

## Creation of Colorado Counties

Colorado Territory was established by Congress on February 28, 1861. The first Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Colorado convened on September 9, 1861. They quickly enacted laws establishing the seventeen original counties.

The Original Territorial Counties and Their County Seats in 1861

<b>County</b>	<b>County Seat</b>
Arapahoe	Denver
Boulder	Boulder
Clear Creek	Idaho
Costilla	San Miguel
Douglas	Franktown
El Paso	Colorado City
Fremont	Canon City
Gilpin	Central City
Guadalupe(later Conejos)	Guadalupe
Huerfano	Autobeas
Jefferson	Golden City
Lake	Oro City
Larimer	La Porte
Park	Tarryall City
Pueblo	Pueblo
Summit	Parkville
Weld	St. Vrain