



# COMMUNITY STATUS REPORT

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# FOR OVER SEVENTY YEARS, UNITED WAY OF PAYNE COUNTY HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN PAYNE COUNTY.

WITH A VISION TO CREATE COMMUNITIES WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE AND NEIGHBORS CARE, UNITED WAY OF PAYNE COUNTY IS A “COLLECTIVE IMPACT” ORGANIZATION. BY FOCUSING ON EXTENSIVE COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL NONPROFITS, BUSINESSES, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO COLLABORATE AND IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY’S MOST PERVASIVE CHALLENGES. A KEY PART OF THIS WORK IS THE PUBLICATION OF THIS COMMUNITY STATUS REPORT.

This is the second year that the United Way of Payne County has partnered with the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University on this report. This report aims to help create informed citizens and stakeholders in Payne County based on objective data about the current state of the county.

This report provides information on county demographics, education, safety, health, economics and other topics that bring awareness to the many needs of those living in eight cities and towns in Payne County. By identifying and understanding these underlying issues, we can begin to work toward building stronger communities for all. Data is based on the most recent year of information publicly available at the time of collection.

United Way of Payne County is at the forefront of driving lasting change and community collaboration. This work only continues to grow thanks to the efforts of its partner agencies, community partners, engaged donors and other stakeholders. With your support, we will continue our mission of uniting resources to improve the lives of individuals in Payne County.

## OUR FOCUS AREAS

United Way across Oklahoma fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community.

United Way of Payne County does this by investing donated dollars and volunteer time in 23 nonprofit partner agencies and projects that focus on these areas:



### EXPANDING EDUCATION

Literacy  
Academic Achievement  
Information & Referrals  
Character Building  
Community Engagement



### IMPROVING HEALTH & SAFETY

Access to Safe Shelter  
Access to Care  
Prevention  
Mental Health  
Physical Health  
Quality of Life



### REDUCING POVERTY

Rent/Utility Assistance  
Financial Education  
Basic Needs Support  
Workforce Development  
Life Skills Development

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# COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Payne County is the eighth largest county in the state of Oklahoma. As of the July 2023 census, the reported **population was 83,352**. Payne County has seen a growth of 2% since the 2020 census. Net in-migration was a key contributor to the increase in population from 2020-2023 with the addition of 974 individuals from international migration and 620 individuals from domestic migration.

## PAYNE COUNTY RACIAL DIVERSITY

The largest ethnic groups in Payne County are White (Non-Hispanics) 79.5 (%) Two+ Races (6.1%), Asian (4.4%), Black or African American (4.3%), and American Indian & Alaska Native (5.6%). Women make up 48.7%.

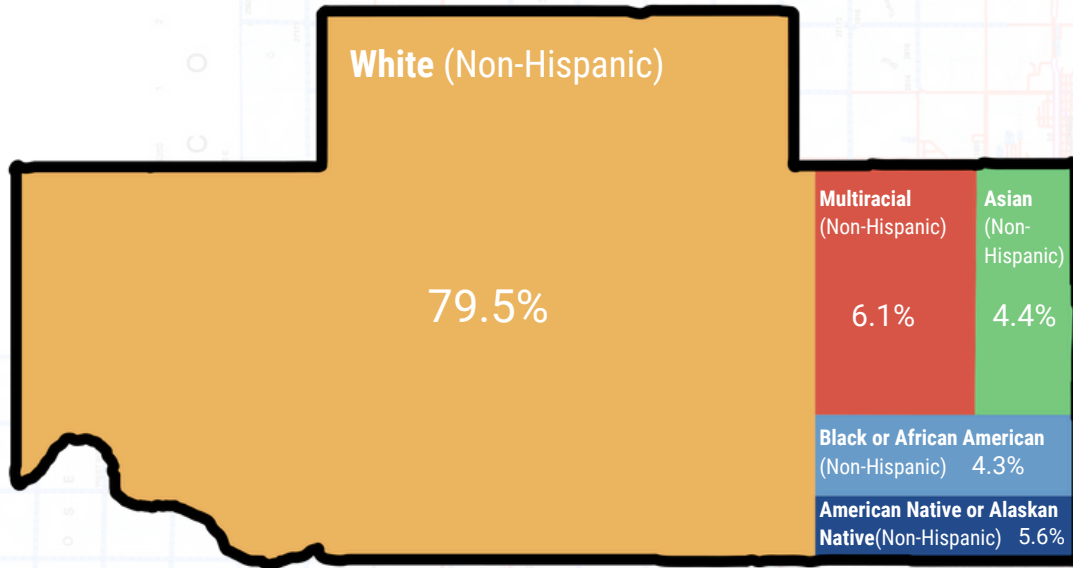


Fig. 1, Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov)

## AGE AND GENDER IN PAYNE COUNTY

The **20-24 age group is the largest category in Payne County at 20%**, which isn't surprising due to the public state university presence. However it is important to note that **nearly 80% of the population falls outside of the age-range of a traditional college student** demonstrating the age diversity of Payne County.

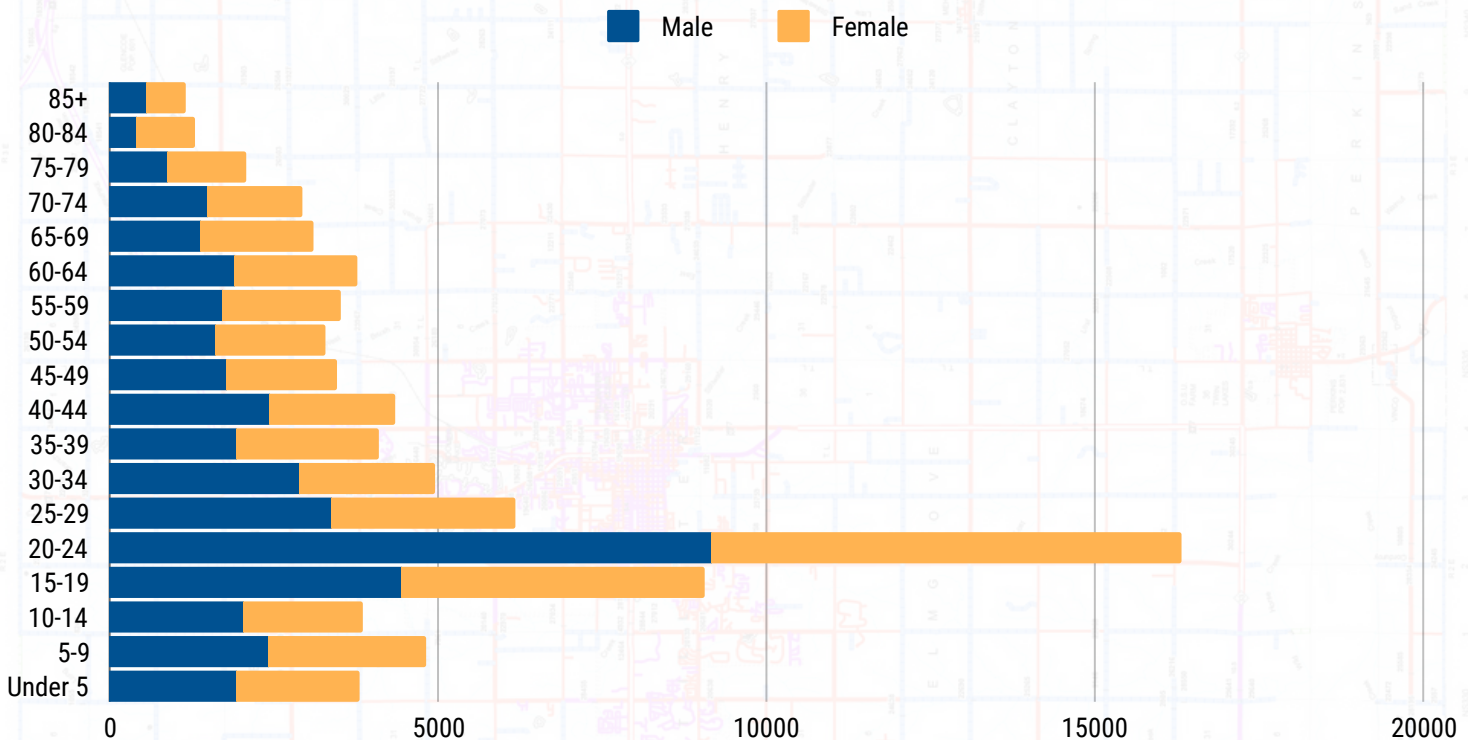


Fig. 2, Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov)

# EMPLOYMENT

According to the [FRED Economic Data](#) in 2023, Payne County had an average unemployment rate of 3%. The civilian labor force in Payne County grew from 39,340 in 2022 to 40,757 in 2023.

Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
40,757	39,533	1,224	3.0%

Fig. 3, Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(employed persons\)](#); [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(unemployment rate\)](#).

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the labor participation rate of Payne County at 56.8% which is lower than the state average of 60.5%, but this is based on [2018-2022 data](#). As of March 2024, Oklahoma's labor force participation rate increased to [63.4%](#) and Payne County likely followed a similar trend, however county-level data for this time period was not available at the time of this report. The employed population appears to be growing at a rate (3.4 %) higher than the overall population growth rate (0.8%) from 2022-2023 according to the [Federal Reserve Economic Data](#). While these may be indicators of a thriving workforce, there are still many in the area who struggle despite being employed.

The top [employment sectors](#) in Payne County are Educational Services (9,324), Health care and social assistance (4,093), Accommodation and food services (4,075), Retail Trade (3,752) and Manufacturing (2,351).

## Top Employment Sectors

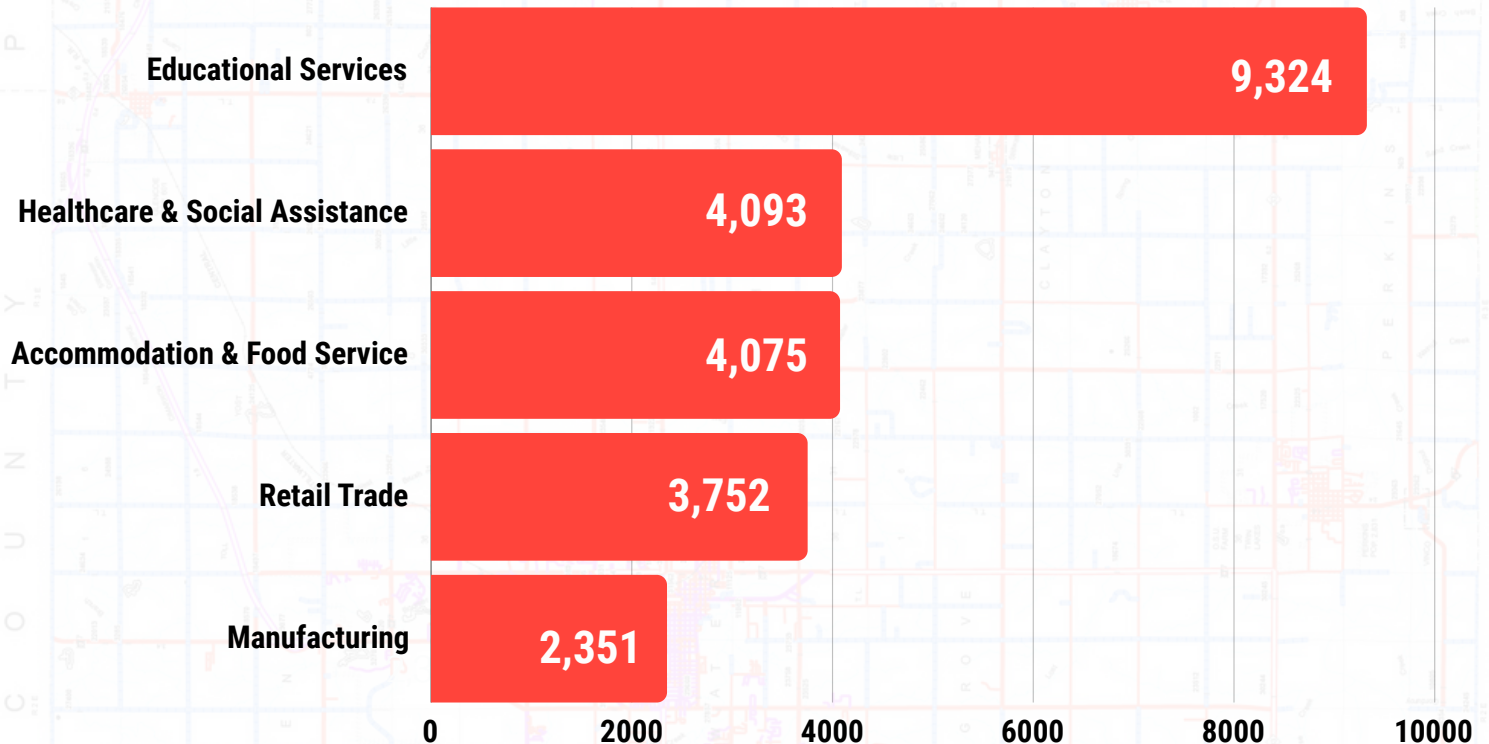


Fig. 4, Source: [Greater Oklahoma City](#).

