



Woodward

When the Cherokee Outlet was opened to settlement in 1893, the name “Woodward” was given to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe station in central “N” County, Oklahoma Territory. The name was given later to the county.

Woodward, the county seat, became a shipping point for cattle, and in 1913, the United States located an agricultural research station there. Woodward celebrated its centennial year in 1987. It remains a hub for commerce in northwest Oklahoma.

Agriculture and petroleum have contributed to the county’s economy. Today Woodward Iodine, Western Farmer’s Electrical Co-op, Bison Nitrogen, Terra Chemical, Deepwater Chemicals, and Mutual of Omaha are the examples of the county’s industrial development.

Scenic areas include Boiling Springs State Park northeast of Woodward, and Alabaster Caverns State Park in the northern section of the county. Fort Supply Reservoir provides hunting, fishing, camping, and swimming activities. Boiling Springs Golf Course is rated one of the top ten public courses in the state.

History books written about the county include *Below Devil’s Gap*; *Woodward, First Century on Sand, Sage, and Prairie*; and *Sand In My Eyes*. A state tourism center is operated in Woodward. For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/256-3625 or the Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum at 580/256-6136.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Jenny Hopkins (D)	Woodward
St. Sen. 27	Clerk	Ron Hohweiler (R)	Woodward
St. Rep. 58,59,61	Sheriff	Leslie Morton (D)	Woodward
D.A. 26	Treasurer	Wilma Blaylock (R)	Alva
Ct. of Appeals 6	Assessor	Debbie Gentry (D)	Woodward
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Carol Carrell (D)	Woodward
Supreme Ct. Jud. 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Ralph Triplett Jr. (R)	Mooreland
N.W. Jud. Adm. 4 (Div. I)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Ted Craighead (R)	Mutual
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Vernie R. Matt (D)	Fargo

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$67,466,026	\$69,509,805	\$2,043,779
Personal Subject to Tax	\$29,109,375	\$36,536,701	\$7,427,326
Total Locally Assessed	\$96,575,401	\$106,046,506	\$9,471,105
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$4,553,017	\$4,508,921	(\$44,096)
Net Assessed Locally	\$92,022,384	\$101,537,585	\$9,515,201
Public Service Assessment	\$18,635,621	\$18,998,578	\$362,957
Net Assessed Valuation	\$110,658,005	\$120,536,163	\$9,878,158

County Seat—Woodward (Pop. 11,789) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—1,246.01 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$21,581 (Ranks 46th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—9,247, Male—9,239 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—16,692; Bl.—202; Am. Ind.—366; As.—89; Other—7; Pacific Is.—2;
Two or more races—232; Hisp.—896

Births (2003)—270 • **Deaths (2003)**—190

Unemployment Rate (2003)—4.5%

Labor Force (2003)—9,020

Number of Establishments (2002)—709

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—30

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$212,068

TANF—\$138,553 • Supplements—Aged—\$17,625;
Blind—\$57; Disabled—\$145,833

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—16,079;
Farm Trucks—1,942; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—1,973; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—830;
Motorcycles—657; Manufactured Homes—65; Tax
Exempt Licenses—67; Boats—1,481

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—10;
Robbery—2; Fel. Assault—77; Breaking and Entering—161;
Larceny—357; Motor Vehicle Theft—19; Arson—6 • Total
Crime Index—627; Crime Rate per 1,000—31.01

Farms (2002)—842 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—726,473

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	14,595
1910	16,592
1920	14,663
1930	15,844
1940	16,270
1950	14,383
1960	13,902
1970	15,537
1980	21,172
1990	18,976
2000	18,486
2004 Estimate	18,741

Recreation Area—Alabaster Caverns,
Boiling Springs state parks

Major Lake—Fort Supply

Major Stream Systems—Cimarron
and North Canadian rivers and their
tributaries

Museums and Historic Sites—Fort
Supply Museum and Plains Indians
& Pioneer Museum & Arts Center at
Woodward

Minerals—oil and gas, iodine

