



# Coal

Formerly a part of Tobucksy County, Choctaw Nation, Coal County is located in southeastern Oklahoma and was created at statehood and named for the primary economic product of the region.

Coal mining was once the major industry of the county, but has been dormant since 1958. Mementos of this era may be found in the Coal County Historical and Miners Museum in Coalgate, the county seat.

While agriculture is now considered to be the primary economic mainstay of the county, businesses such as the Mary Hurley Hospital also contribute to the economy of the community.

*Coal County History Book* is available from the local genealogical society in Coalgate. For more county information, call the county clerk's office at 580/927-2103.

## Districts

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## County Officials

Court Clerk	Betty McCurry (D)	Coalgate
Clerk	Eugina Loudermilk (D)	Coalgate
Sheriff	Roy Deck (D)	Coalgate
Treasurer	Carol Denson (D)	Olney
Assessor	Cherry Hefley (D)	Clarita
Election Brd. Sec.	Leota Guinn (D)	Coalgate
Dist. 1 Comm.	Alvin Pebworth (D)	Coalgate
Dist. 2 Comm.	Johnny D. Ward (D)	Coalgate
Dist. 3 Comm.	Mike Hensley (D)	Lehigh

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$11,989,743	\$12,164,120	\$174,377
Personal Subject to Tax	\$4,803,101	\$4,157,429	(\$645,672)
Total Locally Assessed	\$16,792,844	\$16,321,549	(\$471,295)
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$1,633,267	\$1,635,398	(\$2,131)
Net Assessed Locally	\$15,159,577	\$14,686,151	(\$473,426)
Public Service Assessment	\$18,884,994	\$19,291,003	\$406,009
Net Assessed Valuation	\$34,044,571	\$33,977,154	(\$67,417)

**County Seat**—Coalgate (Pop. 1956) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—521.30 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$16,777 (Ranks 77th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—3,072, Male—2,959 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—4,491; Bl.—22; Am. Ind.—1,028; As.—19; Other—0; Pacific Is.—0; Two or more races—342; Hisp.—129

**Births (2003)**—70 • **Deaths (2003)**—102

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—17.3%

**Labor Market (2003)**—2,310

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—74

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—4

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$267,001  
TANF—\$114,027 • Supplements—Aged—\$46,100; Blind—\$2,345; Disabled—\$104,529

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—2,971; Farm Trucks—803; Comm., Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—110; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—159; Motorcycles—65; Manufactured Homes—4; Tax Exempt Licenses—4; Boats—309

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—0; Rape—0; Robbery—1; Fel. Assault—13; Breaking and Entering—33; Larceny—80; Motor Vehicle Theft—5; Arson—2 • Total Crime Index—132; Crime Rate per 1,000—22.21

**Farms (2002)**—617 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—262,626

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	15,585
1910	15,817
1920	18,406
1930	11,521
1940	12,811
1950	8,056
1960	5,546
1970	5,525
1980	6,041
1990	5,780
2000	6,031
2004 Estimate	5,928

**Major Lakes**—Atoka

**Major Stream Systems**—Muddy Boggy River

**Museums and Historic Sites**—Coal County Mining and Historical Museum, Coalgate

**Minerals**—oil and gas

