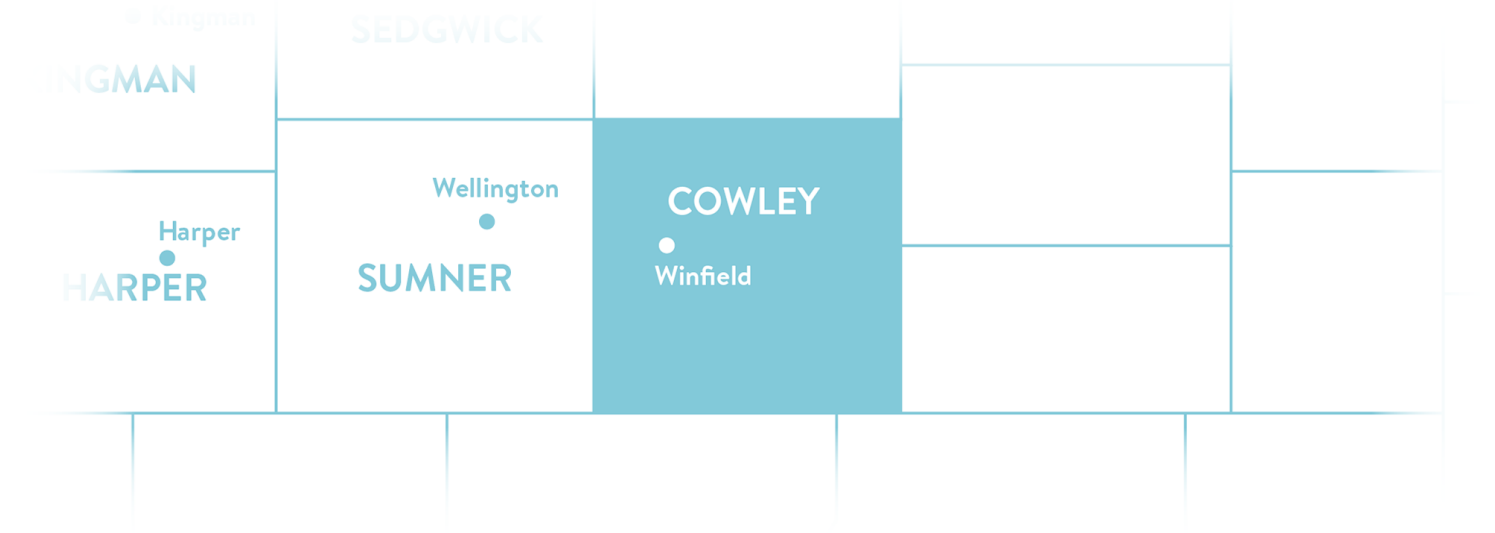
COWLEY COUNTY

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 serving more than 3,000 students annually through a variety of degree and certificate programs. Southwestern College is a private four-year institution located in Winfield, offering more than 40 undergraduate majors 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, and Western Industries Plastics Products Group, make Cowley County a logical place for the industry to grow.

County Data

Population	34,411

Land area	1,126
Average population density	31
Median age	39.2
High School Graduate or Higher	89.9%
Some College, No Degree	15%
Associate Degree	6%
Bachelor Degree or Higher	20.1%
Average 1-Way commute to work (min)	18.9
Civilian labor force	16,298
Unemployment rate	2.17%
Unemployment	749
Number of business establishments	775
Employees	14,554
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
- Rubbermaid
- Western Industries

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