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| State | | | 275,002 | | 76.0% | | 3.82/1000 | | 7,998 | 162.5 | | 2,573 | 6.2% | | 0.579 | | 65,635 | 29.0% | |
| Adair County | 398 | 77 | 1,795 | 40 | 57.0% | tie for 46 | 0.43 | 33 | 99 | 278.1 | 75 | 36 | 10.8% | 70 | 0.387 | 69 | 563 | 40.8% | 65 |
| Alfalfa County | 182 | 8 | 364 | 7 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.62 | 40 | 6 | 105.3 | 5 | 2 | 4.0% | 24 | 0.218 | 76 | 74 | 25.0% | 20 |
| Atoka County | 325 | 59 | 948 | 31 | 67.0% | tie for 30 | 1.02 | 49 | 31 | 206.7 | 56 | 11 | 7.7% | 57 | 0.544 | 35 | 337 | 43.4% | 67 |
| Beaver County | 181 | 7 | 444 | 11 | 78.0% | tie for 3 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 18 | 253.5 | 71 | 2 | 3.4% | 18 | 0.292 | 74 | 58 | 16.2% | 3 |
| Beckham County | 263 | 36 | 1,728 | 39 | 66.0% | tie for 33 | 0.15 | 17 | 61 | 199.3 | 47 | 16 | 10.1% | 67 | 0.608 | tie for 19 | 432 | 33.1% | 41 |
| Blaine County | 211 | 16 | 901 | 28 | 78.0% | tie for 7 | 0.24 | 26 | 29 | 194.6 | 44 | 4 | 3.0% | 13 | 0.505 | 46 | 262 | 35.5% | tie for 47 |
| Bryan County | 301 | 53 | 2,642 | 51 | 74.0% | tie for 19 | 1.06 | 50 | 103 | 216.4 | 62 | 21 | 4.7% | 31 | 0.537 | 38 | 764 | 35.9% | 50 |
| Caddo County | 360 | 71 | 2602 | 50 | 33.0% | 76 | 0.19 | 22 | 80 | 203.0 | 54 | 40 | 12.0% | 74 | 0.575 | 24 | 825 | 39.4% | 60 |
| Canadian County | 259 | tie for 33 | 7,535 | 73 | 41.0% | tie for 70 | 0.07 | 14 | 139 | 131.5 | 10 | 39 | 5.6% | 36 | 0.468 | 55 | 944 | 14.9% | 1 |
| Carter County | 342 | tie for 63 | 3,541 | 61 | 56.0% | tie for 50 | 1.23 | 56 | 139 | 202.6 | 52 | 27 | 4.5% | 29 | 0.479 | tie for 52 | 970 | 33.3% | tie for 42 |
| Cherokee County | 283 | 43 | 3,249 | 59 | 56.0% | tie for 50 | 0.17 | tie for 19 | 106 | 174.1 | 31 | 38 | 6.8% | 51 | 0.686 | 10 | 1,011 | 40.4% | tie for 63 |
| Choctaw County | 376 | 74 | 1,222 | 35 | 34.0% | 75 | 1.90 | 65 | 53 | 254.8 | 72 | 13 | 6.8% | 50 | 0.740 | 4 | 491 | 49.0% | 75 |
| Cimarron County | 215 | 17 | 236 | 2 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 6 | 176.5 | 35 | 5 | 17.2% | 76 | 0.271 | 75 | 51 | 24.5% | tie for 16 |
| Cleveland County | 204 | 11 | 16,382 | 75 | 48.0% | tie for 59 | 0.23 | tie for 24 | 257 | 105.0 | 4 | 65 | 3.9% | 23 | 0.634 | 14 | 2,538 | 18.6% | 5 |
| Coal County | 313 | tie for 56 | 430 | 10 | 73.0% | 21 | 1.69 | 63 | 28 | 291.7 | 77 | 1 | 1.1% | 3 | 0.369 | 71 | 151 | 43.5% | tie for 68 |
| Comanche County | 249 | tie for 27 | 10,833 | 74 | 66.0% | tie for 33 | 0.11 | 15 | 303 | 146.7 | 18 | 108 | 7.0% | 54 | 0.622 | 16 | 2,871 | 31.4% | 39 |
| Cotton County | 269 | 38 | 502 | 13 | 32.0% | 77 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 13 | 142.9 | tie for 14 | 6 | 7.6% | 55 | 0.357 | 73 | 118 | 29.8% | 36 |
| Craig County | 258 | 32 | 968 | 32 | 65.0% | tie for 35 | 1.26 | 57 | 29 | 165.7 | 27 | 11 | 6.7% | 48 | 0.545 | 34 | 216 | 27.3% | 25 |
| Creek County | 303 | tie for 54 | 5,364 | 70 | 45.0% | 68 | 0.28 | 28 | 155 | 175.1 | 34 | 53 | 6.2% | 44 | 0.540 | 37 | 1,170 | 25.8% | 22 |
| Custer County | 293 | 51 | 2,154 | 44 | 71.0% | tie for 23 | 1.08 | tie for 52 | 66 | 179.8 | 37 | 25 | 7.8% | 58 | 0.479 | tie for 52 | 502 | 27.9% | tie for 27 |
| Delaware County | 359 | 70 | 2,405 | 47 | 47.0% | tie for 62 | 0.72 | 43 | 72 | 164.8 | 26 | 46 | 11.2% | 73 | 0.480 | 51 | 720 | 38.0% | 57 |
| Dewey County | 229 | tie for 21 | 340 | 6 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.60 | 39 | 5 | 113.6 | tie for 7 | 5 | 12.8% | 75 | 0.096 | 77 | 70 | 24.3% | 15 |
| Ellis County | 260 | 35 | 262 | 3 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.83 | 44 | 9 | 200.0 | 49 | 5 | 11.1% | 72 | 0.430 | 63 | 53 | 24.9% | 19 |
| Garfield County | 298 | 52 | 4,508 | 67 | 43.0% | 69 | 1.53 | 62 | 130 | 160.5 | 25 | 15 | 2.0% | 5 | 0.513 | tie for 44 | 1,032 | 27.4% | 26 |
| Garvin County | 249 | tie for 27 | 1,876 | 42 | 52.0% | tie for 54 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 53 | 155.4 | 23 | 11 | 4.2% | 26 | 0.461 | 57 | 521 | 34.3% | 46 |
| Grady County | 285 | 46 | 3,733 | 64 | 36.0% | 74 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 117 | 191.5 | 43 | 19 | 3.8% | 22 | 0.486 | 49 | 874 | 28.7% | 32 |
| Grant County | 229 | tie for 21 | 422 | 9 | 49.0% | tie for 57 | 2.59 | 70 | 2 | 40.8 | 1 | 1 | 2.2% | 8 | 0.383 | 70 | 84 | 24.1% | 14 |
| Greer County | 292 | tie for 49 | 380 | 8 | 63.0% | tie for 38 | 4.44 | 75 | 16 | 242.4 | 69 | 1 | 1.9% | 4 | 0.567 | 26 | 137 | 45.4% | tie for 72 |
| Harmon County | 329 | 61 | 304 | 5 | 74.0% | tie for 19 | 3.77 | 74 | 12 | 285.7 | 76 | 2 | 6.3% | 45 | 0.548 | 33 | 129 | 53.7% | 77 |
| Harper County | 90 | 2 | 221 | 1 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 5 | 113.6 | tie for 7 | 0 | 0.0% | tie for 1 | 0.390 | 68 | 30 | 15.7% | 2 |
