



Seminole

Taking its name from a Creek word meaning “runaway” or “those who camp at a distance,” this county was originally part of the Seminole Nation, Indian Territory. As a result of a treaty with the Creeks in 1856, the Seminoles received an estimated 2,169,080 acres of land in the Indian Territory where they could establish their own government and laws. They were the last of the Five Civilized Tribes to organize their government in this region.

Although oil exploration began near Wewoka as early as 1902, it was not until 1923 and the discovery of the Greater Seminole Field that the county experienced an economic boom. By September 1929, this became the premier high-gravity oil field in the United States. Now, agriculture and manufacturing also contribute to the economy.

Businesses engaged in the production of clothing, oil field chemicals and tanks, air blasting equipment, and others are located in the area. Seminole State College continues the tradition first exemplified by the founding of the Mekasukey Academy for Seminole boys in 1891 and the Emahaka Boarding School for Seminole girls in 1893.

Sources of recreational activities include area lakes as well as public golf courses in Seminole and Wewoka. For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 405/257-2501.

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County Officials

Court Clerk	Sharon Post (D)	Seminole
Clerk	Tim Anderson (D)	Wewoka
Sheriff	Joe Craig (D)	Seminole
Treasurer	Jim Hardin (D)	Seminole
Assessor	Sharon Butler (D)	Wewoka
Elect. Brd. Sec.	Mary Jo Rains (D)	Konawa
Dist. 1 Comm.	Ted Eberle (D)	Konawa
Dist. 2 Comm.	Jvon James (D)	Seminole
Dist. 3 Comm.	Ray Stafford (D)	Wewoka

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$46,567,649	\$49,111,953	\$2,544,304
Personal Subject to Tax	\$11,883,846	\$12,347,354	\$463,508
Total Locally Assessed	\$58,451,495	\$61,459,307	\$3,007,812
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$6,174,804	\$6,149,735	(\$25,069)
Net Assessed Locally	\$52,276,691	\$55,309,572	\$3,032,881
Public Service Assessment	\$42,449,005	\$42,449,005	\$0
Net Assessed Valuation	\$94,725,696	\$97,758,577	\$3,032,881

County Seat—Wewoka (Pop. 3,417) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—640.57 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$19,699 (Ranks 64th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—12,884, Male—12,010 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—17,401; Bl.—1,375; Am. Ind.—4,256; As.—53; Other—9; Pacific
Is.—12; Two or more races—1,236; Hisp.—552

Births (2003)—424 • **Deaths (2003)**—328

Unemployment Rate (2003)—10.6%

Labor Force (2003)—10,550

Number of Establishments (2002)—485

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—21

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$1,048,594
TANF—\$716,659 • Supplements—Aged—\$143,509;
Blind—\$1,276; Disabled—\$387,150

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—17,595;
Farm Trucks—1,536; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—1,388; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—712;
Motorcycles—496; Manufactured Homes—53; Tax
Exempt Licenses—56; Boats—1,726

Institutions of Higher Learning—Seminole State
College, Seminole

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—2; Rape—6; Robbery—14; Fel. Assault—66; Breaking and Entering—
230; Larceny—457; Motor Vehicle Theft—62; Arson—14 • Total Crime Index—837; Crime Rate per
1,000—33.67

Farms (2002)—1,167 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—279,262

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	14,687
1910	19,964
1920	23,808
1930	79,621
1940	61,201
1950	40,672
1960	28,066
1970	25,144
1980	27,473
1990	25,412
2000	24,894
2004 Estimate	24,679

Major Stream Systems—North
Canadian, Little and Canadian rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—
Seminole Nation Museum at Wewoka

Minerals—oil and gas, lime, crushed
stone, clays

