



Ottawa

The extreme northeastern county of Oklahoma, bordering Kansas and Missouri, is named for the Ottawa Indians. But Ottawa comes from the Algonquian term adawe, meaning to “buy and sell.” This county has been the home to members of a greater number of Indian tribes than any other county in the United States.

With 71 percent of the total land area in farms, as much as 60 percent of the county’s agricultural income is from livestock and dairy products, and the rest from such crops as wheat, corn, grain sorghums, soybeans, and grass. The early existence of a vast lead and zinc field is evident from huge mountains of chat still present in the northern part of the county.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is located at Miami, the county seat. Industries in the county include clothing, furniture, boat, metal and leather manufacturing, mushroom cultivation, and concrete and block production.

Two books, *Pictorial Reflections of Ottawa County* and *History of Ottawa County*, have been written about the county. For additional information, contact the Ottawa County Historical Society or call the county clerk’s office at 918/542-3332.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 2	Court Clerk	Cathy Williams (D)	Miami
St. Sen. 1	Clerk	Reba Sill (D)	Miami
St. Rep. 7	Sheriff	Dennis King (D)	Miami
D.A. 13	Treasurer	Brenda Conner (D)	Commerce
Ct. of Appeals 2	Assessor	Linda Kelly (D)	Quapaw
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 1	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Dave E. Charloe (D)	Miami
Supreme Ct. Jud. 1	Dist. 1 Comm.	John Clarke (D)	Quapaw
N.E. Jud. Adm. 13	Dist. 2 Comm.	Kenneth Palmer (D)	Miami
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Russell Earls (D)	Fairland

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$71,089,129	\$73,828,912	\$2,739,783
Personal Subject to Tax	\$19,112,739	\$19,464,283	\$351,544
Total Locally Assessed	\$90,201,868	\$93,293,195	\$3,091,327
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$7,649,399	\$7,481,700	(\$167,699)
Net Assessed Locally	\$82,552,469	\$85,811,495	\$3,259,026
Public Service Assessment	\$14,027,377	\$13,681,805	(\$345,572)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$96,579,846	\$99,493,300	\$2,913,454

County Seat—Miami (Pop. 14,485) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—484.73 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$20,784 (Ranks 55th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—17,085, Male—16,109 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—24,193; Bl.—192; Am. Ind.—5,435; As.—97; Other—6; Pacific
Is.—42; Two or more races—2,171; Hisp.—1,061

Births (2003)—397 • **Deaths (2003)**—427

Unemployment Rate (2003)—9.0%

Labor Force (2003)—13,310

Number of Establishments (2002)—678

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—56

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$669,934
TANF—\$153,190 • Supplements —Aged—\$102,927;
Blind—\$6,846; Disabled—\$406,971

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—23,867;
Farm Trucks—1,542; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—1,330; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—793;
Motorcycles—834; Manufactured Homes—58; Tax
Exempt Licenses—96; Boats—4,234

Institutions of Higher Learning—Northeastern
Oklahoma A&M College, Miami

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—8; Robbery—
6; Fel. Assault—70; Breaking and Entering—280; Larceny—
717; Motor Vehicle Theft—42; Arson—11 • Total Crime
Index—1,124; Crime Rate per 1,000—33.85

Farms (2002)—1,137 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—
226,436

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	12,827
1910	15,713
1920	41,108
1930	38,542
1940	35,849
1950	32,218
1960	28,301
1970	29,800
1980	32,870
1990	30,561
2000	33,194
2004 Estimate	32,737

Recreation Area—Twin Bridges,
Spring River Canoe Trails

Major Lake—Grand Lake O' the
Cherokees

Major Stream Systems—Grand
River and its tributaries

Museums and Historic Sites—
Dobson Memorial Center, Dobson
Museum, Intertribal Cultural Center
at Miami

Minerals—oil and gas; crushed stone,
abrasives