# POVERTY AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Economic mobility describes how someone's economic well-being changes over time. It can refer to changes in economic outcomes for groups of people or generations over time.

"Poverty is measured in the United States by comparing a person's or family's income to a set poverty threshold or minimum income needed to cover basic needs. People whose income falls under their threshold are considered poor." - (IRP-Univ. Wisconsin)

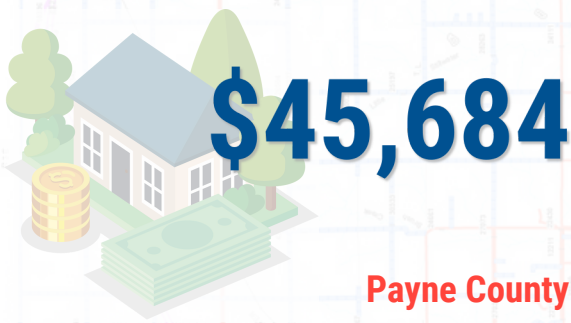
The U.S. Census Bureau determines poverty status using an official poverty measure (OPM) that compares pre-tax cash income against a threshold three times the cost of a minimum food diet in 1963 and adjusted for family size. The OPM uses calculations of these three elements – income, threshold and family – to estimate what percentage of the population is poor. This measure has been adjusted slightly using the consumer price index to account for inflation, but remains relatively unchanged. The official poverty estimates are drawn from the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC), conducted in February, March and April with a sample of approximately 100,000 addresses per year. More information on poverty measures used can be found [here](#).

Most often, economic mobility looks at how someone's income changes over their lifetime. When someone's income improves over his or her life, that person is considered upwardly mobile. This means the person's economic situation improves during his or her life. By contrast, when someone's income stays flat or decreases over his or her life, that person is considered downwardly mobile. Economic mobility is often more useful when scaled to summarize the overall opportunity in a neighborhood, city or state.

As a county, we strive to increase the economic mobility of our citizens. United Way Partners are organizations that help individuals overcome barriers to upward economic mobility. We can measure the economic mobility of our county by monitoring the statistics in this report over time. Signs of a community with increased economic mobility are demonstrated through a combination of metrics including educational attainment, reduced poverty levels, lower unemployment and higher quality jobs, affordable housing and childcare, etc.

## Median Household Income

According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 2022, 20.2% of the population in Payne County live in poverty. It is estimated that 18.2% of children under the age of 18 are living in poverty.



Payne County



Median Household Income  
**\$45,684**

Oklahoma



Median Household Income  
**\$59,673**

# WHAT DOES IT COST TO LIVE IN PAYNE COUNTY?

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual in a household must earn to support themselves and/or their family, working full-time, or 2080 hours per year, according to the Living Wage Calculator.

Key: **green** = increase from 2023, **red** = decrease from 2023

	1 ADULT				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING)				2 ADULTS (2 WORKING)			
	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
Hourly Living Wage	\$18.40	\$31.96	\$40.85	\$53.10	\$25.77	\$30.55	\$34.79	\$37.52	\$12.89	\$18.10	\$23.04	\$26.40
Hourly Poverty Wage	\$7.24	\$9.83	\$12.41	\$15	\$9.83	\$12.41	\$15	\$17.59	\$4.91	\$6.21	\$7.50	\$8.79
Hourly Min. Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25

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Food	\$4,044	\$5,962	\$8,942	\$11,886	\$7,415	\$9,230	\$11,887	\$14,493	\$7,415	\$9,230	\$11,887	\$14,493
Childcare	\$0	\$9,911	\$19,822	\$26,495	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,911	\$19,822	\$26,495
Medical	\$2,651	\$7,677	\$7,563	\$8,035	\$6,029	\$7,563	\$8,035	\$7,622	\$6,029	\$7,563	\$8,035	\$7,622
Housing	\$8,974	\$11,773	\$11,773	\$16,585	\$9,686	\$11,773	\$11,773	\$16,585	\$9,686	\$11,773	\$11,773	\$16,585
Transportation	\$9,521	\$11,019	\$13,880	\$15,971	\$11,019	\$13,880	\$15,971	\$15,952	\$11,019	\$13,880	\$15,971	\$15,952
Civic	\$2,165	\$3,810	\$4,795	\$5,553	\$3,810	\$4,795	\$5,553	\$5,191	\$3,810	\$4,795	\$5,553	\$5,191
Internet & Mobile	\$1,444	\$1,444	\$1,444	\$1,444	\$2,023	\$2,023	\$2,023	\$2,023	\$2,023	\$2,023	\$2,023	\$2,023
Other	\$3,903	\$6,966	\$7,407	\$10,238	\$6,966	\$7,407	\$10,238	\$9,841	\$6,966	\$7,407	\$10,238	\$9,841
Required annual income after taxes	\$32,702	\$58,561	\$75,625	\$96,207	\$46,948	\$56,670	\$65,479	\$71,708	\$46,948	\$66,581	\$85,300	\$98,203
Annual Taxes	\$5,580	\$7,908	\$9,339	\$14,248	\$6,660	\$6,875	\$6,892	\$6,328	\$6,660	\$8,699	\$10,538	\$11,603
Required annual income before taxes	\$38,282	\$66,468	\$84,964	\$110,454	\$53,608	\$63,546	\$72,370	\$78,036	\$53,608	\$75,279	\$95,838	\$109,806

Fig. 5. Source: [Living Wage Calculator](#)

Note: Civic is defined as entertainment including fees and admissions; audio and visual equipment and services; pets; toys, hobbies, and playground equipment; entertainment; other supplies, equip., and services; reading and education.

Through United Way, communities tackle tough challenges and work with private, public, and nonprofit partners to boost education, economic mobility and health resources.

While Oklahoma has the third-lowest cost of living in the United States, behind only Kansas and Mississippi, according to [MERIC's 2022 Cost of Living Index](#), wages in Oklahoma are also often lower in the state. When comparing the 15 most concentrated job occupations in Payne County, many have annual salary averages below the required annual income before taxes. **Of the 15 occupations listed, 12 do not meet any of the living wage requirements to support a household with even one child.**

## Most Concentrated Occupations in Payne County

Key: red = below the living wage requirements

Occupation Groups	Total Employed	Hourly Average	Annual Salary Average
Office and Administrative Support	11,970	\$18.09	\$37,620
Food Preparation and Serving Related	9,850	\$11.73	\$24,390
Sales and Related	8,670	\$16.61	\$34,540
Educational Instruction and Library	8,070	\$24.23	\$50,400
Transportation and Material Moving	8,030	\$18.50	\$38,490
Production	7,770	\$21.60	\$44,930
Construction and Extraction	6,120	\$23.84	\$49,590
Management	5,010	\$44.43	\$92,420
Installation, Maintenance and Repair	4,870	\$23.63	\$49,150
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	4,520	\$36.09	\$75,070
Business and Financial Operations	3,880	\$32.29	\$67,170
Cashiers	3,130	\$11.49	\$23,900
Building and Ground Cleaning and Maintenance	3,000	\$13.10	\$27,250
Healthcare Support	2,430	\$14.56	\$30,280
Retail Salespersons	2,400	\$14.24	\$29,630

Fig. 6, Source: [MERIC's 2022 Cost of Living Index](#)



# HOUSING

Access to affordable housing is key to reducing barriers to workforce participation and increasing economic mobility. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a person working at \$7.25/hour per week would need to work 79 hours per week to afford a modest one-bedroom rental in Oklahoma.

**\$24/hour**  
**\$49,920/year**

Source: [National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)

## Cost of Housing

The wage needed for a three-bedroom in Payne County is **\$24 per hour** or **\$49,920 annually**. On average, the cost to rent a three-bedroom in Payne County is \$1,248 per month.

## Household Size Distribution

According to the [U.S. Census in 2022](#), the average household size in Payne County was two people.

## Rent or Own?

Data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2023 report shows that **47% of households in Payne County are renters compared to the state rate of 34%**. Since a college town is located in Payne County, it isn't necessarily surprising to see a high rate of renters.

Fair market rent and annual income needed in Payne County are comparable to state averages. However, the housing wage required to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Payne is \$17.25, higher than the hourly rate for six of the 15 most concentrated job occupations highlighted earlier.

## Household Size Distribution

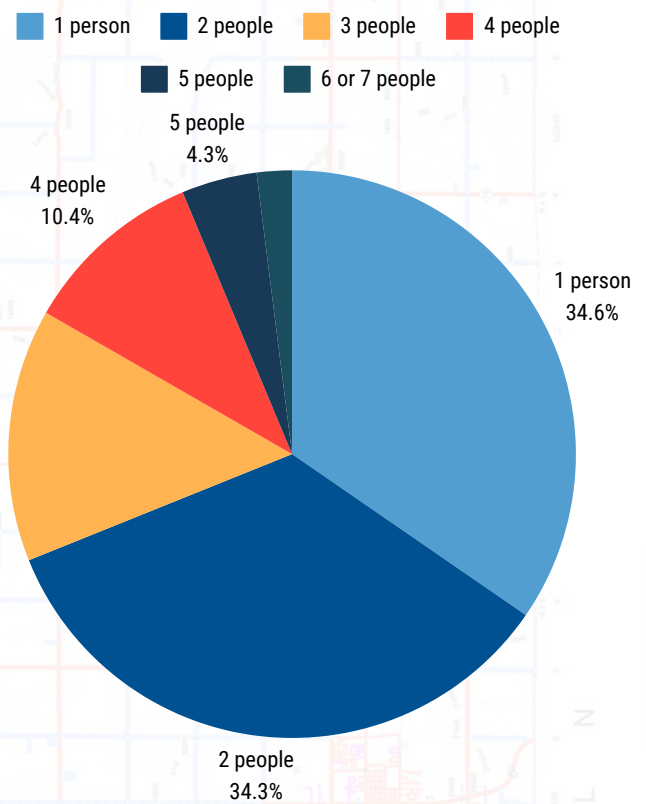


Fig. 7, Source [U.S. Census Bureau](#)

According to the 2023 [OKC Point in Time: Snapshot of Homelessness](#) report, **Payne County was ranked among the top five most expensive housing counties in Oklahoma** along with Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Beckham and Greer Counties.

**38.8% of households spend 30% or more of income on housing**

## Income Spent on Housing

Of all households in Payne County, **38.8%** pay **30%** or more of their household income on housing such as rent or mortgage.

## Home Ownership

In January 2024, Zillow estimated the typical home value in Payne County at \$210,115 compared to \$198,962 for Oklahoma, and over the past year home values in Payne County increased 3.7%.

Compared to January 2018, home values in Payne County increased 43%. In comparison, median household income from 2018 (\$47,748) to 2022 (\$51,236) only increased 7%.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov)

## Housing Costs

Number of Households	Oklahoma	Payne County
Total	1,503,868	31,197
Renter	510,477	14,745
Percent Renters	34%	47%

Housing Wage	Oklahoma	Payne County
Zero Bedroom	\$13.49	\$13.42
One Bedroom	\$14.32	\$14.37
Two Bedroom	\$18.00	\$17.25
Three Bedroom	\$23.84	\$24.00
Four Bedroom	\$27.40	\$27.02

Fair Market Rent	Oklahoma	Payne County
Zero Bedroom	\$701	\$698
One Bedroom	\$745	\$747
Two Bedroom	\$936	\$897
Three Bedroom	\$1,240	\$1,248
Four Bedroom	\$1,425	\$1,405

Annual Income Needed to Afford	Oklahoma	Payne County
Zero Bedroom	\$28,051	\$27,920
One Bedroom	\$29,790	\$29,880
Two Bedroom	\$37,436	\$35,880
Three Bedroom	\$49,590	\$49,920
Four Bedroom	\$56,996	\$56,200

Fig. 8, Source: [National Low Income Housing Coalition](https://www.nlihc.org)

# HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness data is difficult to capture and multiple sources were consulted in an attempt to provide accurate information at the county level. One of the challenges experienced in collecting information was varying definitions of the term 'homeless'. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's [Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#) defines Point-in-Time (PIT) homelessness as lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport or camping ground; or
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals).

In 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated PIT homelessness at 4,648, a 24% increase from 2022 (3,754).

## OKLAHOMA'S HOMELESS POPULATION GREW

# 24%

### FROM 2022-2023



## Individuals Experiencing Homelessness in Oklahoma



# HOMELESSNESS DEFINED

- **Homeless** refers to the total number of individuals experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness.
- **Sheltered Homelessness** refers to people who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.
- **Emergency Shelter (ES)** is a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness.
- **Transitional Housing Programs (TH)** provide people experiencing homelessness a place to stay combined with supportive services for up to 24 months (about two years).
- **Safe Havens (SH)** are projects that provide private or semi-private temporary shelter and services to people experiencing severe mental illness and are limited to serving no more than 25 people within a facility.
- **Unsheltered Homelessness** refers to people whose primary nighttime location is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for people (for example, the streets, vehicles, or parks).