| Haskell County | 280 | 42 | 811 | 21 | 57.0% | tie for 46 | 2.11 | 68 | 23 | 194.9 | 45 | 4 | 3.6% | 20 | 0.619 | 18 | 263 | 40.2% | 62 |
| Hughes County | 226 | 20 | 836 | 24 | 82.0% | tie for 3 | 1.95 | 67 | 32 | 167.5 | 28 | 10 | 5.6% | 37 | 0.842 | 1 | 278 | 41.8% | 66 |
| Jackson County | 292 | tie for 49 | 3,096 | 56 | 61.0% | tie for 40 | 1.28 | 58 | 90 | 175.1 | 33 | 12 | 2.6% | 10 | 0.424 | 64 | 724 | 28.4% | 31 |
| Jefferson County | 169 | 4 | 446 | 12 | 72.0% | 22 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 6 | 93.8 | 3 | 2 | 3.3% | tie for 15 | 0.458 | 58 | 143 | 38.6% | tie for 58 |
| Johnston County | 270 | 39 | 758 | 18 | 70.0% | tie for 26 | 2.63 | 72 | 21 | 152.2 | 20 | 8 | 6.1% | 42 | 0.558 | tie for 29 | 242 | 40.4% | tie for 63 |
| Kay County | 327 | 60 | 3,805 | 65 | 67.0% | tie for 30 | 1.07 | 51 | 137 | 191.3 | 42 | 74 | 10.9% | 71 | 0.513 | tie for 44 | 858 | 27.1% | 24 |
| Kingfisher County | 225 | 19 | 1,146 | 33 | 70.0% | tie for 26 | 3.14 | 73 | 25 | 126.3 | 9 | 5 | 2.8% | 12 | 0.399 | 66 | 179 | 19.4% | 6 |
| Kiowa County | 350 | 66 | 862 | 27 | 41.0% | tie for 70 | 0.26 | 27 | 30 | 232.6 | 66 | 10 | 8.8% | 65 | 0.516 | tie for 41 | 258 | 37.2% | tie for 54 |



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| Latimer County | 237 | 24 | 804 | 20 | 95.0% | 1 | 0.89 | 46 | 31 | 234.8 | 67 | 6 | 4.8% | 32 | 0.748 | 3 | 279 | 43.5% | tie for 68 |
| Le Flore County | 364 | 72 | 3,704 | 63 | 48.0% | tie for 59 | 1.22 | 55 | 146 | 213.8 | 60 | 55 | 8.7% | 63 | 0.699 | 8 | 1,145 | 37.6% | 56 |
| Lincoln County | 245 | 26 | 2,438 | 48 | 79.0% | 6 | 0.52 | 34 | 79 | 182.4 | 38 | 20 | 5.4% | 35 | 0.476 | 54 | 569 | 28.3% | 30 |
| Logan County | 255 | 31 | 2,381 | 46 | 61.0% | tie for 40 | 4.91 | 76 | 59 | 153.6 | 22 | 8 | 2.8% | 11 | 0.487 | 48 | 455 | 23.6% | 12 |
| Love County | 217 | 18 | 621 | 16 | 68.0% | 29 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 20 | 172.4 | 29 | 6 | 5.8% | 39 | 0.405 | 65 | 159 | 30.7% | 38 |
| McClain County | 178 | 6 | 1,918 | 43 | 51.0% | 56 | 0.14 | 16 | 64 | 179.8 | 36 | 5 | 2.1% | 6 | 0.730 | 5 | 387 | 24.5% | tie for 16 |
| McCurtain County | 379 | 75 | 3,025 | 54 | 47.0% | tie for 62 | 0.56 | tie for 35 | 140 | 264.2 | 74 | 21 | 4.3% | 28 | 0.462 | 56 | 1,070 | 44.1% | tie for 70 |
| McIntosh County | 353 | tie for 67 | 1189 | 34 | 47.0% | tie for 62 | 1.08 | tie for 52 | 57 | 246.8 | 70 | 12 | 5.4% | 34 | 0.552 | 31 | 417 | 44.1% | tie for 70 |
| Major County | 88 | 1 | 605 | 15 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 5 | 67.6 | 2 | 0 | 0.0% | tie for 1 | 0.481 | 50 | 112 | 22.9% | 9 |
| Marshall County | 259 | tie for 33 | 818 | 22 | 77.0% | 9 | 0.66 | 42 | 38 | 205.4 | 55 | 17 | 9.8% | 66 | 0.640 | 13 | 235 | 36.3% | 52 |
| Mayes County | 289 | 47 | 2,906 | 53 | 57.0% | tie for 46 | 0.35 | 30 | 111 | 201.1 | 50 | 32 | 5.9% | 41 | 0.558 | tie for 29 | 753 | 31.5% | 40 |
| Murray County | 205 | 12 | 855 | 26 | 85.0% | 2 | 0.57 | 37 | 34 | 202.4 | 51 | 5 | 3.5% | 19 | 0.559 | 28 | 230 | 33.3% | tie for 42 |
| Muskogee County | 367 | 73 | 5,547 | 72 | 60.0% | tie for 42 | 1.93 | 66 | 232 | 217.2 | 63 | 90 | 8.6% | 62 | 0.621 | 17 | 1,505 | 34.1% | 45 |
| Noble County | 191 | 9 | 923 | 29 | 71.0% | tie for 23 | 1.86 | 64 | 15 | 108.7 | 6 | 9 | 6.9% | 53 | 0.711 | 6 | 168 | 23.0% | 10 |
| Nowata County | 175 | 5 | 708 | 17 | 60.0% | tie for 42 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 21 | 175.0 | 32 | 6 | 5.7% | 38 | 0.660 | 11 | 168 | 29.3% | tie for 34 |
| Okfuskee County | 346 | 65 | 823 | 23 | 67.0% | tie for 30 | 2.24 | 69 | 29 | 237.7 | 68 | 9 | 8.0% | 59 | 0.574 | 25 | 295 | 45.4% | tie for 72 |
| Oklahoma County | 279 | 41 | 55,438 | 77 | 57.0% | tie for 46 | 0.56 | tie for 35 | 1,615 | 150.1 | 19 | 474 | 6.5% | 46 | 0.608 | tie for 19 | 13,761 | 29.9% | 37 |
| Oklmulgee County | 353 | tie for 67 | 3,130 | 57 | 46.0% | tie for 66 | 0.63 | 41 | 116 | 210.1 | 58 | 46 | 8.5% | 61 | 0.645 | 12 | 961 | 38.6% | tie for 58 |
| Osage County | 207 | tie for 13 | 3,363 | 60 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.21 | 23 | 71 | 174.0 | 30 | 14 | 3.7% | 21 | 0.543 | 36 | 756 | 27.9% | tie for 27 |
| Ottawa County | 316 | 58 | 2,198 | 45 | 70.0% | tie for 26 | 13.25 | 77 | 85 | 185.6 | 39 | 47 | 10.5% | 69 | 0.693 | 9 | 648 | 36.1% | 51 |
| Pawnee County | 354 | 69 | 1,292 | 36 | 56.0% | tie for 50 | 1.34 | 60 | 41 | 203.0 | 53 | 13 | 6.7% | 49 | 0.366 | 72 | 305 | 29.3% | tie for 34 |
| Payne County | 207 | tie for 13 | 4,420 | 66 | 65.0% | tie for 35 | 0.86 | 45 | 108 | 132.4 | 11 | 33 | 4.3% | 27 | 0.754 | 2 | 931 | 25.5% | 21 |
| Pittsburg County | 303 | tie for 54 | 2,862 | 52 | 71.0% | tie for 23 | 1.10 | 54 | 95 | 196.3 | 46 | 27 | 5.8% | 40 | 0.516 | tie for 41 | 823 | 35.5% | tie for 47 |
