



# Okmulgee

The name Okmulgee comes from a Creek word meaning “boiling water.” Created at statehood from lands in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, the county seat, Okmulgee, has been the capital of the Creek Nation since the Civil War. The Indians chose the site in the belief that tornadoes would not strike the area and so far history has proven them correct.

Two local lakes furnish most of the water for the county. Major highways are I-40, east-west, and S.H. 75, north-south. Burlington Northern Railroad maintains a station for shipping.

Points of interest are: the Creek Council House Museum (former meeting place of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes), the Creek Tribal Complex, Samuel Checote gravesite, Oklahoma State University–Okmulgee, Nuyaka Mission, and Okmulgee State Park. A Pecan Festival is held mid-June annually in Okmulgee and a Labor Day celebration is observed in Henryetta each year. Both cities support public libraries. The City of Okmulgee is a participant in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce’s Main Street project.

*History of Okmulgee County* offers information about the area. For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 918/758-1203.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 2	Court Clerk	Linda K. Beaver (D)	Okmulgee
St. Sen. .... 8	Clerk	Becky Thomas (D)	Henryetta
St. Rep. .... 16, 24	Sheriff	Eddy Rice (D)	Beggs
D.A. .... 24	Treasurer	Vonna Lampkins (D)	Beggs
Ct. of Appeals ..... 2	Assessor	Regina P. Mengers (D)	Henryetta
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 2	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Ann Powders (D)	Okmulgee
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 7	Dist. 1 Comm.	Ron Ballard (D)	Beggs
E. Cent. Jud. Adm. .... 24 (Div. III)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Roger Ballenger (D)	Okmulgee
	Dist. 3 Comm.	James Connors (D)	Dewar

## Property Valuations

	2003–2004 Assessment	2004–2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$81,862,080	\$84,164,410	\$2,302,330
Personal Subject to Tax	\$23,232,027	\$23,854,147	\$622,120
Total Locally Assessed	\$150,094,107	\$108,018,557	\$2,924,450
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$9,021,736	\$8,997,635	(\$24,101)
Net Assessed Locally	\$96,072,371	\$99,020,922	\$2,948,551
Public Service Assessment	\$21,873,110	\$24,601,283	\$2,728,173
Net Assessed Valuation	\$117,945,481	\$123,622,205	\$5,676,724

**County Seat**—Okmulgee (Pop. 12,727) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—702.32 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$19,418 (68th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—20,329, Male—19,356 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—27,395; Bl.—4,030; Am. Ind.—5,000; As.—74; Other—13; Pacific Is.—6; Two or more races—2,395; Hisp.—772

**Births (2003)**—525 • **Deaths (2003)**—478

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—9.7%

**Labor Force (2003)**—15,640

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—710

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—40

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$988,524  
TANF—\$316,434 • Supplements—Aged—\$153,076;  
Blind—\$1,141; Disabled—\$517,873

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—26,133;  
Farm Trucks—1,807; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—1,092; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,086;  
Motorcycles—584; Manufactured Homes—108; Tax  
Exempt Licenses—138; Boats—3,336

**Institutions of Higher Learning**—Oklahoma State  
University—Okmulgee

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—0; Rape—15;  
Robbery—22; Fel. Assault—83; Breaking & Entering—336;  
Larceny—699; Motor Vehicle Theft—90; Arson—7 • Total  
Crime Index—1,245; Crime Rate per 1,000—31.11

**Farms (2002)**—1,268 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—288,969

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	14,362
1910	21,115
1920	55,072
1930	56,558
1940	50,101
1950	44,561
1960	36,945
1970	35,358
1980	39,169
1990	36,490
2000	39,685
2004 Estimate	39,890

**Recreation Area**—Okmulgee

**Major Stream Systems**—Deep Fork  
and tributaries to the main stream of  
the Arkansas River

**Museums and Historic Sites**—  
Creek National Council House  
Museum and Nuyaka Mission Site  
both at Okmulgee

**Minerals**—oil and gas, coal