## Number of Homeless Individuals in Oklahoma

	Homeless	Sheltered	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Safe Havens	Unsheltered
2018	3,871	2,680	2,077	586	17	1,191
2019	3,944	2,707	2,176	523	8	1,237
Change from 2018-2019	+73	+27	+99	-63	-9	+46
2020	3,932	2,688	2,107	555	26	1,244
Change from 2019-2020	-12	-19	-69	+32	+18	+7
2021	2,694	2,331	1,775	556	0	363
Change from 2020-2021	-1238	-357	-332	+1	-26	-881
2022	3754	2437	1901	510	26	1317
Change from 2021-2022	+1060	+106	+126	-46	+26	+954
2023	4648	2743	2258	460	25	1905
Change from 2022-2023	+894	+306	+357	-50	-1	+588

Fig. 9, Source: [Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#)

Regarding homelessness in youth, the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#) defines homeless children and youth as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, domestic violence or other hardship. **Stillwater Public Schools identified 91 students as homeless in the 2023-2024 school year**, 130 students in the 2022-2023 school year and 208 students in the 2021-2022 school year. However, several disclaimers must be given before drawing conclusions or trends from these numbers:

- In previous years, the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless children and youth included individuals 'awaiting foster care placement' and that category is no longer included, leading to changes in homelessness estimates year over year.
- Difficulty and confidence in identifying homeless children due to lack of reporting and awareness by school officials of students' home circumstances.

School districts are working hard to identify youth in the school system experiencing homelessness, but it is an ongoing effort and challenge. *Stillwater Public Schools believes the numbers they provided underestimate the true number of students experiencing homelessness.*

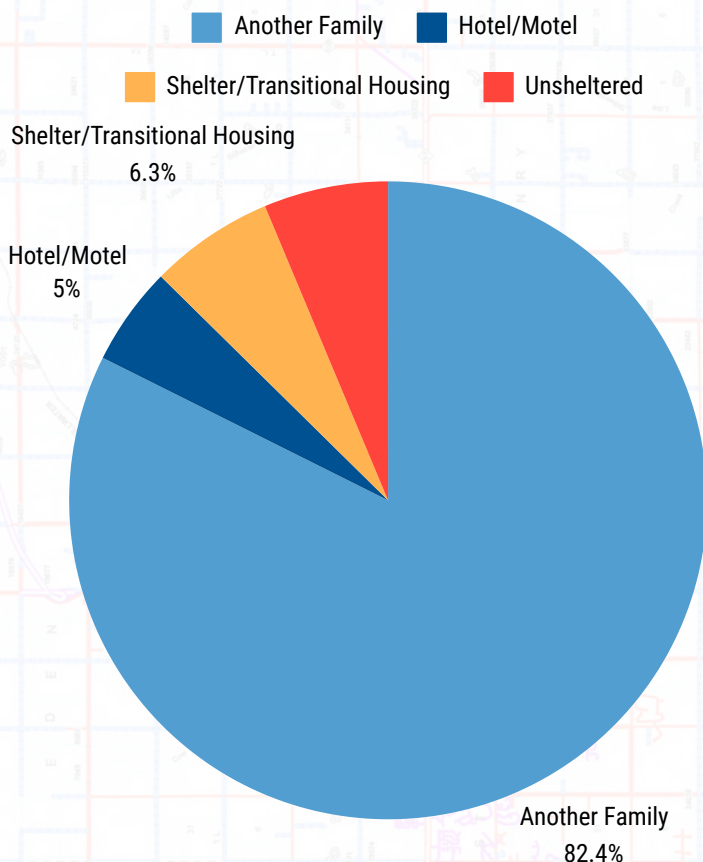
## Youth Homelessness

According to the National Center for Homeless Education, **21,145 children and youth** in the state were homeless and enrolled in public school during the 2021-2022 school year. Figure 10 outlines the primary nighttime residence for those students.



Source: [National Center for Homeless Education](#)

### Primary Nighttime Residence



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Fig. 10, Source: [National Center for Homeless Education](#)

# FOOD INSECURITY

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service](#) defines food security and food insecurity as follows:

Food security for a household means all members, at all times, have access to enough food needed to live an active, healthy life.

Food security includes at a minimum:

- The ready availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods.
- Assured ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways (without resorting to emergency food supplies, scavenging, stealing or other coping strategies).

Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.

However, according to [Feeding America](#), many people who do not meet the definition of food insecurity still seek out resources from the charitable food sector. Some of the causes cited by Feeding America that lead to food insecurity include poverty and unemployment, lack of affordable housing, chronic health conditions, and racism and discrimination. When individuals experience food insecurity it can affect physical and mental health, well-being, and participation in school and work.

The chart below outlines 2021 food insecurity statistics in Payne County. Two data points to note are the average meal costs (higher in Payne County compared to the state) and the differences in SNAP benefit eligibility. While 59% of food-insecure individuals in Payne County are eligible for SNAP benefits, 41% of food-insecure individuals are not eligible due to being above the SNAP 130% of the federal poverty line.

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau’s 2022 American Community Survey](#), **14.9% of households in Oklahoma receive SNAP benefits compared to 11% of households in Payne County.**

	Oklahoma	Payne County
Food Insecure Population	561,640	11,450
Food Insecurity Rate	14.1%	14%
Average Meal Cost*	\$3.37	\$3.59
Estimated SNAP eligibility among food insecure people	38%	59%
Annual budget shortfall**	\$334,213,000	\$7,254,000

*United Way Partner*



Fig. 11, Source: [Feeding America](#)

\*The average weekly dollar amount food-secure individuals report spending on food, as estimated in the Current Population Survey, divided by 21 (assuming three meals a day, seven days a week). This amount has been adjusted to reflect local food prices and relevant taxes.

\*\*The total annualized additional dollar amount that food-insecure individuals report needing, on average, to purchase just enough food to meet their food needs. This amount is based on responses in the Current Population Survey and the USDA assumption that individuals in food-insecure households experience food insecurity, on average, seven months out of the year. This amount has been adjusted to reflect local food prices and relevant taxes.

## CHILDCARE

It is estimated that out of 5,402 children under the age of six in Payne County, 66%, or 3,588, had all parents in the labor force. This number increased to 84% for children between six and seventeen years of age.



**66% of children under 6  
had all parents in the  
labor force**

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#)

The Center for American Progress estimates that 55% of Oklahomans live in a childcare desert with that number increasing to 57% for Hispanic/Latino families and 68% for rural families. A childcare desert is defined by the Center for American Progress as:

**Any [census tract](#) with more than 50 children under age five that contains either no childcare providers or so few options that there are more than three times as many children as licensed childcare slots.**

Utilizing the data from the [Childcare deserts interactive dashboard](#), the following census tracts in Payne County are considered to be childcare deserts:

- Census Tract 110 (west of Stillwater)
- Census Tracts 102, 109, 101.02 (Stillwater city limits)
- Census Tract 114 & 113.02 (Cushing)
- Census Tract 112 (Yale)

Utilizing data from the Department of Oklahoma Human Services, the Figure 12 outlines the changes in childcare facilities and capacity from 2017-2023.

## Changes in Childcare Capacity

	Total All Facilities	Total All Capacity	Total OKDHS Contract Facilities	Total OKDHS Contract Capacity	Centers All Facilities	Centers All Capacity	Centers OKDHS Contract Facilities	Centers OKDHS Contract Capacity	Homes All Facilities	Homes All Capacity	Homes OKDHS Contract Facilities
<b>2017</b>	43	2,150	23	1,600	23	1,976	15	1,520	20	174	80
<b>2018</b>	46	2,257	22	1,670	25	2,076	17	1,620	21	181	50
<b>Change from 2017-2018</b>	+3	+107	-1	+70	+2	+100	+2	+100	+1	+7	-30
<b>2019</b>	39	1,941	19	1,531	20	1,779	14	1,481	19	162	50
<b>Change from 2018-2019</b>	-7	-316	-3	-139	-5	-297	-3	-139	-2	-19	0
<b>2020</b>	36	1,763	18	1,405	19	1,619	14	1,362	17	144	43
<b>Change from 2019-2020</b>	-3	-178	-1	-126	-1	-160	0	-119	-2	-18	-7
<b>2021</b>	34	1,982	18	1,585	21	1,871	15	1,554	13	111	31
<b>Change from 2020-2021</b>	-2	+219	0	+180	+2	+252	+1	192	-4	-33	-12
<b>2022</b>	33	1,983	18	1,593	21	1,879	15	1,562	12	104	31
<b>Change from 2021-2022</b>	-1	1	0	+8	0	+8	0	+8	-1	-7	0
<b>2023</b>	35	2,133	20	1,782	22	2,017	17	1,751	13	116	31
<b>Change from 2022-2023</b>	+2	+150	+2	+189	+1	+138	+2	+189	+1	+12	0

Fig. 12, Source: [Department of Oklahoma Human Services Statistical Tables - Childcare Licensed Facilities and Capacity](#).



The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) defines affordable child care as the cost equaling 7% or less of annual household income, however, this benchmark was based on older data and the present-day amount is [heavily debated and may be higher](#). The [MIT Living Wage Calculator](#) estimates childcare costs for one child at \$9,911 in Payne County. Based on the current median household income of \$45,684 in Payne County, that would mean **childcare costs for just one child are approximately 22% of household income**. Utilizing data from the [Department of Labor Women’s Bureau](#), Figure 13 highlights how childcare prices have changed over the past five years in Payne County. For preschool through school-age care prices, see [appendix](#).

### Childcare Price Changes

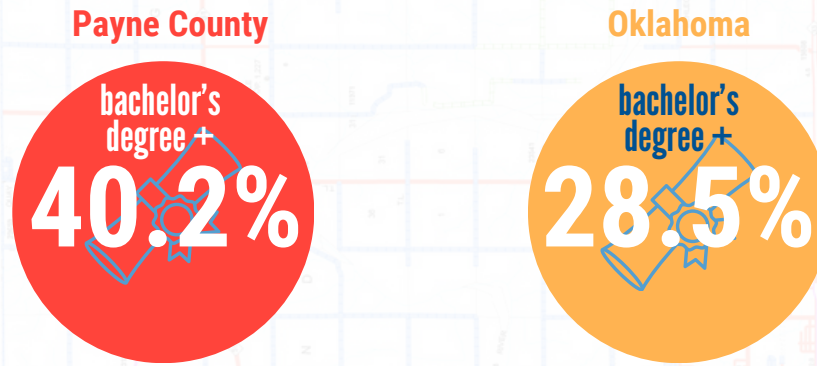
	Payne County	All County Average
Infant, center-based price: 2018	\$9,827	\$7,733
Infant, center-based price: 2023*	\$11,567	\$9,102
Change from 2018-2023	\$1,740	\$1,369
Infant, home-based price: 2018	\$7,399	\$5,822
Infant, home-based price: 2023*	\$8,709	\$6,853
Change from 2018-2023	\$1,310	\$1,031
Toddler, center-based price: 2018	\$8,261	\$6,500
Toddler, center-based price: 2023*	\$9,724	\$7,651
Change from 2018-2023	\$1,463	\$1,151
Toddler, home-based price: 2018	\$7,185	\$5,654
Toddler, home-based price: 2023*	\$8,458	\$6,655
Change from 2018-2023	\$1,272	\$1,001

\*price estimated

Fig. 13, Source: [Department of Labor Women’s Bureau](#)

# EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey, **40.2% of individuals in Payne County have a bachelor's degree or higher compared to the state average of 28.5%.**



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#)

## Educational Attainment Comparisons - County, State and National Levels

Education Attainment	Payne County	Oklahoma	United States
% of the adult population with <b>less than</b> a 9th grade education	372 (0.8%)	94,433 (3.5%)	10,694,112 (4.7%)
% of 18-24 y/o with <b>no high school diploma</b>	811 (3.6%)	55,020 (13.6%)	3,636,420 (11.6%)
% of 18-24 y/o with <b>a high school diploma</b>	5,441 (24.1%)	158,001 (39%)	11,051,703 (35.4%)
% of 18-24 y/o with <b>a bachelor's degree</b>	2,775 (12.3%)	35,043 (8.6%)	4,193,006 (13.4%)
% of adults over 25 with <b>no high school diploma</b>	1,548 (3.4%)	183,435 (6.9%)	13,130,952 (5.7%)
% of adults over 25 with <b>a high school diploma</b>	12,887 (28.5%)	813,545 (30.6%)	59,908,662 (26.1%)
% of adults over 25 with <b>bachelor's degree</b>	9,286 (20.6%)	495,467 (18.6%)	20,222,893 (8.8%)
% of adults over 25 with <b>a graduate or professional degree</b>	8,848 (19.6%)	263,450 (9.9%)	32,267,301 (14%)

Fig. 14, Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#)

Even with high levels of education attainment among adults in Payne County, there are still [literacy gaps](#) that create issues for adults in Oklahoma. Approximately **1 in 5 Oklahoma adults** struggle with reading and writing.



