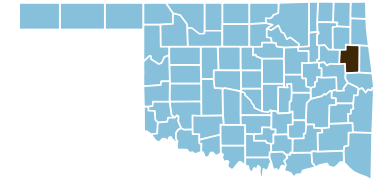


# Cherokee County



County Seat: Tahlequah

Number of Children (2003): 10,965  
Children are 25.0% of the county population

Number of Poor Children (2002): 2,876  
Child Poverty Rate (2002): 26.3%

Economic Cluster #4: Poorer

| Indicator                             | Base Data                                      | -       | Worsened | Improved | +     | Recent Data                                     | Rank |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------|----------|----------|-------|---|------|
| <b>Birthweight</b>                    |  |         |          |          |       |   |      |
| Low Birthweight (under 5½ lbs)        | 6.8% of live births, 1994-1996                 |         |          |          | 4.8%  | 6.4% of live births, 2001-2003                  | 15   |
| Very Low Birthweight (under 3lbs,5oz) | 0.9% of live births, 1994-1996                 |         |          |          | 13.6% | 0.8% of live births, 2001-2003                  | 15   |
| <b>Births to Teens</b>                |  |         |          |          |       |   |      |
| Births to Young Teens (ages 15-17)    | 44.0 per 1000 girls 15-17, 1994-1996           |         |          |          | 18.2% | 36.0 per 1000 girls 15-17, 2001-2003            | 63   |
| Births to Older Teens (ages 18-19)    | 103.6 per 1000 girls 18-19, 1994-1996          |         |          |          | 36.9% | 65.4 per 1000 girls 18-19, 2001-2003            | 10   |
| Births to Teens (ages 15-19)          | 70.0 per 1000 girls 15-19, 1994-1996           |         |          |          | 26.3% | 51.6 per 1000 girls 15-19, 2001-2003            | 26   |
| <b>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</b>      | 14.4 confirmed per 1000 children, FY 1995-1997 | -75.3%  |          |          |       | 25.3 confirmed per 1000 children, FY 2002-04    | 70   |
| <b>High School Dropouts</b>           | 3.5% of grades 9-12, SY 2001/02-2003/04        |         |          |          |       | <i>Trend data available in future Factbooks</i> | N/A  |
| <b>Juvenile Violent Crime Arrests</b> | 182.0 per 100,000 youths 10-17, 1994-1996      |         |          |          | 53.4% | 84.7 per 100,000 youths 10-17, 2001-2003        | 23   |
| <b>Mortality</b>                      |  |         |          |          |       |   |      |
| Infant Mortality (under age 1)        | 5.6 per 1000 live births, 1994-1996            | -15.2%  |          |          |       | 6.5 per 1000 live births, 2001-2003             | 32   |
| Child Death (age 1-14)                | 43.1 per 100,000 children 1-14, 1994-1996      |         |          |          | 44.8% | 23.8 per 100,000 children 1-14, 2001-2003       | 23   |
| Teen Death (ages 15-19)               | 32.7 per 100,000 teens 15-19, 1994-1996        | -185.3% |          |          |       | 93.3 per 100,000 teens 15-19, 2001-2003         | 47   |
| Child and Teen Death (ages 1-19)      | 40.2 per 100,000 youth 1-19, 1994-1996         | -14.4%  |          |          |       | 46.0 per 100,000 youth 1-19, 2001-2003          | 42   |
| <b>Economic Cluster</b>               | 243 Economic Index, 1994-1996                  |         |          |          | 31.3% | 167 Economic Index, 2001-2003                   | 43   |

Change of more than 110%—positive or negative—are graphed with broken bar

■ state change

■ county change

### = zero base - cannot calculate change

County Rank (1 = best) (77 = worst)

## County Health Indicators

### Health Resources

The following medical facilities are physically located within Cherokee County

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| YES | Hospital serving general population   |
| YES | Hospital specializing in care for specific population, procedure or condition |
| YES | County or City/County Health Department                                       |
| NO  | Non-health dept. community-based clinic receiving selected federal funding    |
| YES | Community Health Center   |
| YES | Clinic or health center serving native population                             |
| YES | Community Mental Health Center  |

