



# Atoka

Settled in the mid-1800s, this county was first called Shappaway, with the county seat located at the Choctaw Court grounds on the banks of the Muddy Boggy River. The name was later changed to Atoka in honor of Captain Atoka, a noted Choctaw who led a band of his people to this area during the removal.

Atoka, the county seat, was a stop on the Butterfield Overland Stage Road, the route followed when mail service began between Missouri and San Francisco in 1857. Boggy Depot, located in the western part of the county, served as an important trading post during early years and is now historic Boggy Depot State Park.

Well known for its hunting and fishing, half its area is forested and contains several mountain streams and man-made lakes. It is the site of Oklahoma's largest rock quarry, which is located at Stringtown.

The county claims many firsts including Oklahoma's first Masonic Lodge, first chapter of Eastern Star, and first Catholic Church in Indian Territory. Country entertainer Reba McEntire is from the county. Tales of Atoka County Heritage and Atoka County Museum offer more information. The Chamber of Commerce serves as a tourist center, and the Confederate Memorial Museum and Cemetery is also an information and rest area, located on HWY 69 north of Atoka. For more information, call the Atoka Chamber of Commerce at 580/889-2410.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 2	Court Clerk	Barbara Hunt (D)	Atoka
St. Sen. .... 5,6	Clerk	Raylene Hammond (D)	Lane
St. Rep. .... 20	Sheriff	Gary McCool (D)	Lane
D.A. .... 19	Treasurer	Richard Lillard (D)	Atoka
Ct. of Appeals. .... 3	Assessor	Nancy Hill (D)	Atoka
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Election Brd. Sec.	Kathie Jones (D)	Atoka
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 2	Dist. 1 Comm.	LaVaughn Henson (D)	Stringtown
S.E. Jud. Adm. .... 25	Dist. 2 Comm.	Gilbert Wilson (D)	Lane
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Harold Delay (D)	Caney

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$27,288,123	\$28,863,662	\$1,575,539
Personal Subject to Tax	\$5,559,066	\$6,355,409	\$796,343
Total Locally Assessed	\$32,847,189	\$35,219,071	\$2,371,882
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$3,473,008	\$3,379,386	(\$93,622)
Net Assessed Locally	\$29,374,181	\$31,839,685	\$2,465,504
Public Service Assessment	\$13,138,544	\$13,099,412	(\$39,132)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$42,512,725	\$44,939,097	\$2,426,372

**County Seat**—Atoka (Pop. 2,983) 2003 Estimate  
**Area (Land & Water)**—990 square miles  
**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$17,953 (Ranks 75th of 77 counties)  
**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—6,373, Male—7,506 • **Ethnicity**—  
 Wh.—10,464; Bl.—814; Am. Ind.—1,559; As.—31;  
 Other—0; Pacific Is.—2. Two or more races—813; Hisp.—196  
**Births (2003)**—170 • **Deaths (2003)**—139  
**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—7.3%  
**Labor Force (2003)**—5,500  
**Number of Establishments (2002)**—236  
**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—14  
**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$528,152  
 TANF—\$249,385 • Supplements—Aged—\$89,703; Blind—  
 \$1,211; Disabled—\$187,853  
**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—7,055;  
 Farm Trucks—2,044; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
 Trailers—395; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—388;  
 Motorcycles—167; Manufactured Homes—11; Tax  
 Exempt Licenses—27; Boats—1,116  
**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—1; Rape—5; Robbery—  
 0; Fel. Assault—69; Breaking and Entering—104; Larceny—  
 180; Motor Vehicle Theft—23; Arson—3 • Total Crime  
 Index—382; Crime Rate per 1,000—27.17  
**Farms (2002)**—1,206 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—492,174

<b>County Population</b>	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	12,113
1910	13,808
1920	20,862
1930	14,533
1940	18,702
1950	14,269
1960	10,352
1970	10,972
1980	12,748
1990	12,778
2000	13,879
2004 Estimate	14,255

**Recreation Area**—Boggy Depot  
**Major Lakes**—Atoka, McGee Creek Reservoir  
**Major Stream Systems**—Muddy Boggy and Clear Boggy  
**Museums and Historic Sites**—  
 Boggy Depot and Confederate Cemetery Museum  
**Minerals**—oil and gas, crushed stone