# K-12 EDUCATION

Based on data from the [Public School Review](#) for the 2024 school year, there are 26 public schools in Payne County supporting 10,435 students and two private schools supporting 174 students. Of all K-12 students in Payne County, 98% attend a public school compared to the state average of 95%.

In 2010, the Annie E. Casey Foundation [published a report](#) highlighting the importance of third-grade reading proficiency. This report highlights numerous educational development risks for students who do not achieve third-grade reading proficiency including poor reading levels in high school, more behavioral and social problems, and high school graduation rates. Long-term effects include lower median annual income and overall impact on professional and economic advancement.

For the 2021-2022 school year, **third-grade reading proficiency in Payne County was 39% compared to 29% at the state level**. While a national-level data point was not identified for third-grade reading proficiency, according to [The Nation’s Report Card](#), Oklahoma’s 2022 average for fourth-grade scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress was 208 compared to the national average of 216.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, third-grade reading proficiency was unavailable for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

Figure 15 shows third-grade reading proficiency percentages over time for Payne County and the state.

## Third Grade Reading Proficiency

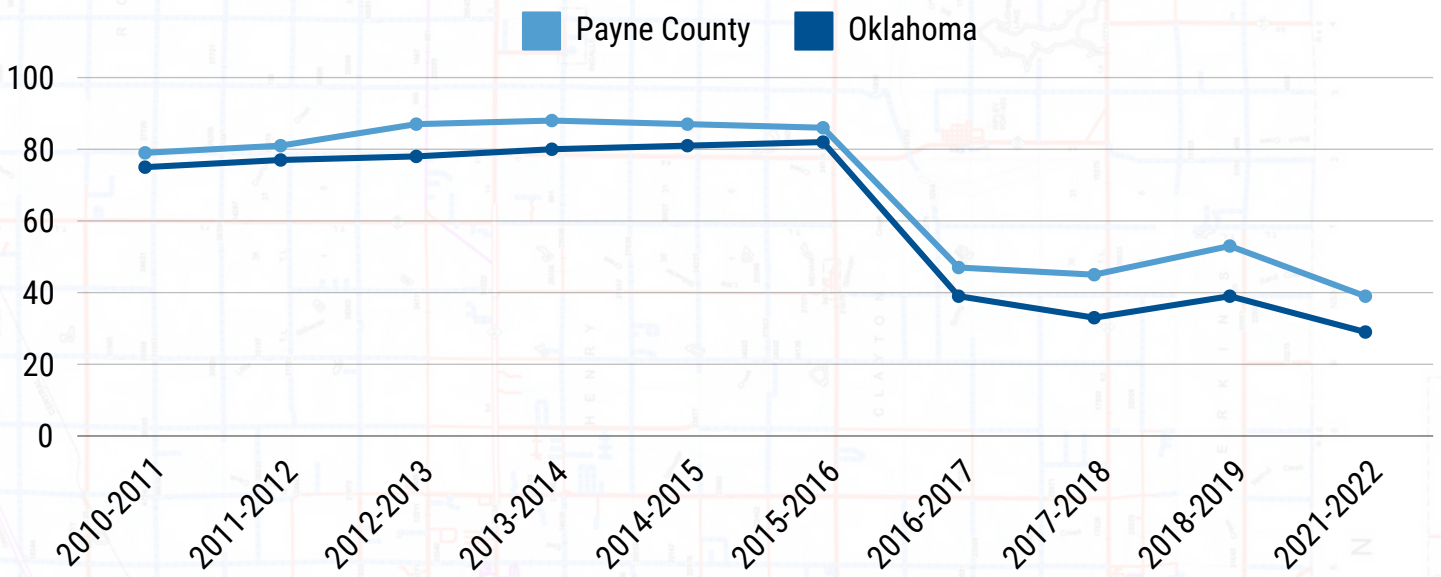


Fig. 15, Source: [KIDS COUNT Data Center/Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)

\*Data was sourced from the Oklahoma State Department of Education and provided by the Oklahoma Policy Institute. Third grade reading proficiency is defined as ‘the percentage of third grade students scoring at or above the proficient level on the Oklahoma 3rd grade reading state test. The test was called the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test prior to 2016-2017 school year, and beginning in the 2016-2017 school year it changed to the Oklahoma State Testing Program (OSTP)’.

The Oklahoma State Testing Program (OSTP) is a criterion-referenced test (CRT) designed to indicate whether students have achieved the competencies defined by the Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS). Each student’s performance is compared to a preset standard of expected achievement by subject at each grade level. The level of academic rigor that students must meet is established by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education approved more rigorous standards for the 2016-2017 school year. Direct comparison with prior year data is not valid.

The [Public School Review](#) is a free source of detailed public school profiles in the United States. Based on their analysis, Oklahoma was the lowest-ranked state for reading and language arts proficiency. The chart below compares Payne County school districts to state and national levels.

“The state with lowest reading/language arts proficiency is [Oklahoma](#), with a 25% average reading/language arts proficiency.” – [Public School Review](#)

	SCHOOL DISTRICT					
	Cushing	Perkins-Tryon	Stillwater	Yale	Oklahoma	National
Elementary Average Reading Proficiency	24%	25%	38%	15-19%	25%	46%
Elementary Average Math Proficiency	30%	27%	34%	20-24%	22%	38%

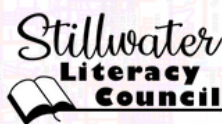
Fig. 16, Source: [Public School Review](#)

Taking a closer look at reading levels across elementary schools in Payne County, Figure 17 highlights reading/language arts and math proficiency by school.

School	Reading/Language Arts Proficiency	Math Proficiency	School	Reading/Language Arts Proficiency	Math Proficiency
Cushing Upper ES	20-24%	26%	Ripley ES	20-24%	20-24%
Glencoe ES	20-24%	15-19%	Sangre Ridge ES	40%	46%
Highland Park ES	15%	22%	Skyline ES	21%	19%
Oak Grove Public	40-44%	20-24%	Westwood ES	50%	57%
Perkins-Tryon Intermediate ES	26%	36%	Will Rogers ES	25-29%	20-24%
Richmond ES	50-54%	65-69%	Yale ES	25-29%	30-34%
State Proficiency	26%	24%	State Proficiency	26%	24%

Fig. 17, Source: [Public School Review](#)

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# POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

According to the State Department of Education, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to include an indicator of school quality or student success. Oklahoma chose Post-secondary Opportunities as one of two indicators to meet this requirement.

Post-secondary opportunities allow high school students to explore career paths and build confidence in their post-graduation plans.

An excerpt from the Report Card Indicator: Post-secondary Opportunities explains why this indicator is important:

“Life beyond high school requires different skills and talents than in the past. **By 2025, three of four Oklahoma jobs will require education or training beyond high school.** Post-secondary opportunities enable students to participate in coursework and experiences that enhance their likelihood for success after high school.”

More information about this indicator can be found at [Report Card Indicator: Postsecondary Opportunities](#).

Figure 18 highlights post-secondary opportunities by town. This indicator measures the percentage of students who earn credit in a post-secondary opportunity such as work-based internships, industry certification programs, college prep coursework, and dual/concurrent enrollment. For example, 58% of students in Cushing high school earned post-secondary credit compared to 71% of students at Glencoe high school. Most school districts in Payne County have more students earning post-secondary credit compared to other Oklahoma districts.

## Post-Secondary Opportunities

Payne County High Schools	Post-secondary Opportunities
Cushing	58%
Glencoe	71%
Perkins-Tryon	60%
Ripley	51%
Stillwater	50%
Yale	42%
Oklahoma	48%

Fig. 18, Source: [Oklahoma School Report Cards](#)

# HEALTH

As highlighted throughout this report, many factors influence economic mobility and well-being for both individuals and families. Access to healthcare is no different. Understanding health outcomes for Payne County is important to ensure that community needs are identified and supported.

Health outcomes and factors in this section were sourced from [County Health Rankings and Roadmaps](#) for Payne County in 2023. Figure 24 provides a breakdown of all health outcomes and factors, and Figures 19-23 provide a trend analysis for a few key indicators.

In 2022, **37% of adults in Payne County were classified as obese**, which was in line with state levels but 5% higher than the national average. The number of adults reporting no leisure-time physical activity increased from 20.9% in 2021 to 35.3% in 2022.

## Percentage of adult population that reports a body mass index > 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>

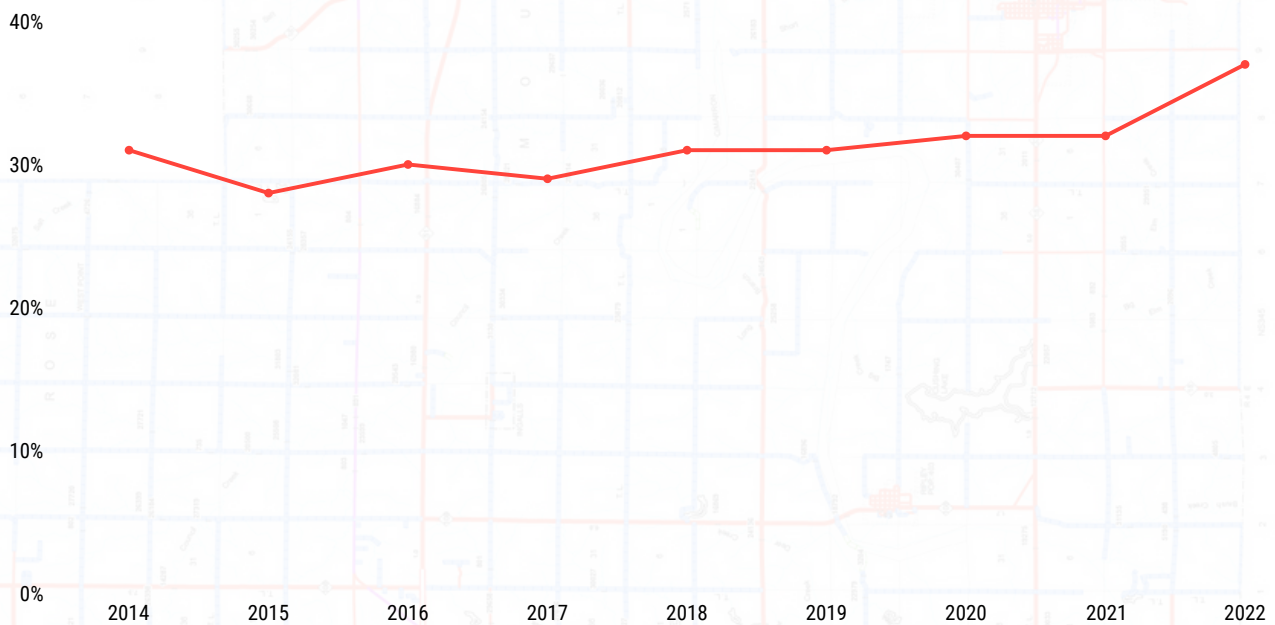


Fig. 19, Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

## Percentage of adults age 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity

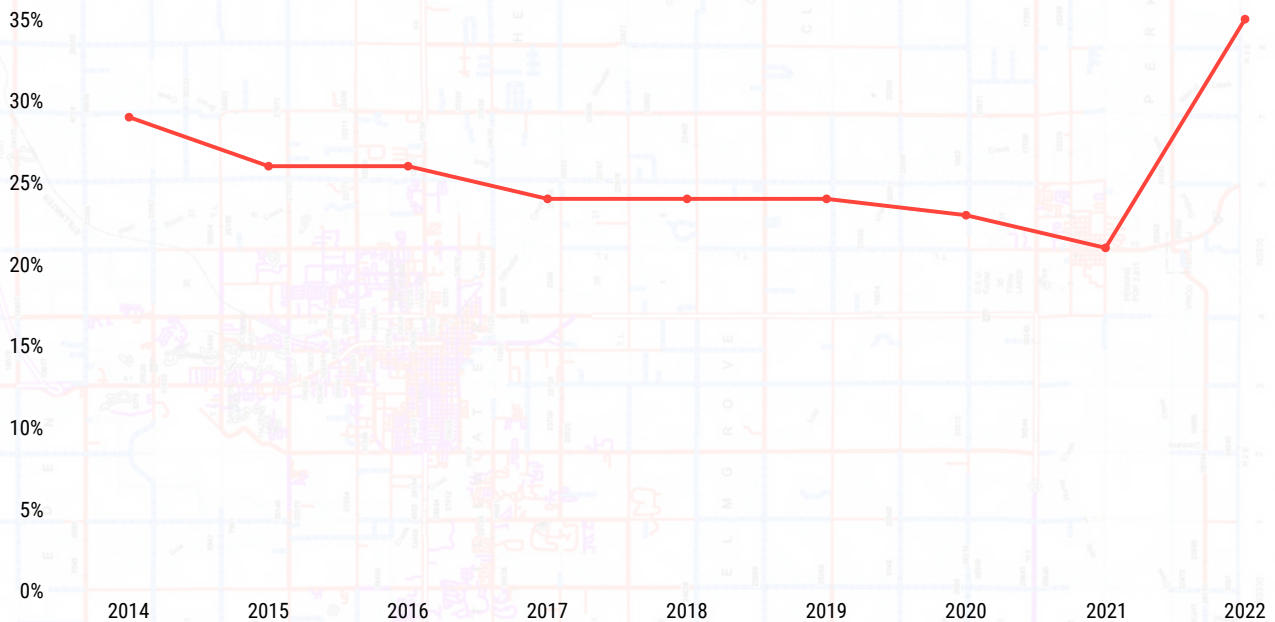


Fig. 20, Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

From 2018 to 2022, there were [45 deaths due to unintentional drug overdose](#) in Payne County. Of those 45 reported deaths, the majority were aged 45-52, while 82% had a history of substance use and 18% had a history of mental illness.

