



Muskogee

Named for the Muskogee Creek Indians, Muskogee County was created at statehood. The city of Muskogee, the county seat, became the focal point for the Five Civilized Tribes when the Union Agency established its headquarters in what is now Honor Heights Park. The old Union Agency Building is now the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and the famous Azalea Festival is held in the park each April. The park is also home to the Garden of Lights in December.

Other attractions to the county include: USS *Batfish*, a World War II submarine anchored at Port of Muskogee; Bacone College, established in 1879 as a university for Indians, and Bacone College Indian Museum; Fort Gibson Stockade, built in 1824 to protect area settlers and the oldest military post in Oklahoma; and Honey Springs Battlefield, site of the largest Civil War battle fought in Oklahoma.

Muskogee County's economy is based primarily on agriculture, but oil, industry, and recreation have also been part of the building of this county's economics. The city of Muskogee itself is within thirty minutes of five major lakes.

Historical Allies is a history book about Muskogee County and was written by John W. Morris and Edwin C. McReynolds. The Muskogee County Historical Society offers more information about the area, and a state tourist information center is located in Muskogee. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 918/682-2169.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 2	Court Clerk	Paula Sexton (D)	Muskogee
St. Sen. 9	Clerk	Karen Anderson (D)	Porum
St. Rep. 13, 14, 15, 16	Sheriff	Charles Pearson (D)	Muskogee
D.A. 15	Treasurer	Glen Scott (D)	Muskogee
Ct. of Appeals 2	Assessor	Dan Ashwood (D)	Webbers Falls
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 2	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Bill Settle (D)	Muskogee
Supreme Ct. Jud. 7	Dist. 1 Comm.	Gene Wallace (D)	Ft. Gibson
E. Cent. Jud. Adm. 15 (Div. II)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Ronnie Pevehouse (D)	Webbers Falls
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Dexter Payne (D)	Muskogee

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$182,664,105	\$193,965,725	\$11,301,620
Personal Subject to Tax	\$72,714,620	\$80,661,110	\$7,946,490
Total Locally Assessed	\$255,378,725	\$274,626,835	\$19,248,110
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$14,465,012	\$14,111,655	(\$353,357)
Net Assessed Locally	\$240,913,713	\$260,515,180	\$19,601,467
Public Service Assessment	\$120,676,532	\$118,696,677	(\$1,979,855)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$361,590,245	\$379,211,857	\$17,621,612

County Seat—Muskogee (Pop. 38,635) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—838.99 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$22,012 (Ranks 42nd of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—35,936, Male—33,515 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—43,606; Bl.—9,076; Am. Ind.—10,175; As.—394; Other—40; Pacific Is.—21; Two or more races 4,282; Hisp.—1,857

Births (2003)—965 • **Deaths (2003)**—803

Unemployment Rate (2003)—7.3%

Labor Force (2003)—31,260

Establishments (2002)—1,592

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—78

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$1,925,114
TANF—\$749,806 • Supplements—Aged—\$268,197;
Blind—\$15,176; Disabled—\$891,935

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—49,224;
Farm Trucks—2,146; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—3,331; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,533;
Motorcycles—1,309; Manufactured Homes—204; Tax
Exempt Licenses—258; Boats—5,664

Institutions of Higher Learning—Connors
State College, Warner; Bacone College, Muskogee;
Northeastern State University, Muskogee Branch

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—6; Rape—24;
Robbery—69; Fel. Assault—227; Breaking and Entering—
906; Larceny—1,242; Motor Vehicle Theft—210; Arson—27
• Total Crime Index—2,684; Crime Rate per 1,000—38.16

Farms (2002)—1,740 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—351,895

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	37,467
1910	52,743
1920	61,710
1930	66,424
1940	65,914
1950	65,573
1960	61,866
1970	59,542
1980	67,033
1990	68,078
2000	69,451
2004 Estimate	70,626

Recreation Area—Greenleaf

Major Lakes—Webbers Falls, Greenleaf

Major Stream Systems—Arkansas
and Grand rivers and minor tributaries
to Deep Fork and Canadian rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—
Five Civilized Tribes Museum,
Thomas Foreman Home, USS *Batfish*,
Ataloa Lodge, Muskogee; Bacone
College Indian Museum, Bacone; Ft.
Gibson Stockade, Ft. Gibson

Minerals—oil and gas, coal

