



Adair

Bordering Arkansas, Adair County was created at statehood and named for a well-known Cherokee Indian family. The county seat has been located in Stilwell since 1910.

Primary industries of the county include food processing and canning, poultry raising, cattle ranching, and horse breeding. The Annual Strawberry Festival is held on the second Saturday in May in Stilwell.

Sites of interest within Adair County include the Old Baptist Missionary Church, built in 1836 by the Cherokee Indians, who traversed on the Trail of Tears to Oklahoma. The church is located north of Stilwell near Westville. A marker stands near the community of Watts recognizing Fort Wayne, a military post established in 1838. Abandoned in 1842, it was reactivated and became the site of a Civil War battle in 1862.

Professional football player Sam Claphan and Wilma Mankiller, former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, hail from Adair County.

The *Adair County History Book* provides additional facts about the county. For more county information, call the county clerk's office at 918/696-7198.

Districts

County Officials

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Cong. 2 | Court Clerk | Paula McCarter (D) | Stilwell |
| St. Sen 3 | Clerk | Carrie Philpott (D) | Stilwell |
| St. Rep 86 | Sheriff | Charles Hartshorne (D) | Watts |
| D.A. 27 | Treasurer | Janice Brewer (D) | Stilwell |
| Ct. of Appeals. 2 | Assessor | Rhonda Pritchett (D) | Bunch |
| Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 2 | Election Brd. Sec. | