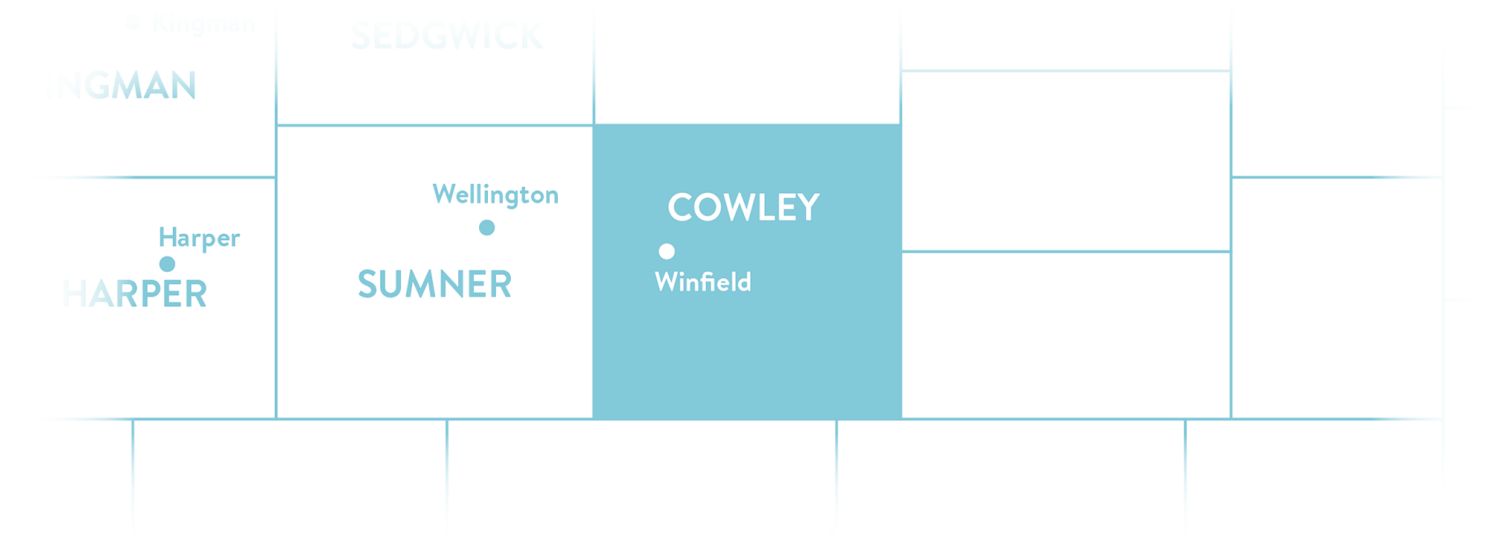



# COWLEY COUNTY

With concentrations such as workforce training, entrepreneurial growth and business development, it's no wonder why businesses are prospering in Cowley County, a semi-rural county that is adjacent to the Wichita metropolitan area. The county is known as a longtime leader in plastics manufacturing, aviation, and food processing with companies like GE Aviation, Ferguson Enterprises, and Creekstone Farms.

Cowley County is home to two higher education learning institutions: Cowley College and Southwestern College. Located in Arkansas City, Cowley College is a public two-year community college offering over 80 degree possibilities to over 4,500 enrolled students. Located in Southwestern College is a private four-year institution located in Winfield offering more than 40 undergraduate degrees and six graduate programs.




> The healthy state of existing companies, as well as new entrants into the area, is visible with one visit to Cowley County.

A high concentration of plastic manufacturing with companies including Newell Rubbermaid, WestRock, Husky Liners, Inc., and Western Industries Plastics Products Group, make Cowley County a logical place for the industry to grow.

## County Data

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| Population | 34,908 |




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| Land area | 1,126 |
| Average population density | 31 |
| Median age | 38.8 |
| High School Graduate or Higher | 89.9% |
| Some College, No Degree | 27.1% |
| Associate Degree | 11.9% |
| Bachelor Degree or Higher | 20.1% |
| Average 1-Way commute to work (min) | 18.9 |
| Civilian labor force | 16,298 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.4% |
| Unemployment | 549 |
| Number of business establishments | 775 |
| Employees | 14,172 |
| Average annual pay | $38,443 |
| Median household income | $48,087 |

Sources: 2019 Population Estimates for the 10-County Region; 2010 Census; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2014-2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics - Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics - Quarterly Census of Wages 2018 Average

## Major Employers

- Creekstone Farms
- GE Engine Services
- Galaxy Technologies
- KanPak
- Silgan Dispensing
- Rubbermaid
- Western Industries
- Winfield Consumer Products/Husky Liners

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