



Jackson

Formed in 1907 from a portion of the original disputed Greer County, Jackson County was named for the Confederate hero, General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson. Altus, the county seat, lies in the heart of “irrigation country.” Primary crops are cotton, wheat, and grain sorghum. Cattle and greyhounds are bred and raised in this area.

Altus Air Force Base is the largest industry in the county. Higher education is provided by Western Oklahoma State College, a two-year accredited institution. Southwest Technology Center provides vocation-technical education for this region. Museum of the Western Prairie shows life in early southwest Oklahoma. Other history and genealogical collections are preserved at the Altus Public Library, headquarters of the Southern Prairie Library System. The Shortgrass Arts and Humanities Council sponsors numerous cultural activities including an annual arts festival in the fall. Annual events include the Great Plains Stampede Rodeo in late August, Jackson County Fair, and the Fall Festival in September, and Christmas Lighting Display the month of December. Recreational opportunities are available fifteen miles north of Altus at Quartz Mountain State Park and Lake Altus-Lugert.

Local historical societies include Jackson County Historical Society and Western Trails Historical Society. For more information, call the Altus Chamber of Commerce at 580/482-0210.

Districts

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County Officials

Court Clerk	Sonya Tutten (D)	Blair
Clerk	Louise Snodgrass (D)	Altus
Sheriff	Morris Roberts (D)	Headrick
Treasurer	Janet Wright (D)	Altus
Assessor	J.C. Brooks (D)	Blair
Election Brd. Sec.	Mary Mitchell (D)	Altus
Dist. 1 Comm.	Dale Dunn (D)	Martha
Dist. 2 Comm.	Ricky Crouch (D)	Altus
Dist. 3 Comm.	Douglas G. Lanford (D)	Duke

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$80,573,928	\$82,132,054	\$1,558,126
Personal Subject to Tax	\$13,629,089	\$13,981,902	\$352,813
Total Locally Assessed	\$94,203,017	\$96,113,956	\$1,910,939
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$4,414,000	\$4,399,412	(\$14,588)
Net Assessed Locally	\$89,789,017	\$91,714,544	\$1,925,527
Public Service Assessment	\$12,150,537	\$12,056,836	(\$93,701)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$101,939,554	\$103,771,380	\$1,831,826

County Seat—Altus (Pop. 20,559) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—804.15 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$25,038 (17th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—14,282, Male—14,157 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—20,329; Bl.—2,245; Am. Ind.—442; As.—323; Other—24; Pacific
Is.—36; Two or more races—594; Hisp.—4,446

Births (2003)—462 • **Deaths (2003)**—287

Unemployment Rate (2003)—3.2%

Labor Force (2003)—13,480

Number of Establishments (2002)—576

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—17

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$566,389
TANF—\$202,650 • Supplements—Aged—\$105,704;
Blind—\$2,152; Disabled—\$255,883

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—21,690;
Farm Trucks—2,043; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—919; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—623;
Motorcycles—868; Manufactured Homes—22; Tax
Exempt Licenses—150; Boats—1,586

Institutions of Higher Learning—Western
Oklahoma State College, Altus

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—2; Rape—22; Robbery—18; Fel. Assault—49; Breaking and Entering—
571; Larceny—717; Motor Vehicle Theft—51; Arson—7 • Total Crime Index—1,430; Crime Rate per
1,000—5205

Farms (2002)—732 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—453,654

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	17,087
1910	23,737
1920	22,141
1930	28,910
1940	22,708
1950	20,082
1960	29,736
1970	30,902
1980	30,356
1990	28,764
2000	28,439
2004 Estimate	27,182

Major Stream Systems—North Fork,
Salt Fork and Prairie Dog Town Fork
of Red River

Museums and Historic Sites—
Museum of the Western Prairie at
Altus

Minerals—oil and gas

