

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.

Districts	County Officials		
Cong5	Court Clerk	Sharon Post (D)	Seminole
St. Sen 28	Clerk	Tim Anderson (D)	Wewoka
St. Rep 28	Sheriff	Joe Craig (D)	Seminole
D.A22	Treasurer	Jim Hardin (D)	Seminole
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Sharon Butler (D)	Wewoka
Ct. of Crim. Appeals 3	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Mary Jo Rains (D)	Konawa
Supreme Ct. Jud 8	Dist. 1 Comm.	Ted Eberle (D)	Konawa
S. Cent. Jud. Adm 22	Dist. 2 Comm.	Jvon James (D)	Seminole
(Div. II & Div. III)	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

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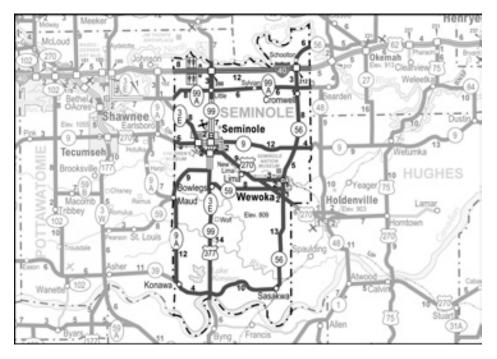
1907 (Okla. Terr.) 14,687
1910 19,964
1920
1930
1940 61,201
1950 40,672
1960
1970 25,144
1980 27,473
1990
2000
2004 Estimate 24,679

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

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