



McCurtain

The topography of McCurtain County, in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma, varies from the rugged foothills of the Ouachita Mountains in the north to the fertile coastal plain in the south. The county has a unique heritage ranging from the Caddoan mound builders to the first white settlements in the early nineteenth century, including seventy-five years of Choctaw sovereignty, and finally statehood.

The county name is that of a prominent Choctaw family, several of whose members served as chiefs. The Choctaw period left such historic sites as the Wheelock Mission Church and Academy. The Dierks family developed large holdings beginning before the turn of the century, and sold the land to Weyerhaeuser Company in 1969.

Weyerhaeuser is the largest employer and has a paper mill in Valliant and a sawmill in Wright City. Other major employers are Tyson Foods, Inc., a poultry processing plant; Georgia-Pacific, a saw mill; SETCO, a company that builds solid tires for heavy equipment and ships worldwide; and Hagle Industries, a garment manufacturing plant. Tourism is also a major industry with Beavers Bend State Resort, Museum of the Red River, hunting, fishing, and historic sites.

For more information, call the county clerk's office at 580/286-2370.

Districts County Officials

Cong.	2	Court Clerk	Vickie Justus Garrett (D)	Idabel
St. Sen.	5	Clerk	Karen Bryan Conaway (D)	Idabel
St. Rep.	1	Sheriff	Johnny Tadlock (D)	Idabel
D.A.	17	Treasurer	JoAnn Strawn (D)	Idabel
Ct. of Appeals	3	Assessor	Tom Porton (D)	Idabel
Ct. of Crim. Appeals...	3	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Lue Davis (D)	Idabel
Supreme Ct. Jud.....	2	Dist. 1 Comm.	Jim Freeny (D)	Broken Bow
S.E. Jud. Adm.....	17	Dist. 2 Comm.	Aubrey Thompson (D)	Haworth
		Dist. 3 Comm.	Jimmy Westbrook (D)	Broken Bow

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$74,163,375	\$77,782,106	\$3,618,731
Personal Subject to Tax	\$55,528,999	\$67,439,233	\$11,910,234
Total Locally Assessed	\$129,692,374	\$145,221,339	\$15,528,965
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$8,386,126	\$8,243,143	(\$142,983)
Net Assessed Locally	\$121,306,248	\$136,978,196	\$15,671,948
Public Service Assessment	\$24,627,470	\$24,418,656	(\$209,084)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$145,933,988	\$161,396,852	\$15,462,864

County Seat—Idabel (Pop. 6,946) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—1,901.32 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003)—\$20,531 (Ranks 57th of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2002)—Fem.—17,845, Male—16,557 • **Ethnicity**—
 Wh.—23,922; Bl.—3,173; Am. Ind.—4,532; As.—73; Other—12; Pacific
 Is.—4; Two or more races—1,622; Hisp.—1,064
Births (2003)—485 • **Deaths (2003)**—409
Unemployment Rate (2003)—10.6%
Labor Force (2003)—14,890
Number of Establishments (2002)—585
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—24
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$1,281,598
 TANF—\$427,220 • Supplements—Aged—\$256,972;
 Blind—\$1,385; Disabled—\$596,021
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—25,274;
 Farm Trucks—4,148; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
 Trailers—1,199; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,634;
 Motorcycles—650; Manufactured Homes—76; Tax
 Exempt Licenses—119; Boats—5,400
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—6; Rape—9; Robbery—
 13; Fel. Assault—100; Breaking and Entering—249;
 Larceny—694; Motor Vehicle Theft—63; Arson—20 • Total
 Crime Index—1,134; Crime Rate per 1,000—33.00
Farms (2002)—1,855 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—
 357,991

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	13,198
1910	20,681
1920	37,905
1930	34,759
1940	41,318
1950	31,588
1960	25,851
1970	28,642
1980	36,151
1990	33,339
2000	34,402
2004 Estimate	34,046

Recreation Area—Beavers Bend, Hochatown, Pine Creek
Major Lakes—Pine Creek, Broken Bow
Major Stream Systems—Little River, Red River and minor tributaries to the Red River
Museums and Historic Sites—Wheelock Mission, Memorial Indian Museum, Broken Bow; Magnolia Mansion, Museum of the Red River, Forest Heritage Ctr., Barnes-Stevenson House
Minerals—oil & gas, crushed stone

