon Road; Chewelah, WA 99109  
 509-935-6807, [www.chewelahgolf.com](http://www.chewelahgolf.com)

**TRAP & SKEET**

**Chewelah Trap Club**, 2464 Quarry Browns Lake Road,  
 509-937-4575

**Fort Colville Gun Club**, 303 Highway 20 East, Colville  
 509-684-2304, Seasonal, Clubhouse/Skeet/Trap

**Kettle Falls Trap Club**, Highway 25 South, Kettle Falls  
 No telephone contact. Seasonal, Clubhouse/Trap

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWMOBILING**

This is definitely **snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing** country. The evidence is as close as the nearest trailhead. Over 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails offer some of the best riding in the northeast corner of Washington. There are numerous sno-parks available for use. Popular parks are located off of Flowery Trail and also in the Little Pend Oreille Lakes region, about 20 miles east of Colville via Highway 20. For more information on permits for the sno-parks contact the recreation department of the Colville National Forest at 509-684-7190.

Also available are numerous non-motorized sno-parks for **cross-country skiing and snowshoeing**. The area has a series of great groomed trails with parking and bathroom facilities. Sherman Pass Sno-Park and Boulder Deer Creek Sno-Park are easily accessed and have many miles of backcountry to explore. Frater Lake outside of Colville is a no-fee area with a number of groomed trails and a warming hut.



**ALPINE SKIING**

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EXPERT	5%
ANNUAL SNOWFALL	301 inches
CROSS-COUNTRY TRAILS	10 miles

Other ski resorts within one to two hours are Lookout, Mt. Spokane, Schweitzer, Silver Mountain and Red Mountain Ski Area.





## AREA HISTORY

**W**HEN ESTABLISHED in 1858, Stevens County represented an area that is now 13 counties in eastern Washington, all of northern Idaho and much of the western region of Montana. The county was named after Isaac I. Stevens, who was the first governor of the Washington Territory.

Before the advent of white settlements, Kettle Falls on the Columbia River was the gathering place of 14 tribes who fished salmon for subsistence. In 1811 white explorers led by David Thompson, embarked on a trip downriver from Kettle Falls to what would become the site of Fort Colville Trading Post. Established in 1825, it was the principal outpost for Hudson's Bay Company operations stretching from the Mississippi River to the Cascade Mountains. A grist mill was added about a year later to grind flour from wheat brought from outlying areas. By 1840 the Hudson's Bay Trading Post was processing 18,000 furs a year. The Hudson's Bay Company remained at Fort Colville until 1853. It was in that same year that boundaries were drawn between Canada and the United States. Gold and silver were eventually discovered in Steven's County. Placer mining quickly evolved into expensive lode or hard rock mining.

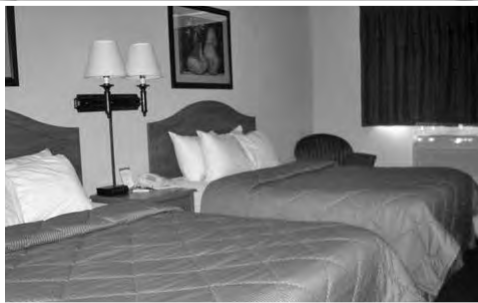
In 1845 Father Ravalli visited Fort Colville and with help from the Indians built a small chapel of rough cut logs. This chapel was used on and off until 1875. The only remaining structure of Fort Colville, St. Paul's Mission was turned over to the National Parks Service in 1974.

In 1862 Luther W. Meyers, founder of the town of Meyers Falls (now Keller Falls) came from Canada, after hearing reports of prosperity in the Pacific Northwest. He took over operations of the Hudson's Bay Grist Mill which he later combined with a saw mill. The grist mill burned in 1905.

Mining brought the railroad which in turn brought settlers. A military fort north of present-day Colville was named Fort Colville. The town of Colville was founded in 1882 when the fort was abandoned. The first school, a hand-hewn log building, built shortly after the founding of the town is presently located in Keller Historic Park.

The townsite of Kettle Falls was platted on August 14, 1889 covering three 40-acre tracts almost a mile from the falls. The town prospered until the late 1930s when the construction of Grand Coulee Dam forced the relocation of the town, thus ending an era and quality of life for many. Some relocated their homes and businesses to the small community of Meyers Falls, creating the town you see today.

While Colville and Kettle Falls history are intertwined, Chewelah had its own humble beginning. Thomas Brown first came to the area from Canada in 1854. In 1859 he moved to "Fools Prairie," as the site was then known. He bought 640 acres (one section) from an Indian chief and built a spacious log house. The townsite was named Chewelah from an Indian word meaning "Winding Snake" as the natives called the stream winding through the area. Mr. Brown worked for the government carrying mail from Spokane to old Fort Colville. He later became postmaster. Thomas Brown's wife was the first white woman to live in the region, between the Rockies, Cascades, north of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Chewelah's first school was held in the Brown's home as was the first post office. A government Indian Agency was established at Chewelah in 1873, followed by the grist mill and a Protestant church. Surrounding communities in Stevens County either started as railroad construction camps, mining towns, logging camps or folks simply just settled an area and started farming.



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**Registration Deadlines:** At least 30 days before an election or 15 days before in person at a designated location

**How to Register:** By mail or "Motor Voter" registration. Forms may be obtained at government offices or at voterservices@www.wa.gov

#### Further Information:

Stevens County Elections Department: 509-684-7510

Washington Secretary of State: 800-448-4881

**Voting:** Stevens County has an all vote by mail system

SOURCE State of Washington Office of Secretary of State

### BORDER CROSSING

US citizens need a photo ID, passport, and birth certificate.

Port of Danville 509-779-4862

Port of Laurier 509-684-2100

Port of Waneta 509-732-6674

Port of Frontier 509-732-6218

Canadian Customs 604-535-9754

US Customs 206-553-4678

Canadian border crossing: [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/general/menu-e.html](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/general/menu-e.html)

U.S. border crossing: [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

### WASHINGTON STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

2007 Population (est.) 6,587,600

Land Area (sq. miles) 66,544

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 Kettle Falls 509-738-2300

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 Public Library 509-935-6805  
 Water & Sewer 509-935-4285

**City of Colville**

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 Fire (non-emergency) 509-935-8375  
 Police (non-emergency) 509-684-2525  
 Parks & Recreation 509-684-6037  
 Public Library 509-684-6620  
 Public Works 609-684- 1489  
 Water/Sewer 509-684-2244

**City of Kettle Falls**

City Clerk 509-738-6821  
 City Treasure 509-738-6821  
 Public Library 509-738-6817

**Economic Development**

Tri County Economic Development 509-684-4571

**Museums**

Chewelah Museum 509-935-6091  
 Keller Heritage Center 509-684-5968  
 Kettle Falls Historical Center 509-738-6964

**Newspapers**

*The Independent*, Chewelah 509-935-8422  
*The Statesman Examiner*, Colville 509-684-4576  
*The North Columbia Monthly* 509-684-3109  
*The Outpost*, South Stevens County 509-467-3826

**Recreation**

Colville National Forest 509-684-7000  
 Three Rivers Ranger Station (Kettle Falls) 509-738-6111  
 Lake Roosevelt Nat. Recreation Area 509-738-6266  
 Depart. of Fish & Wildlife, Olympia 509-902-2515  
 Washington Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation 509-484-4931 #52241

**Stevens County**

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