



# Texas

Texas County was formed at statehood from the central one-third of “Old Beaver County,” also known as “No Man’s Land.” It took its name from the state of Texas. Its county seat is named for E. T. Guymon, uncle of George E. Ellison, who established the first business in that town.

The Beaver River is the principal stream in Texas County, rising in northeastern New Mexico and emptying into the Canadian River near Eufaula. It is joined by Wolf Creek near Fort Supply and from there becomes known as the North Canadian River.

Texas County consists of level plains and rolling hills. Many trees, especially cottonwood, grow along the streams. A large number of irrigation wells in the county help stabilize farming.

Wheat, grain sorghums, and cattle are the chief agricultural industries, ranking near the top among counties of the state in all three. The county ranks high in natural gas and petroleum, being first in gas production among all counties of the United States. Industries in the area include gasoline extraction plants, and beef and pork production.

The county is served by three historical societies: Texhoma Historical Society, Beaver River Historical Society, and Daughters of the American Revolution. For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/338-3141.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 3	Court Clerk	Karen Parish (D)	Guymon
St. Sen. .... 27	Clerk	Marcia Hollingshead (D)	Guymon
St. Rep. .... 61	Sheriff	Arnold Peoples (D)	Goodwell
D.A. .... 1	Treasurer	Rita Wise (D)	Guymon
Ct. of Appeals ..... 6	Assessor	Thyra Grounds (D)	Guymon
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Melissa Costner (R)	Guymon
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Ray Deputy (R)	Hooker
N.W. Jud. Adm. .... 1	Dist. 2 Comm.	Gary Winters (R)	Guymon
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Harvey Hale (D)	Texhoma

## Property Valuations

	2003–2004 Assessment	2004–2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$87,838,365	\$88,333,299	\$494,934
Personal Subject to Tax	\$63,318,008	\$61,156,032	(\$2,161,976)
Total Locally Assessed	\$151,156,373	\$149,489,331	(\$1,667,042)
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$3,588,839	\$3,583,509	(\$5,330)
Net Assessed Locally	\$147,567,534	\$145,905,822	(\$1,661,712)
Public Service Assessment	\$24,075,089	\$24,593,569	\$518,480
Net Assessed Valuation	\$171,642,623	\$170,499,391	(\$1,143,232)

**County Seat**—Guymon (Pop. 10,565) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—2,048.81 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$25,220 (Ranks 14th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—9,764, Male—10,343 • **Ethnicity**—  
Wh.—13,420; Bl.—114; Am. Ind.—289; As.—107; Other—15; Pacific  
Is.—21; Two or more races—238; Hisp.—6,003

**Births (2003)**—376 • **Deaths (2003)**—142

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—2.2%

**Labor Force (2003)**—14,040

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—487

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—9

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$131,453  
TANF—\$51,094 • Supplements—Aged—\$23,961; Blind—  
\$819; Disabled—\$55,579

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—15,261;  
Farm Trucks—2,818; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—1,409; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—578;  
Motorcycles—520; Manufactured Homes—55; Tax  
Exempt Licenses—50; Boats—632

**Institutions of Higher Learning**—Oklahoma  
Panhandle State University, Goodwell

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—0; Rape—12;  
Robbery—5; Fel. Assault—27; Breaking and Entering—97;  
Larceny—377; Motor Vehicle Theft—25; Arson—2 • **Total Crime Index**—543; **Crime Rate per 1,000**—26.78

**Farms (2002)**—1,002 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—1,181,025

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	16,448
1910	14,249
1920	13,975
1930	14,100
1940	9,896
1950	14,235
1960	14,162
1970	16,352
1980	17,727
1990	16,419
2000	20,107
2004 Estimate	20,296

**Major Lake**—Optima

**Major Stream Systems**—North  
Canadian (Beaver) and Cimarron  
rivers

**Museums and Historic Sites**—No  
Man's Land Historical Museum,  
Goodwell

**Minerals**—oil and gas