### Substance abuse admissions by county residents per 1,000 people

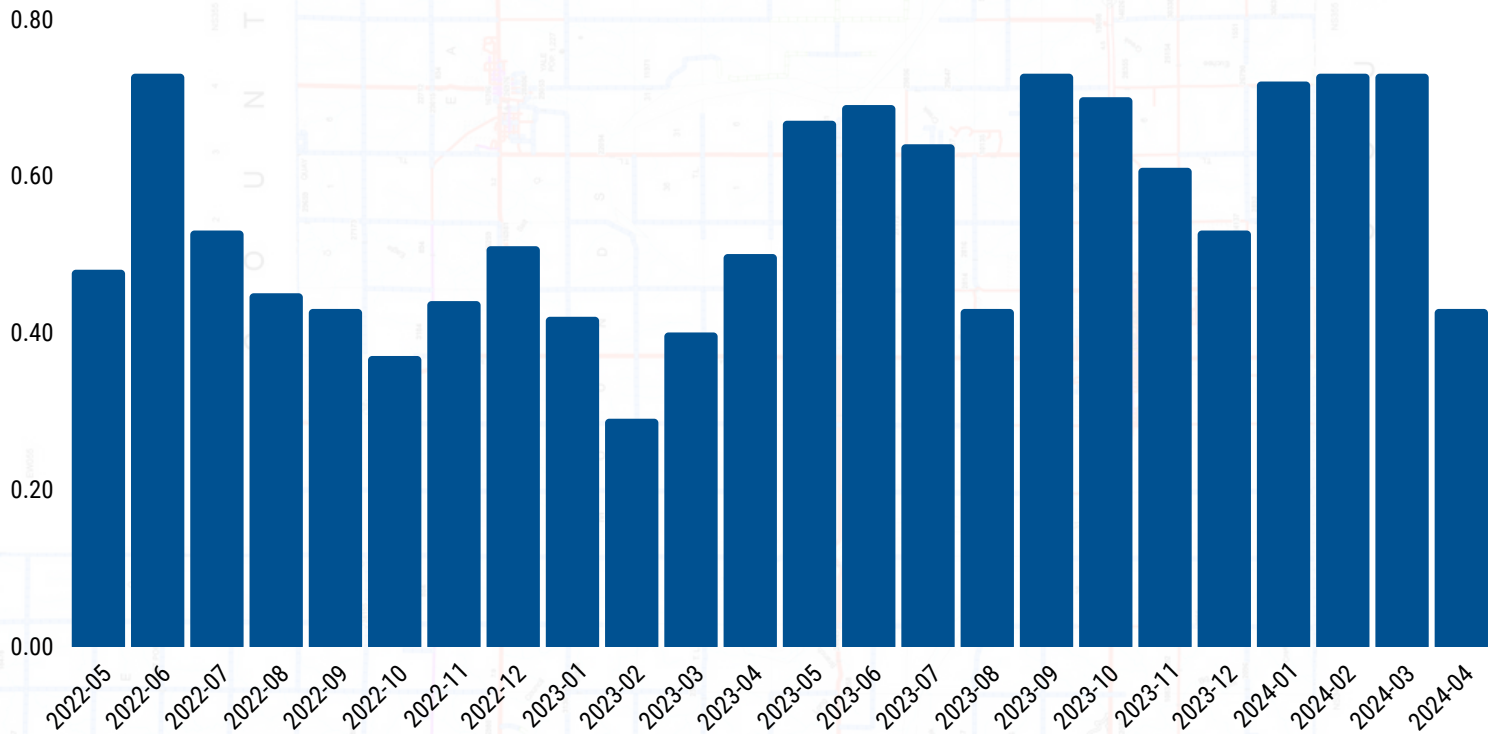


Fig. 21, Source: [The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services](#)

Based on the data below, this graph shows that approximately **24%** of motor vehicle crash deaths in Payne County are alcohol related.

### Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement

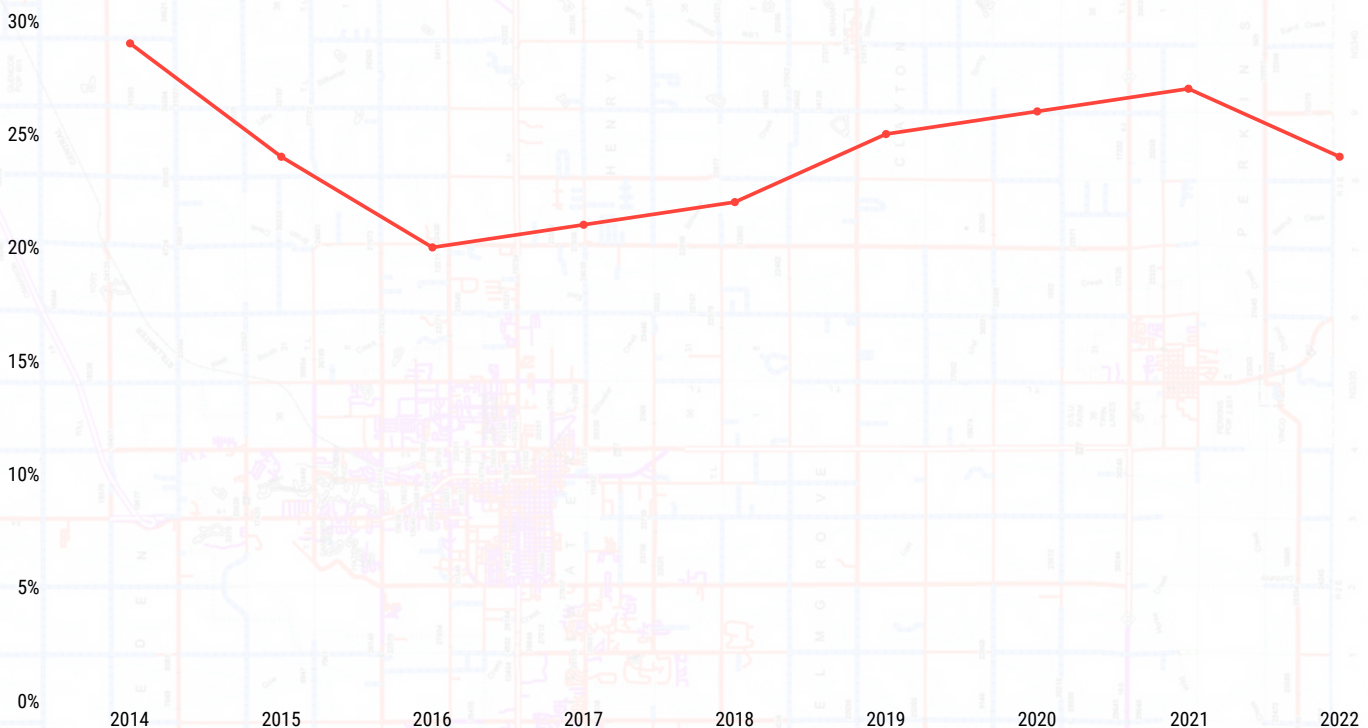


Fig. 22, Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

# Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking

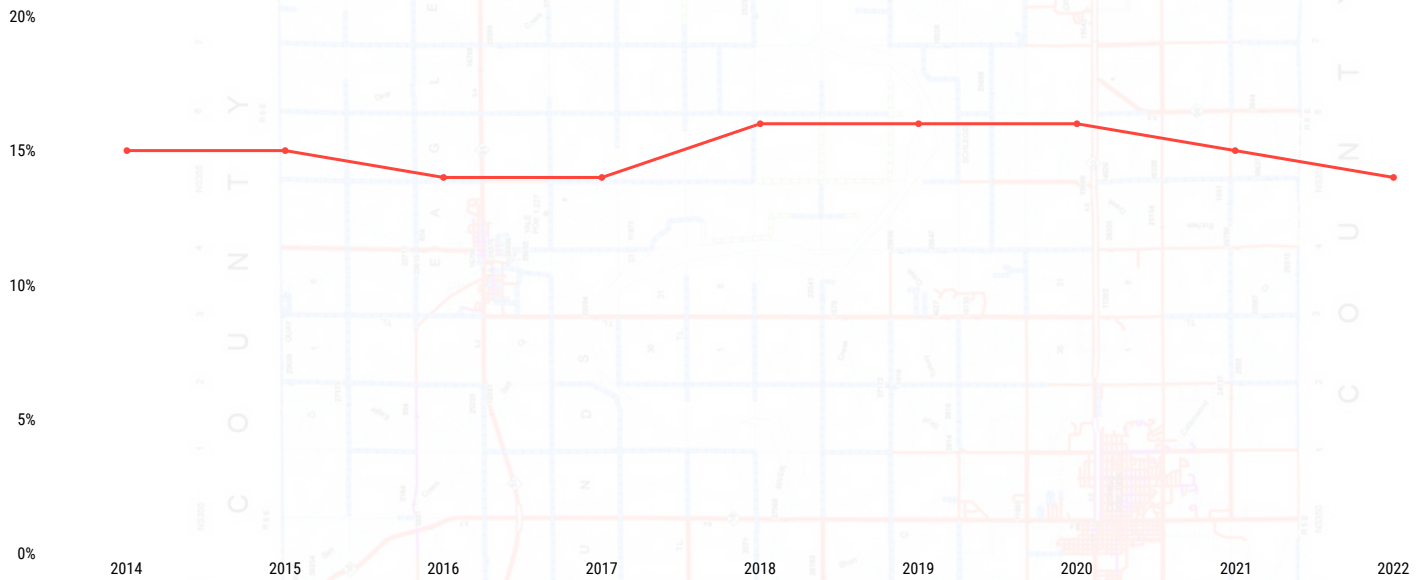


Fig. 23, Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

Figure 24 outlines health factors and outcome data from [County Health Rankings and Roadmaps](#) for Payne County in 2023. Key: **red** = performing worse than state average

Quality of Life Factors	Payne County	Oklahoma	U.S.
Poor or Fair Health	17%	17%	12%
# of Poor Physical Health Days	<b>3.8 days</b>	3.7 days	3 days
# of Poor Mental Health Days	<b>5.4 days</b>	5 days	4.4 days
Low Birthweight	7%	8%	8%
Health Factors	Payne County	Oklahoma	U.S.
Adult Smoking	<b>21%</b>	20%	16%
Adult Obesity	37%	37%	32%
Food Environment Index	6.7	5.8	7
Physical Activity	27%	28%	22%
Access to Exercise Opportunities	74%	71%	84%
Excessive Drinking	14%	14%	19%
Alcohol - Impaired Driving Deaths	24%	27%	27%
Sexually Transmitted Infections	<b>538</b>	536	481
Teen Births	13	31	19
Clinical Care	Payne County	Oklahoma	U.S.
Uninsured	<b>19%</b>	18%	10%
Primary Care Physicians	<b>2,100:1</b>	1,650:1	1,310:1
Dentist	<b>1,710:1</b>	1,570:1	1,380:1
Mental Health Providers	<b>310:1</b>	240:1	340:1
Preventable Hospital Stays	<b>3,251</b>	3,247	2,809
Mammography Screening	36%	35%	37%
Flu Vaccinations	56%	49%	51%

Fig. 24, Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)



# ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

As seen in the previous section, one of the major healthcare accessibility challenges in Payne County is that **19% of the population under 65 are uninsured** – almost double the national rate. Regarding patient care, there is one primary care physician for every 2,100 people in Payne County compared to ratios of 1:1,650 at the state level and 1:1,310 at the national level based on data from [County Health Rankings](#).



## Hospital Bed Availability

Hospital Bed Availability in Payne County is **2.6 beds per 1,000 residents** compared to the Oklahoma average of 6.2 beds per 1,000 residents.

Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

## Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance

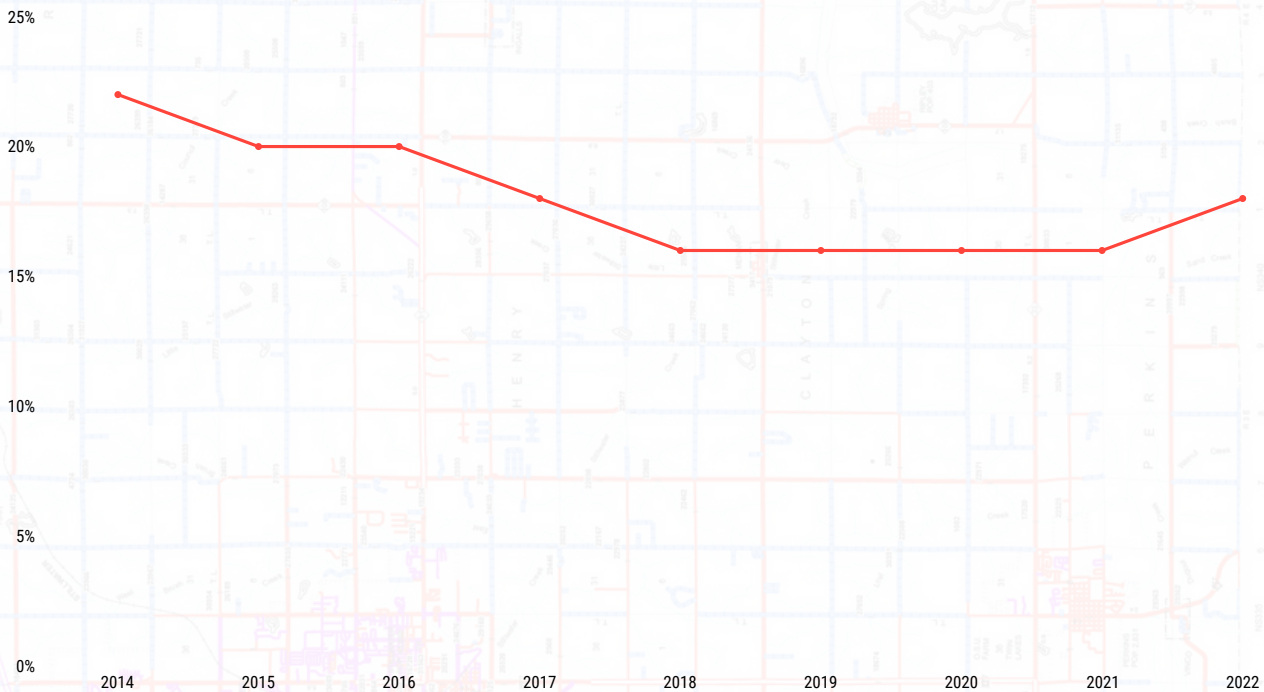


Fig. 25, Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

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# MENTAL HEALTH

Access to mental health care and resources is another critical factor that impacts overall well-being and economic mobility. According to [U.S. News](#), 16.5% of adults in Payne County experience frequent mental distress.

## Poor Mental Health

Based on the Payne County profile on [County Health Rankings](#), adults in Payne County reported **5.4 poor mental health days** over a 30-day period compared to 5 days at the state level and 4.4 days at the national level.



Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)



## Lack of Care

When it comes to mental health care, there is only **one mental health provider per 310** people in Payne County compared to a ratio of 1:240 at the state level.

Source: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

# CRIME AND SAFETY

Figure 26 outlines crimes reported year-over-year by the police departments that have jurisdiction in Payne County. This data comes from the [Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation](#) and accuracy is dependent on those agencies' reported information. There is a chance that some data may be missing if it was not submitted by the reporting agency, so caution should be used when trying to identify trends over time.

For a complete breakdown of crimes against persons, property and society in Payne County and each reporting agency, please refer to the [appendix](#).

## INDEX CRIMES COMPARISON - PAYNE COUNTY

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Murder</b>	1	6	0	0	4	3
<b>Rape</b>	45	46	39	41	29	34
<b>Robbery</b>	15	11	16	18	12	9
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	132	126	126	135	124	97
<b>Burglary</b>	378	359	386	357	354	278
<b>Larceny</b>	640	728	679	552	624	556
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	434	487	637	505	402	235
<b>Arson</b>	13	24	25	29	11	11
<b>Simple Assault</b>	472	471	486	623	531	573
<b>Intimidation</b>	140	185	389	161	191	248
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,270	2,443	2,783	2,421	2,282	2,044

Fig. 26, Source: [Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation](#)

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**Payne County  
Drug Court**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

According to the [World Population Review](#), 40.1% of women and 37.8% of men in Oklahoma have been or are currently victims of domestic violence. Oklahoma has consistently been one of the highest states in the nation for domestic violence and Oklahoma is the second in the nation for women killed by men based on [the most recent state rankings list](#). In 2022, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations received 464 reports of domestic abuse incidents comprising 567 victims in Payne County according to the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board's [2023 Annual Report](#). In 2023, [Wings of Hope](#) provided services to 1,156 individuals in Payne, Noble, Logan, Lincoln, and Pawnee counties. Individuals served were victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or other forms of abuse. In addition, **Wings of Hope received 1041 calls to their crisis line**, housed 71 women and 78 children in their shelter, and assisted with 638 safety plans.



Source: [Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board](#)

2 out of 5 women in OK experience intimate partner violence

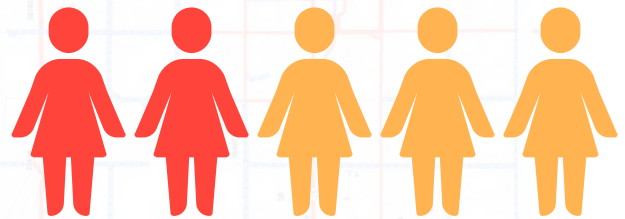
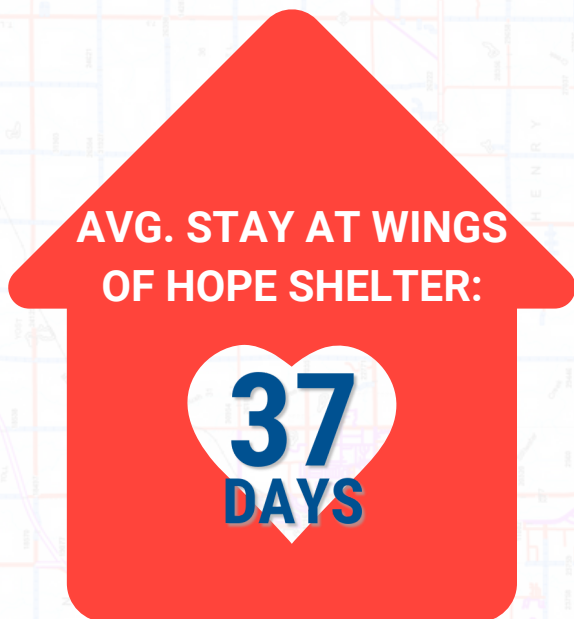


Fig. 27, Source: [World Population Review](#)



Source: [Wings of Hope](#)

## Wings of Hope Victimization Types

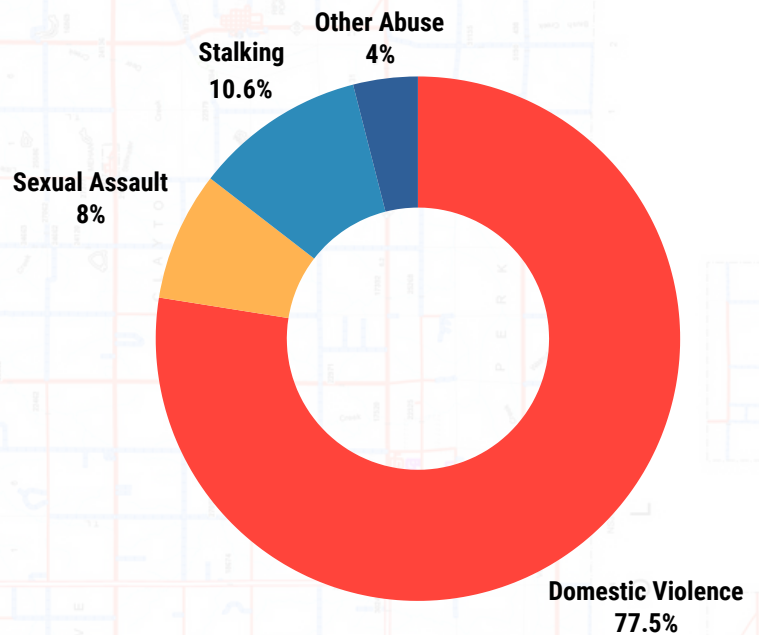


Fig. 28, Source: [Wings of Hope](#)

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# CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

In 2022, there were 1,805 reports received of child abuse and neglect in Payne County. Those reports led to 634 investigations conducted, according to the [Oklahoma Department of Human Services](#). A total of 1,091 children were involved in the investigations, with 285 of those children substantiated to be victims of child abuse or neglect. The number of children reported in those reflects duplicated counts of children included in multiple investigations. Since 2021, these numbers have increased significantly based on data provided by OKDHS.

	COMPLETED ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS BY CATEGORY						
	Sexual		Neglect		Physical		Total
Unique Count of Alleged Victims	81	7.1%	991	87.5%	260	22.9%	1,132
Count of Allegations	107	5.7%	1,450	77.9%	302	16.2%	1,859
Unique Count of Substantiated Victims	21	7.1%	257	87.7%	406	13.6%	293
Count of Substantiated Allegations	39	8.1%	393	81.8%	48	10%	480

Fig. 29, Source: [Oklahoma Department of Human Services](#)

\*Note: Some victims had allegations in more than one Abuse Type Category and may have had multiple allegations of abuse within the same Abuse Type

The [Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#) was also consulted for this report. In 2023, the Saville Center saw and assisted 402 children in Payne County. That number reflects the amount of cases and investigations that took place. Of the children included in those investigations, 182 were male and 219 were female with the 0-6 age category having the largest number of cases. For the 402 cases, there were 275 alleged offenders with the relationship to the child highlighted in Figure 31.

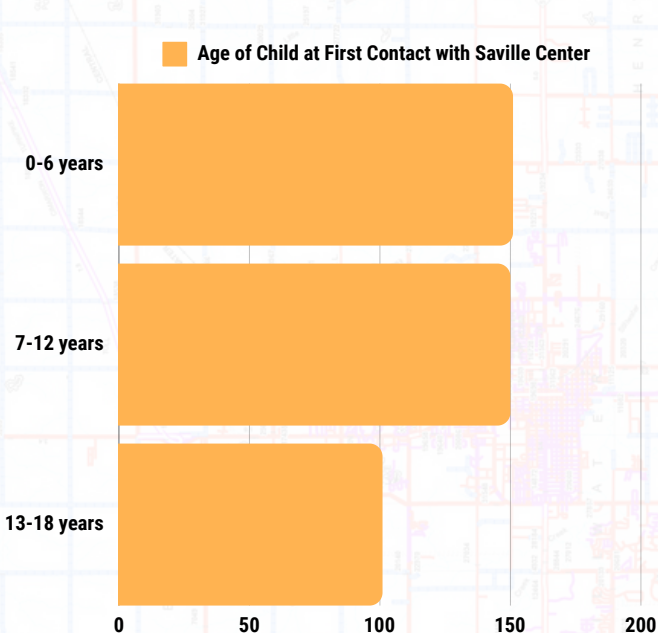


Fig. 30 Source: [Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#)

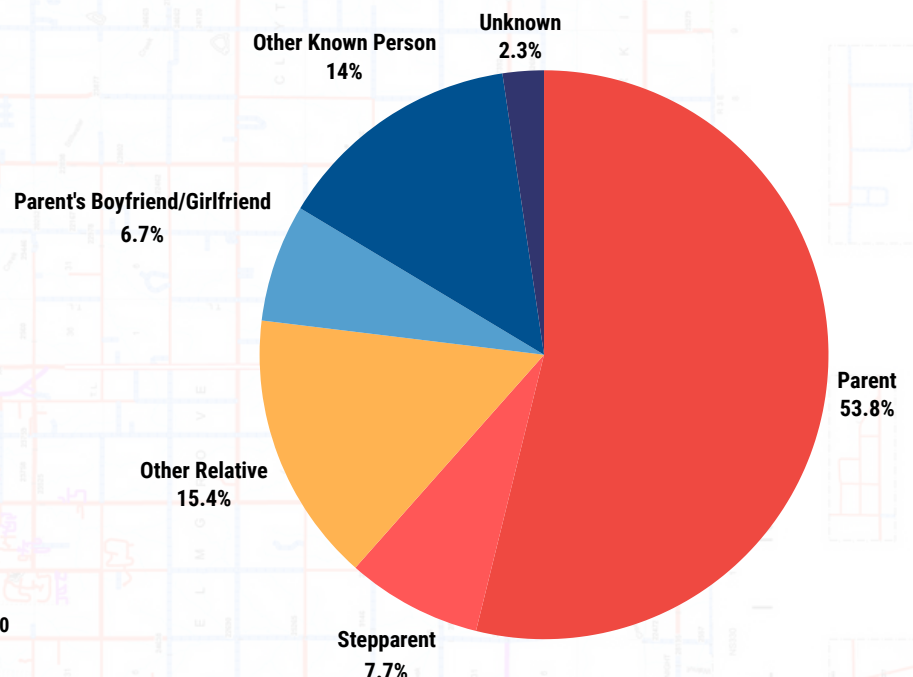


Fig. 31, Source: [Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#)

The Saville Center reported that sexual abuse was the largest category of case type followed by neglect. While servicing these cases, the Saville Center provided 810 free services including forensic interviews, mental health resources, sexual assault examinations, victim advocacy, prevention and access to the child abuse response, evaluations and support team (CARES team). That number is up from 775 services provided in 2022. A total of 472 individual children received services in 2023 with the breakdown of service type shown in Figure 33.