| Pontotoc County | 209 | 15 | 2,572 | 49 | 82.0% | tie for 3 | 0.93 | 47 | 66 | 135.5 | 12 | 16 | 3.4% | 17 | 0.563 | 27 | 766 | 37.2% | tie for 54 |
| Pottawatomie County | 278 | 40 | 4,770 | 69 | 82.0% | tie for 3 | 1.29 | 59 | 170 | 199.5 | 48 | 33 | 4.6% | 30 | 0.594 | 22 | 1,369 | 35.5% | tie for 47 |
| Pushmataha County | 336 | 62 | 842 | 25 | 47.0% | tie for 62 | 0.59 | 38 | 29 | 232.0 | 65 | 3 | 2.5% | 9 | 0.440 | 61 | 348 | 51.6% | 76 |
| Roger Mills County | 236 | 23 | 275 | 4 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 6 | 214.3 | 61 | 2 | 8.7% | 64 | 0.392 | 67 | 64 | 28.2% | 29 |
| Rogers County | 249 | tie for 27 | 5,411 | 71 | 48.0% | tie for 59 | 0.30 | 29 | 131 | 152.5 | 21 | 35 | 4.2% | 25 | 0.532 | 40 | 772 | 17.3% | 4 |
| Seminole County | 381 | 76 | 1,831 | 41 | 52.0% | tie for 54 | 2.62 | 71 | 76 | 207.7 | 57 | 22 | 6.8% | 52 | 0.551 | 32 | 704 | 47.8% | 74 |
| Sequoyah County | 313 | tie for 56 | 3,053 | 55 | 63.0% | tie for 38 | 0.17 | tie for 19 | 107 | 213.6 | 59 | 51 | 10.4% | 68 | 0.597 | 21 | 891 | 36.4% | 53 |
| Stephens County | 290 | 48 | 3,173 | 58 | 49.0% | tie for 57 | 0.23 | tie for 24 | 83 | 157.5 | 24 | 32 | 6.6% | 47 | 0.503 | 47 | 766 | 28.9% | 33 |
| Texas County | 284 | tie for 44 | 1,607 | 38 | 60.0% | tie for 42 | 0.18 | 21 | 65 | 186.2 | 40 | 54 | 23.6% | 77 | 0.451 | 59 | 241 | 19.5% | 7 |
| Tillman County | 342 | tie for 63 | 801 | 19 | 55.0% | 53 | 1.39 | 61 | 28 | 256.9 | 73 | 3 | 3.3% | tie for 15 | 0.450 | 60 | 258 | 39.9% | 61 |
| Tulsa County | 268 | 37 | 47,536 | 76 | 38.0% | 73 | 0.42 | 32 | 1,259 | 138.3 | 13 | 540 | 6.1% | 43 | 0.624 | 15 | 9,653 | 24.5% | tie for 16 |
| Wagoner County | 284 | tie for 44 | 4,537 | 68 | 46.0% | tie for 66 | 0.36 | 31 | 100 | 145.6 | 16 | 33 | 5.1% | 33 | 0.436 | 62 | 819 | 22.4% | 8 |
| Washington County | 201 | 10 | 3,599 | 62 | 59.0% | 45 | 1.01 | 48 | 77 | 142.9 | tie for 14 | 15 | 3.1% | 14 | 0.703 | 7 | 704 | 23.4% | 11 |
| Washita County | 250 | 30 | 931 | 30 | 76.0% | tie for 10 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 29 | 219.7 | 64 | 7 | 8.3% | 60 | 0.516 | tie for 41 | 253 | 33.9% | 44 |
| Woods County | 155 | 3 | 545 | 14 | 41.0% | tie for 70 | 0.00 | tie for 1 | 15 | 145.6 | 17 | 2 | 2.1% | 7 | 0.582 | 23 | 120 | 26.9% | 23 |
| Woodward County | 241 | 25 | 1,500 | 37 | 64.0% | 37 | 0.16 | 18 | 45 | 188.3 | 41 | 17 | 7.6% | 56 | 0.533 | 39 | 303 | 24.0% | 13 |