The following medical practitioners are located in Cherokee County

|     |            |                         |
|-----|------------|-------------------------|
| 60  | Physicians | ( 1.4 per 1000 people)  |
| 546 | Nurses     | ( 12.6 per 1000 people) |
| 21  | Dentists   | ( 0.5 per 1000 people)  |

The following community partnerships serve Cherokee County

|     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| YES | Turning Point   |
| YES | Systems of Care |

### Health Status

| Rate          |  | Rank |
|---------------|--|------|
| 46.7%         | Birth mothers received adequate prenatal care        | 74   |
| 3.0/10,000    | Infants/Toddlers exposed to lead                     | 41   |
| 66.3%         | Two-year olds immunized                              | 25   |
| 91.9%         | Eligible children covered by Medicaid/SCHIP          | 44   |
| 436.7/100,000 | Juvenile arrests for drug & alcohol related offenses | 16   |
| 2.7/100,000   | Children & teen deaths from disease                  | 12   |

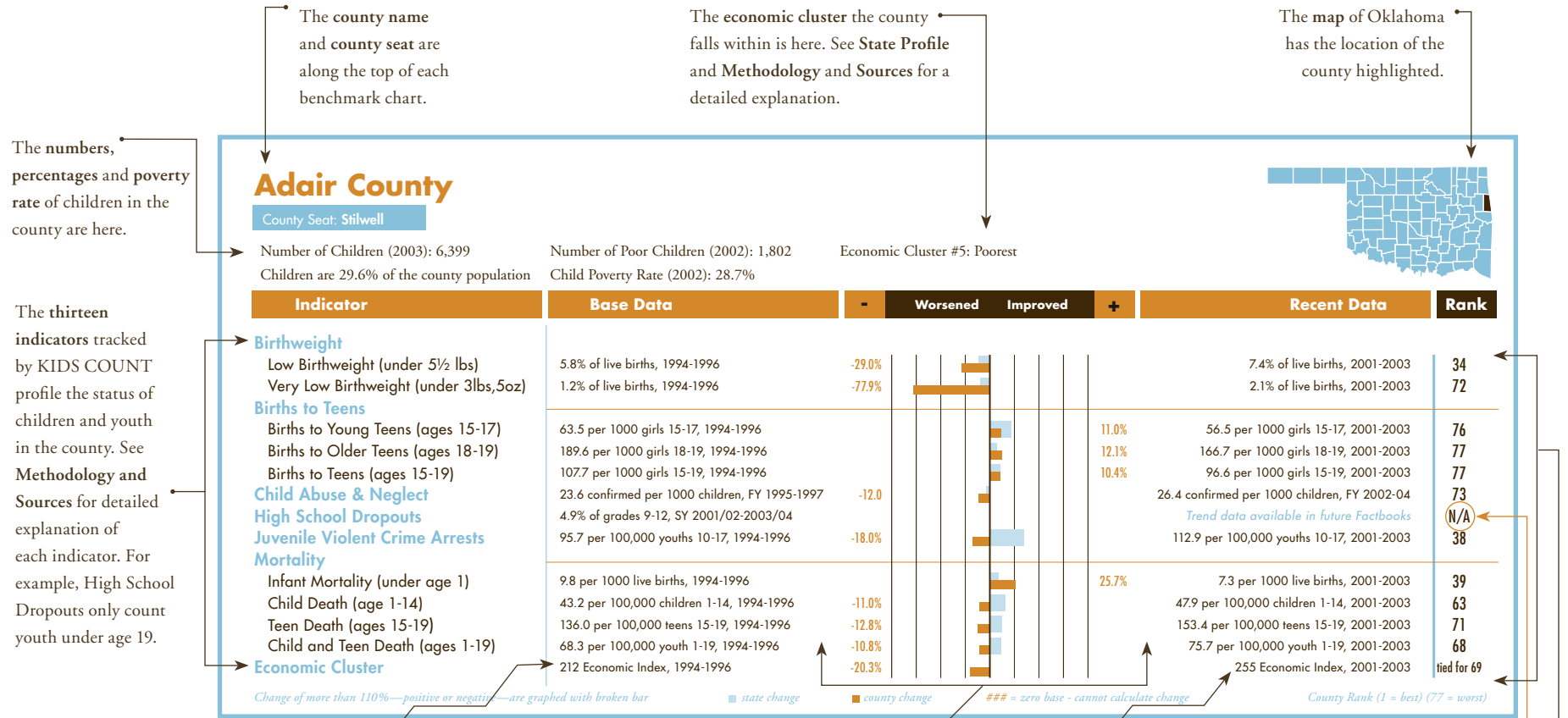
### Overall Health Status Rank

**33**

Part of Cherokee County is designated as a medically underserved area.



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Base data for each indicator presents a rate for a previous three-year period when data comparable to that measured currently was available. Each item specifies the base rate and period in which it was collected.

The bar chart shows the percent change between the base data and the recent data for each indicator. If the bar goes to the left of center, the county rate has worsened. If the bar goes to the right of center, the county rate has improved. The wider bar behind the bar chart is the state rate for that indicator and allows you to compare the county with the state as a whole.

Recent Data for each indicator presents a rate for the most recent three years. Each item specifies the recent rate and period in which it was collected.

Oklahoma's methodology for counting high school dropouts has changed preventing comparisons over time. Trend data will be available on future Factbooks.

The county is ranked on each indicator to allow you to compare rates for the county with other counties. 1 is the best ranking; 77 is the worst ranking.

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Medical Facilities catalog the bricks and mortar of the county health system, noting which of the seven resources are physically located in the county. See Data tables for detailed explanation.

### County Health Indicators

**Health Resources**

The following medical facilities are physically located within Adair County

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| YES | Hospital serving general population   |