### Reported Abuse Type

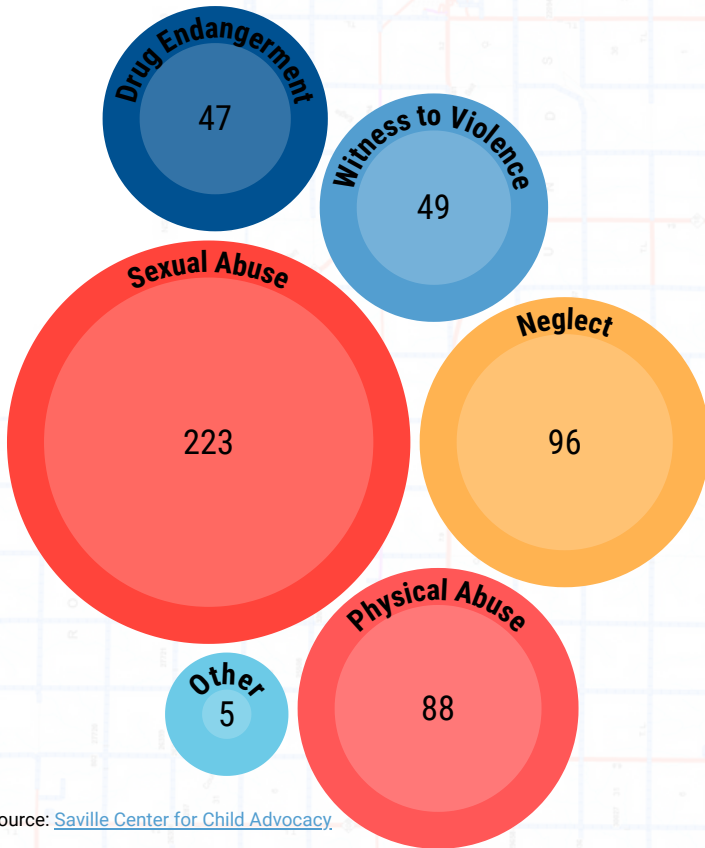


Fig. 32, Source: [Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#).

### Number of Children Receiving Services

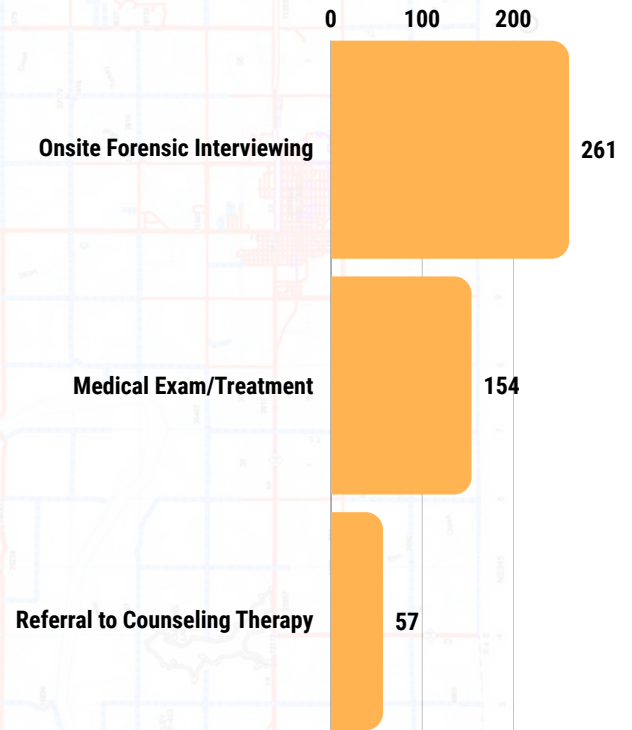


Fig. 33, Source: [Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#).

### Five-year Saville Center Case Trends Breakdown

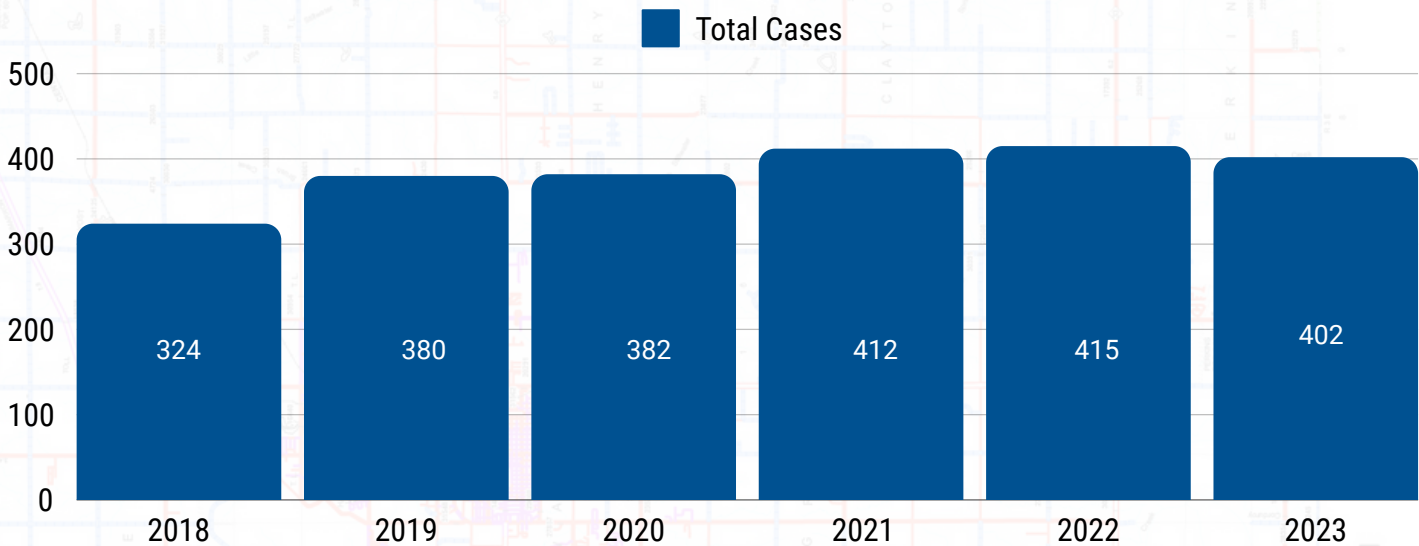


Fig. 34, Source: [Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#).

## WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

This report demonstrates that there are a number of pervasive social and economic barriers facing Payne County residents which can negatively impact upward mobility for individuals and families.

### Key Takeaways

- Poverty levels in Payne County are higher at 20.2% compared to 15.7% at the state level. Of the 15 most concentrated occupations in the county, 12 do not meet any of the living wage requirements to support a household with even one child.
- Affordable housing continues to be a challenge for Payne County residents with 38.8% of individuals spending 30% or more of their household income on housing such as rent or mortgage.
- Homelessness data was added to the report this year based on feedback and interest from the community. While county-level data is difficult to identify, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated that point-in-time homelessness in Oklahoma increased by 24% between 2022 and 2023.
- Several districts in Payne County are considered to be childcare deserts. Childcare facility capacity numbers have fallen recently, leading to increased prices and shortages in affordable childcare options. Infant and toddler care is more expensive in Payne County compared to average state rates.
- Reading proficiency trends have worsened over time with Oklahoma falling far below the national reading and math proficiency levels. While some school districts perform above the state average in reading and math, others perform lower and all are lower compared to the national levels.
- Healthcare accessibility continues to be a significant challenge for Payne County residents with 19% of individuals under the age of 65 not having health insurance along with low hospital bed availability and high physician-to-patient ratios.
- Individuals in Payne County experience more poor mental health days compared to state and national levels, which can impact well-being and workforce participation.
- Rising trends in both domestic violence and child abuse and neglect pose significant risks to the well-being of individuals and create barriers to economic advancement for families.



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Volunteer

Nonprofits throughout the communities in Payne County depend on volunteers to further their mission, assist clients and run the organization. The time you give to individuals and non-profits can make a huge impact in our county. Whether you have one hour or one day, there are a variety of ways for you to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities span United Way of Payne County's areas of focus and impact: health, education, financial stability, and life-enhancing.

## Donate

Your financial support makes a difference in the community. Gifts to UWPC or other nonprofits help ensure greater program stability and resources that are key to making positive changes to improve the lives of those in Payne County.

## Advocate

Speaking up and taking action on issues you care about can shape policy and legislation that impacts the systems we live by every day. Do the research, vote, and speak to your legislators and representatives to advocate for yourself and others.

## Get The Help You Need

Taking care of you and your family are a great place to start in helping others. There are resources throughout Payne County that can get you connected to the help you need, such as rental assistance, food pantries, affordable housing, health resources, child care, after-school programs, caregiver support, financial programs, literacy and job programs. Contacting 2-1-1 is a great place to start.

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# THE UNITED WAY'S COMMITMENT TO PAYNE COUNTY

## Our Mission

Improve lives of individuals in Payne County by uniting resources.

## Our Vision

Payne County is a community where individuals thrive because neighbors care.

This report is to be used as the starting point for annual reports in the future identifying trends and changes in the well-being of the communities in Payne County. Additional goals of the Board of Directors for UWPC is to use this report to:

- Understand the pervasive issues that impact the health, education and financial stability of Payne County citizens.
- Track change over time and determine if the work of agencies is having impact.
- Inform our community investment (allocations to agencies and programs) decisions.
- Evaluate our "portfolio" of partner agencies ensuring we are meeting our community's greatest needs.
- Build a board that reflects the makeup of our community.

On-going assessment of how UWPC allocates donors' contributions to best address the needs in Payne County is of utmost importance and the cornerstone to our long-standing commitment to accountability. This community status report is part of fulfilling that commitment.

## COMMUNITY STATUS REPORT RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION TEAM

The [United Way of Payne County](#) partnered with the [Oklahoma State University Center for the Future of Work](#) to produce this Community Status Report. Thank you to those individuals who worked tirelessly to support this effort.

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# UNITED WAY PARTNER AGENCIES

## [4 Kids and Community](#)

Supports the Perkins-Tryon schools and community needs for school and personal hygiene supplies, nutrition, educational programs and volunteer opportunities.

## [American Red Cross - Northern Oklahoma Chapter](#)

Teaches families how to prevent and prepare for disasters and supports those recovering. Collects lifesaving blood. Serves military members, veterans and their families. Provides health and safety courses to individuals and companies.

## [Big Brothers Big Sisters](#)

Facilitates one-to-one mentoring friendships between children and caring volunteers through community-based and school-based programs.

## [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)

A book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age 5, no matter their family's income.

## [CASA For Kids](#)

Provides trained community volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who come into the court system, primarily as a result of abuse or neglect.

## [Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma](#)

Provides informal educational program activities and events in a troop/group setting to enhance the growth and development of girls aged 5-17.

## [Early Childhood Coalition](#)

Fosters the communities' efforts in promoting healthy growth and development in young children. ECC brings area agencies, schools, non-profits, businesses and individuals together to make Stillwater a family-friendly community.

## [Legal Aide Services of Oklahoma](#)

Assists low-income and elderly persons with civil legal issues.

## [Life Center Adult Day Services](#)

Provides a daytime social recreation program and medical monitoring to enhance the lives of seniors dealing with loss of independence and provides support to caregivers through respite and educational programs.

## [Mission of Hope](#)

Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, prevention and outreach programs. Services include food, case management, life skills training, laundry facilities and transportation for the homeless.

## [MPower](#)

Provides employment, residential and adult day services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

## [Payne County Drug Court](#)

Provides outpatient substance abuse treatment counseling and therapy as an alternative to incarceration.

## [Payne County Youth Services Inc.](#)

Provides transitional living, emergency youth shelter, counseling, treatment, advocacy, and in-person and telehealth appointments at no charge to children, youth, adults and families. Offer a "Building a Competent Community for Suicide Prevention" training program.

## UNITED WAY PARTNER AGENCIES, CONT.

### [Stillwater Cares](#)

Connects people and resources to prevent and alleviate poverty by providing Charity Tracker online assistance network and other assistance to helping organizations.

### [Stillwater Community Health Center](#)

Provides healthcare and medications to low-income, uninsured residents of Payne County through volunteer physicians, nurses and pharmacists.

### [Stillwater Group Homes](#)

Provides residential services (group homes, assisted living, supported living and respite care) for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

### [Stillwater Interfaith Counseling](#)

Provides outpatient, professional counseling services to individuals, couples and families, beginning at age 15, on a sliding fee scale.

### [Stillwater Literacy Council](#)

Provides free tutoring to adults in basic literacy and English as a second language.

