



# Haskell

Located in eastern Oklahoma, Haskell County was created at statehood and named for Charles N. Haskell, a member of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention and first governor of Oklahoma.

Haskell County was one of the first permanent Choctaw settlements in the Indian Territory. Many Choctaws arrived by steamboat at Tamaha, and settled there along the Arkansas River. Haskell County was also the site of several skirmishes during the Civil War. The county seat is located at Stigler.

Belle Starr, the bandit queen, frequented the area during the late 1800s. She was reportedly killed near present-day Hoyt.

There is an in-county transit system. Local industries include meat packing, milling, and trucking. Recreational opportunities may be found at the Robert S. Kerr Lake, Sequoyah Wildlife Refuge and the Haskell County Recreation Club. Annual events include Reunion Days during the third week in June, the Christmas Parade on the first Saturday in December, and the Antique Car Show during late October.

*Haskell County History: Indian Territory through 1988* is available from the Haskell County Historical Society. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 918/967-2884.

## Districts

Cong. ....	2
St. Sen. ....	7
St. Rep. ....	15
D.A. ....	18
Ct. of Appeals .....	2
Ct. of Crim. Appeals...	3
Supreme Ct. Jud.....	2
S.E. Jud. Adm.....	16

## County Officials

Court Clerk	Denise Sloan (D)	Kinta
Clerk	Gail Brown (D)	Stigler
Sheriff	Manuel Ballard (D)	Stigler
Treasurer	Gale Mitchell (D)	Kinta
Assessor	Roger Ballard (D)	Keota
Election Brd. Sec.	Marcia Goff (D)	Stigler
Dist. 1 Comm.	Kenny Short (D)	Keota
Dist. 2 Comm.	Sam Cole (D)	Stigler
Dist. 3 Comm.	Henry Few (D)	Whitefield

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$24,371,425	\$25,235,830	\$864,405
Personal Subject to Tax	\$10,853,560	\$11,665,335	\$811,775
Total Locally Assessed	\$35,224,985	\$36,901,165	\$1,676,180
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$3,250,085	\$3,251,135	\$1,050
Net Assessed Locally	\$31,974,900	\$33,650,030	\$1,675,130
Public Service Assessment	\$8,711,131	\$8,608,864	(\$102,267)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$40,686,031	\$42,258,894	\$1,572,863

**County Seat**—Stigler (Pop. 2,777) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—625.27 square miles

**Per Capita Income** (2003)—\$21,424 (Ranks 48th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats** (2000)—Fem.—6,026, Male—5,766 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—9,134; Bl.—72; Am. Ind.—1,715; As.—32; Other—3; Pacific Is.—0; Two or more races—659; Hisp.—177

**Births** (2003)—155 • **Deaths** (2003)—157

**Unemployment Rate** (2003)—7.0%

**Labor Force** (2003)—5,620

**Number of Establishments** (2002)—229

**Number of Manufacturers** (2002)—5

**Public Assistance Payments** (FY2004)—\$415,681  
TANF—\$144,857 • Supplements—Aged—\$85,216; Blind—\$2,121; Disabled—\$183,487

**Vehicle Registration** (2004)—Automobiles—7,652; Farm Trucks—1,590; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—646; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—303; Motorcycles—172; Manufactured Homes—17; Tax Exempt Licenses—242; Boats—1,243

**Crime Incidents** (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—4; Robbery—2; Fel. Assault—43; Breaking and Entering—40; Larceny—108; Motor Vehicle Theft—23; Arson—2 • Total Crime Index—221; Crime Rate per 1,000—18.75

**Farms** (2002)—901 • **Land in Farms** (2002)—274,562

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	16,865
1910	18,875
1920	19,397
1930	16,216
1940	17,324
1950	13,313
1960	9,121
1970	9,578
1980	11,010
1990	10,940
2000	11,792
2004 Estimate	12,088

**Major Lakes**—Eufaula, Webbers Falls, Robert S. Kerr lakes

**Major Stream Systems**—Tributaries of Arkansas between state line and mouth of Canadian River, and the Poteau River

**Minerals**—oil and gas, coal