| NO  | Hospital specializing in care for specific population, procedure or condition |
| YES | County or City/County Health Department                                       |
| NO  | Non-health dept. community-based clinic receiving selected federal funding    |
| NO  | Community Health Center   |
| YES | Clinic or health center serving native population                             |
| YES | Community Mental Health Center  |

The following medical practitioners are located in Adair County

|     |            |                       |
|-----|------------|-----------------------|
| 14  | Physicians | (0.7 per 1000 people) |
| 163 | Nurses     | (7.6 per 1000 people) |
| 5   | Dentists   | (0.2 per 1000 people) |

The following community partnerships serve Adair County

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| NO | Turning Point   |
| NO | Systems of Care |

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| Health Status | Rate          |  | Rank       |
|---------------|---------------|--|------------|
|               | 51.5%         | Birth mothers received adequate prenatal care        | 65         |
|               | 0.0/10,000    | Infants/Toddlers exposed to lead                     | tied for 1 |
|               | 64.9%*        | Two-year olds immunized                              | 44         |
|               | 96.1%         | Eligible children covered by Medicaid/SCHIP          | 33         |
|               | 372.5/100,000 | Juvenile arrests for drug & alcohol related offenses | 12         |
|               | 15.1/100,000  | Children & teen deaths from disease                  | 46         |

\*2003 data displayed. May be low due to vaccine shortage.

**Overall Health Status Rank**

**Tied for 23**

All of Adair County is designated as a medically underserved area.



Community Partnerships report whether the county is involved in one of Oklahoma's two major health-related community-based initiatives. See Data Tables for detailed explanation.

Medical Practitioners count providers by type, noting how many are available for every 1,000 county residents. See Data Tables for detailed explanation.

Six new indicators profile the status of child health in the county. See Methodology and Sources for a detailed explanation of each indicator. Recent Data for each new indicator presents a rate and a county ranking for the most recent time period available.

The Medically Underserved Area designation reports whether all or part of the county suffers from a severe lack of health resources.

The County is ranked on the combined Child Health Status indicators to allow you to compare this county with other counties. 1 is the best ranking; 77 is the worst ranking

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