



# Ellis

Located in western Oklahoma and created at statehood from portions of Roger Mills and Woodward counties, Ellis County was named for Albert H. Ellis, vice president of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention.

The site of several Indian battles including the Battle of Little Robe and the Battle of Wolf Creek, Ellis County was crossed by Fort Elliott-Fort Supply Military Crossing, a major thoroughfare to military camps and posts in the Indian Territory and the Great Western Cattle Trail.

Once a leading dairy and oil producer, Ellis County now hosts primarily an agricultural and ranching industry. With the exception of Arnett, the county seat, the major communities of Ellis County—Shattuck, Fargo, and Gage—are located on or very near the old Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, now the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

*Ellis County Heritage* Volumes I and II, *A Pioneer History of Shattuck, Oklahoma*; *The 1910 Ellis County Plat Book*, and others offer historical information about the area. Call the county clerk's office at 580/885-7301, or the Ellis County Historical Society at 580/885-7705 for more information.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 3	Court Clerk	Dona Slavin Folks (D)	Arnett
St. Sen. .... 38	Clerk	Lynn Smith (D)	Arnett
St. Rep. .... 60	Sheriff	DeWayne Miller (R)	Gage
D.A. .... 2	Treasurer	Cynthia Davis Hunter (D)	Arnett
Ct. of Appeals ..... 6	Assessor	Karen Mackey Perkins (D)	Gage
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Election Brd. Sec.	Glenda Martin (D)	Arnett
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Terry Fagala (R)	Gage
N.W. Jud. Adm. .... 2	Dist. 2 Comm.	Frankie Stevens (R)	Arnett
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Kenneth Eagleston (R)	Arnett

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$20,592,660	\$21,250,170	\$657,510
Personal Subject to Tax	\$14,793,627	\$15,985,215	\$1,191,588
Total Locally Assessed	\$35,386,287	\$37,235,385	\$1,849,098
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$1,233,207	\$1,233,749	\$542
Net Assessed Locally	\$34,153,080	\$36,001,636	\$1,848,556
Public Service Assessment	\$7,072,108	\$7,067,386	(\$4,722)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$41,225,188	\$43,069,022	\$1,843,834

**County Seat**—Arnett (Pop. 505) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—1,231.84 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$25,323 (Ranks 13th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—2,061, Male—2,014 • **Ethnicity**—  
Wh.—3,864; Bl.—2; Am. Ind.—46; As.—4; Other—2; Pacific Is.—0; Two or  
more races—51; Hisp.—106

**Births (2003)**—57 • **Deaths (2003)**—70

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—2.2%

**Labor Force (2003)**—1,610

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—116

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—5

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$38,107  
TANF—\$11,438 • Supplements—Aged—\$6,560; Blind—  
\$0; Disabled—\$20,109

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—2,944;  
Farm Trucks—1,230; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—220; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—163;  
Motorcycles—93; Manufactured Homes—4; Tax Exempt  
Licenses—3; Boats—342

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—0; Rape—0; Robbery—  
0; Fel. Assault—1; Breaking and Entering—3; Larceny—5; Motor Vehicle Theft—4; Arson—0 • Total Crime  
Index—13; Crime Rate per 1,000—3.6

**Farms (2002)**—727 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—672,764

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	13,978
1910	15,375
1920	11,673
1930	10,541
1940	8,466
1950	7,326
1960	5,457
1970	5,129
1980	5,596
1990	4,497
2000	4,075
2004 Estimate	3,932

**Major Stream Systems**—North  
Canadian and Canadian rivers

**Museums and Historic Sites**—

Log Cabin, Arnett

**Minerals**—oil and gas

