



Choctaw

Choctaw County was created at the time of statehood and named for the Choctaw Nation of Indians whose tribal name is Chahta.

Early industry in the area was limited to patch farming, but agriculture became more established with the advent of the railroad and resulting increase of immigrants to the area.

Hugo, the county seat, is the winter quarters for the Carson and Barnes Circus, the largest truck-drawn circus under the big top in the United States. The Kiamichi Area Vocational-Technical School, and the Western Farmers Electric Cooperative are also located in Hugo.

The PRCA Professional Rodeo and Grant’s Bluegrass Festival are held annually in June and August, respectively. Hugo Lake and Lake Raymond Gary State Park provide additional recreational outlets for the county.

Additional county information can be obtained from the Choctaw County Historical Society. *Smoke Signals* is a history book about the county. For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/326-3778.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 2	Court Clerk	Jimmie Walker (D)	Hugo
St. Sen. 5	Clerk	Emily VanWorth (D)	Hugo
St. Rep. 19	Sheriff	Lewis Collins (D)	Hugo
D.A. 17	Treasurer	Kelly Nelms (D)	Soper
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Shirley Bryant (D)	Hugo
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Election Brd. Sec.	Darlene Rickman (D)	Soper
Supreme Ct. Jud. 2	Dist. 1 Comm.	Danny Antwine (D)	Soper
S.E. Jud. Adm. 17	Dist. 2 Comm.	Gerald Montgomery (D)	Hugo
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Wyndle David (D)	Sawyer

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$29,251,963	\$30,455,385	\$1,203,422
Personal Subject to Tax	\$6,070,881	\$6,406,676	\$335,795
Total Locally Assessed	\$35,322,844	\$36,862,061	\$1,539,217
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$4,110,874	\$4,073,599	(\$37,275)
Net Assessed Locally	\$29,003,249	\$31,377,874	\$2,374,625
Public Service Assessment	\$8,316,764	\$9,675,745	\$1,358,981
Net Assessed Valuation	\$37,320,013	\$41,053,619	\$3,733,606

County Seat—Hugo (Pop. 5,569) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—800.68 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$19,258 (Ranks 70th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—8,058, Male—7,284 • **Ethnicity**—

Wh.—10,409; Bl.—1,671; Am. Ind.—2,265; As.—22;
Other—5; Pacific Is.—3; Two or more races—721; Hisp.—246

Births (2003)—200 • **Deaths (2003)**—250

Unemployment Rate (2003)—9.6%

Labor Force (2003)—5,880

Number of Establishments (2002)—269

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—11

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$751,088

TANF—\$282,029 • Supplements—Aged—\$149,733; Blind—\$366;
Disabled—\$318,950

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—10,097;

Farm Trucks—1,652; Comm., Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—344; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—718;
Motorcycles—198; Manufactured Homes—4; Tax Exempt
Licenses—149; Boats—1,387

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—2; Robbery—
4; Fel. Assault—91; Breaking and Entering—186; Larceny—
306; Motor Vehicle Theft—131; Arson—6 • Total Crime
Index—620; Crime Rate per 1,000—40.70

Farms (2002)—1,095 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—
337,443

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	17,340
1910	21,862
1920	32,144
1930	24,142
1940	28,358
1950	20,405
1960	15,637
1970	15,141
1980	17,203
1990	15,302
2000	15,342
2004 Estimate	15,451

Recreation Areas—Choctaw and
Lake Raymond Gary State Park

Major Lake—Hugo

Major Stream Systems—Kiamichi
and Muddy Boggy rivers and minor
tributaries to the Red River

Museums and Historic Sites—Fort

Towson, Goodland Presbyterian
Children's Home, Hugo Depot
Museum, Old Choctaw Chief's Home,
Choctaw County Historical Museum

Minerals—oil and gas, crushed stone

