



Lincoln

Organized October 1, 1891, and named by popular vote for President Abraham Lincoln, the county was originally a part of the Creek Nation. As a result of the Treaty of 1866, however, the area was ceded by the Creeks and settled by the Sac and Fox, Iowa, Kickapoo, and Pottawatomie Indians.

Cattle trails began to appear after the Civil War, and the West Shawnee Trail passed through the area as Texas herds were driven to Kansas. After the Cherokee Commission secured allotment of these lands, they were opened September 22, 1891, with 20,000 homesteaders participating in this land run. Although cotton was the principal crop in the early days, castor beans and broom corn were also money crops. By 1915, oil was discovered near Chandler, followed by the discovery of the Stroud Field in 1923 and later the Davenport oil boom.

Annual county celebrations include an Ice Cream Festival in June and a July 4th Celebration both in Chandler, Nettie Davenport Day held in Davenport, the International Brick Throwing Contest held in Stroud in July, and the Kolache Festival held in Prague each May. An Indian Summer Arts Festival on the last Saturday in September is held in Chandler.

The Lincoln County Historical Society published *Lincoln County, Oklahoma History*, in 1988. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 405/258-1264 or the Museum of Pioneer History at 405/258-2425.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Cindy Kirby (D)	Chandler
St. Sen. 12, 21, 28	Clerk	Debbie Greenfield (D)	Chandler
St. Rep. 32	Sheriff	A.T. Brixey (R)	Chandler
D.A. 23	Treasurer	Babe Milam (D)	Chandler
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Randy Wintz (D)	Stroud
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 2	Elect. Brd. Sec.	M. Stambaugh (D)	Davenport
Supreme Ct. Jud. 8	Dist. 1 Comm.	Ted O'Donnell (D)	Carney
N.Cent. Jud. Adm. 23	Dist. 2 Comm.	James Melson (D)	Chandler
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Pat McGinnis (D)	Prague

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$72,120,312	\$74,895,994	\$2,775,682
Personal Subject to Tax	\$18,850,045	\$19,676,905	\$826,860
Total Locally Assessed	\$90,970,357	\$94,572,899	\$3,602,542
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$8,354,306	\$8,336,282	(\$18,024)
Net Assessed Locally	\$82,616,051	\$86,236,617	\$3,620,566
Public Service Assessment	\$28,493,503	\$29,008,660	\$515,157
Net Assessed Valuation	\$111,109,554	\$115,245,277	\$4,135,723

County Seat—Chandler (Pop. 2,824) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—965.62 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$20,648 (Ranks 56th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—16,259, Male—15,821 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—27,498; Bl.—780; Am. Ind.—2,069; As.—77; Other—8; Pacific Is.—5;
Two or more races—1,160; Hisp.—483

Births (2003)—392 • **Deaths (2003)**—369

Unemployment Rate (2003)—6.0%

Labor Force (2003)—13,140

Number of Establishments (2002)—522

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—20

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$452,997
TANF—\$130,555 • Supplements—Aged—\$74,814; Blind—
\$1,859; Disabled—\$245,769

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—22,458;
Farm Trucks—2,541; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—1,528; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—982;
Motorcycles—710; Manufactured Homes—44; Tax
Exempt Licenses—109; Boats—2,805

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—6; Robbery—
1; Fel. Assault—113; Breaking and Entering—159;
Larceny—253; Motor Vehicle Theft—44; Arson—5 • Total Crime Index—577; Crime Rate per 1,000—17.79

Farms (2002)—2,218 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—472,446

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	37,293
1910	34,779
1920	35,406
1930	33,738
1940	29,529
1950	22,102
1960	18,783
1970	19,482
1980	26,601
1990	29,216
2000	32,080
2004 Estimate	32,386

Major Stream Systems—Deep Fork,
Cimarron, and North Canadian rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—
Lincoln County Historical Society of
Pioneer History, Chandler

Minerals—oil and gas