### [Stillwater Mobile Meals](#)

Delivers nutritious lunches to the elderly, homebound or recovering individuals Monday through Friday.

### [Stillwater YMCA](#)

Provides opportunities in youth sports, summer camp, teen leadership, youth and adult swim lessons, individual and group exercise and volunteer activities.

### [Stillwater Habitat for Humanity](#)

Provides low-income residents with affordable housing. They do this through partnerships with the community, volunteers who assist in building the homes and assistance with zero-interest rate mortgages.

### [The Salvation Army](#)

Helps people in need of food, clothing, utilities and housing assistance. Offers intensive case management for clients and disaster services. Offers character-building activities for the entire family that are open to the public.

### [The Saville Center for Child Advocacy](#)

Provides services for children with allegations of abuse including forensic interviews, medical examinations, counseling and victim advocacy. Coordinates Payne County's Child Abuse Response Team and Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.

### [Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services](#)

Provides free and confidential counseling, shelter, court advocacy and education services to families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.



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# APPENDIX

Figure 13 highlights how childcare prices have changed over the past five years in Payne County.

## Childcare Price Changes, Cont.

	Payne County	All County Average
Preschool, center-based price: 2018	\$8,261	\$6,500
Preschool, center-based price: 2023*	\$9,724	\$7,651
Change from 2018-2023	\$1,463	\$1,151
Preschool, home-based price: 2018	\$7,185	\$5,654
Preschool, home-based price: 2023*	\$8,458	\$6,655
Change from 2018-2023	\$1,272	\$1,001
School-age, center-based price: 2018	\$5,563	\$4,377
School-age, center-based price: 2023*	\$6,548	\$5,152
Change from 2018-2023	\$985	\$775
School-age, home-based price: 2018	\$5,526	\$4,348
School-age, home-based price: 2023*	\$6,504	\$5,118
Change from 2018-2023	\$978	\$770

\*price estimated Fig. 13 cont., Source: [Department of Labor Women's Bureau](#)

## Appendix A: Crime Statistical Tables

**Table A.1 Total Crimes in Payne County Five-Year Analysis**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Persons</b>						
Stillwater Police Department	493	541	516	652	558	566
OSU Police Department	8	41	41	48	59	72
Cushing Police Department	137	115	122	128	106	116
Perkins Police Department	39	43	41	49	29	65
Yale Police Department	15	14	19	29	33	23
Payne County Sheriff's Office	172	157	135	137	167	186
<b>Property</b>						
Stillwater Police Department	1823	1866	2284	1740	1680	1393
OSU Police Department	32	218	879	212	202	222
Cushing Police Department	393	466	358	310	303	239
Perkins Police Department	171	135	116	68	73	94
Yale Police Department	47	35	35	66	50	56
Payne County Sheriff's Office	449	335	464	407	415	327
<b>Society</b>						
Stillwater Police Department	877	603	298	493	568	546
OSU Police Department	4	41	17	40	14	24
Cushing Police Department	89	72	58	90	115	82
Perkins Police Department	116	79	58	54	70	130
Yale Police Department	36	14	17	22	17	15
Payne County Sheriff's Office	165	99	61	59	106	112

Source: "Oklahoma Crime Statistics." Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, [okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME\\_TRENDS\\_BY\\_CATEGORY.aspx](http://okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME_TRENDS_BY_CATEGORY.aspx). Accessed 1 Apr. 2024.

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**Table A.2 Crimes Report by Stillwater Police Department**

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aggravated Assault	92	96	75	84	82	56
Simple Assault	272	276	303	413	353	343
Intimidation	47	84	58	84	66	99
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	4	0	0	4	1
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	9	8	6	5	2	7
Rape	32	31	26	24	16	22
Sodomy	4	7	5	4	3	3
Sexual Assault with an Object	10	11	13	7	8	2
Fondling	27	24	26	31	23	29
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	2	0	1	3
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	1	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Robbery	12	10	12	15	9	6
Arson	11	13	15	18	6	6
Extortion/Blackmail	2	3	5	6	4	11
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	94	196	240	219	210	141
Motor Vehicle Theft	66	72	95	75	77	68
Counterfeiting/Forgery	102	54	46	37	69	77
Embezzlement	119	60	11	25	38	52
Stolen Property Offenses	53	54	44	43	47	25
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	334	320	358	380	397	250
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	64	101	80	73	74	92
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	64	84	72	33	36	66
Impersonation	8	5	7	6	4	1
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wire Fraud	3	10	4	2	1	0
Identity Theft	11	13	233	32	22	27
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	1	0	1	0	0
Pocket-Picking	2	0	0	1	1	2
Purse-Snatching	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shoplifting	120	171	212	138	113	148

Theft From Building	140	157	127	92	89	97
Theft From Coin-Operated Device	3	4	1	1	3	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	283	299	424	318	257	141
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	34	31	84	66	50	15
All Other Larceny	197	208	213	159	173	167
<b>Crime Against Society</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drug/Narcotic Violations	491	321	131	218	255	263
Drug Equipment Violations	337	240	117	196	218	221
Weapon Law Violations	42	30	42	70	66	53
Animal Cruelty	7	12	8	9	29	9

Source: "Oklahoma Crime Statistics." Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, [okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME\\_TRENDS\\_BY\\_CATEGORY.aspx](http://okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME_TRENDS_BY_CATEGORY.aspx). Accessed 1 Apr. 2024.

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**Table A.3 Crimes Report by OSU Police Department**

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aggravated Assault	1	1	1	0	0	4
Simple Assault	2	12	16	14	17	24
Intimidation	2	14	15	23	24	35
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	0	0	1
Rape	2	9	4	8	10	4
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual Assault with an Object	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	4	4	3	8	3
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1	9	6	4	8	4
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	4	12	13	11	18	18
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	3	3	5	0	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	1	1	3	6
Embezzlement	0	0	0	1	0	2

Stolen Property Offenses	0	6	1	3	2	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	9	33	49	48	39	63
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	7	5	8	6	5
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0	4	9	3	7	5
Impersonation	1	1	659	5	0	0
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	1	0	7	1	7
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	2	3
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purse-Snatching	0	0	0	0	1	0
Shoplifting	1	2	2	6	3	4
Theft From Building	3	40	14	17	20	10
Theft From Coin-Operated Device	0	2	0	0	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	0	12	32	11	8	30
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	1	3	2	8	4	3
All Other Larceny	11	82	83	74	79	54
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drug/Narcotic Violations	3	25	12	29	6	14
Drug Equipment Violations	1	14	4	10	4	6
Weapon Law Violations	0	2	1	1	4	4
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: "Oklahoma Crime Statistics." Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, [okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME\\_TRENDS\\_BY\\_CATEGORY.aspx](http://okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME_TRENDS_BY_CATEGORY.aspx). Accessed 1 Apr. 2024.

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**Table A.4 Crimes Report by Cushing Police Department**

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aggravated Assault	11	6	19	21	10	10
Simple Assault	75	69	63	76	56	58
Intimidation	37	31	27	23	32	38
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	0	1	0	1
Rape	5	2	3	2	1	4
Sodomy	1	1	5	0	0	2

Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	5	4	2	4	5	1
Incest	0	0	1	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2	2	2	1	2	2
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Crime Against Property</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Robbery	2	1	1	1	2	1
Arson	0	3	0	1	2	1
Extortion/Blackmail	1	1	0	2	1	0
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	56	60	45	49	47	46
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	20	29	19	21	10
Counterfeiting/Forgery	17	8	1	4	5	3
Embezzlement	2	1	2	2	1	3
Stolen Property Offenses	5	8	12	2	6	5
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	68	69	49	77	50	33
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	23	37	21	22	10	11
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	5	9	5	13	8	5
Impersonation	6	6	7	4	2	2
Welfare Fraud	0	0	2	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	0	1	1	2	2
Identity Theft	0	0	1	0	6	6
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pocket-Picking	1	0	0	0	0	0
Purse-Snatching	1	0	2	0	0	1
Shoplifting	27	45	38	13	19	16
Theft From Building	19	24	17	12	12	13
Theft From Coin-Operated Device	3	3	1	0	1	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	51	70	42	27	28	9
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	12	8	11	6	6	4
All Other Larceny	68	93	71	55	74	68

<b>Crimes Against Society</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drug/Narcotic Violations	52	44	33	52	71	44
Drug Equipment Violations	29	24	19	29	36	27
Weapon Law Violations	8	4	6	9	7	10
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	1	1

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**Table A.5 Crimes Report by Perkins Police Department**

<b>Crime Against Persons</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aggravated Assault	0	1	6	7	4	5
Simple Assault	23	26	24	29	12	35
Intimidation	12	14	9	8	9	19
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	0	0	2
Rape	1	1	0	3	1	0
Sodomy	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fondling	1	1	0	1	3	3
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Crime Against Property</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	1
Arson	0	1	0	1	1	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	1	2
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	21	21	14	6	7	9
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	5	8	3	4	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	17	6	11	7	3	6
Embezzlement	4	4	0	0	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	6	10	11	6	2	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	23	12	6	2	9	20
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	11	14	9	4	3	8
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	6	7	6	3	6	4
Impersonation	5	3	17	3	4	1
Welfare Fraud	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	1	0	0	2	1
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0

Purse-Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	5	6	2	3	0	4
Theft From Building	10	10	3	5	5	3
Theft From Coin-Operated Device	1	1	0	0	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	17	16	9	10	7	12
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	5	3	5	3	4	0
All Other Larceny	26	15	13	12	15	16
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Drug/Narcotic Violations	56	45	22	31	46	76
Drug Equipment Violations	53	31	29	19	21	45
Weapon Law Violations	7	3	7	4	3	5
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	4

Source: "Oklahoma Crime Statistics." Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, [okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME\\_TRENDS\\_BY\\_CATEGORY.aspx](http://okcrimestats.osbi.ok.gov/CRIME_TRENDS_BY_CATEGORY.aspx). Accessed 1 Apr. 2024.

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**Table A.6 Crimes Report by Yale Police Department**

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Aggravated Assault	3	0	0	2	4	1
Simple Assault	5	9	10	9	7	3
Intimidation	4	4	8	7	15	18
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	0	0	2	0
Rape	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sodomy	0	0	0	4	0	0
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	0	3	0	0
Fondling	0	0	1	2	3	1
Incest	2	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	1	2	0
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Robbery	1	0	0	1	0	0
Arson	1	2	3	4	0	3
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	1	1	0	0

Burglary/Breaking and Entering	10	5	4	9	9	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	2	4	4	1	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	5	1	1	1	1	1
Embezzlement	0	1	0	1	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	2	1	1	10	3	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	5	8	8	8	8	9
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	5	2	4	1	3
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0	0	1	1	1	0
Impersonation	0	0	0	1	1	1
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	1	0	1	0	0	0
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purse-Snatching	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shoplifting	5	0	0	5	3	1
Theft From Building	3	2	2	4	0	5
Theft From Coin-Operated Device	0	0	2	1	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	4	3	0	2	1	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	1	0	0	0	3	5
All Other Larceny	4	5	4	9	17	8
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Drug/Narcotic Violations	15	7	10	11	11	5
Drug Equipment Violations	15	6	5	8	4	4
Weapon Law Violations	3	0	2	3	1	1
Animal Cruelty	3	1	0	0	1	5

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**Table A.7 Crimes Report by Payne County Sheriff's Office**

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aggravated Assault	25	22	25	21	24	21
Simple Assault	95	79	70	82	86	110
Intimidation	38	38	27	16	45	39
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	2	0	0	0	2

Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	1	0	1	0
Rape	5	2	6	3	1	4
Sodomy	3	1	1	0	1	1
Sexual Assault with an Object	1	0	0	4	0	1
Fondling	3	10	5	8	8	6
Incest	0	1	0	0	0	1
Statutory Rape	1	1	0	3	1	1
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Crimes Against Property

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Robbery	0	0	2	1	1	0
Arson	1	5	7	5	2	1
Extortion/Blackmail	3	1	0	0	1	3
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	93	65	70	63	63	47
Motor Vehicle Theft	45	41	51	47	45	23
Counterfeiting/Forgery	5	2	3	6	5	8
Embezzlement	2	2	1	1	4	5
Stolen Property Offenses	13	7	9	11	9	8
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	64	51	65	52	64	51
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	21	19	27	28	20	29
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	13	8	7	7	9	7
Impersonation	7	6	50	12	8	2
Welfare Fraud	0	0	7	2	0	0
Wire Fraud	3	3	5	2	1	3
Identity Theft	0	0	0	1	11	6
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	2	0	0
Purse-Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	1	1	4	2	1	3
Theft From Building	16	12	16	12	8	24
Theft From Coin-Operated Device	1	0	0	0	1	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	12	31	18	41	26	10
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	14	11	10	13	8	5
All Other Larceny	135	70	112	99	127	91

### Crimes Against Society

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drug/Narcotic Violations	78	48	29	25	48	58



Drug Equipment Violations	64	34	16	14	28	38
Weapon Law Violations	23	17	16	20	22	10
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	8	6

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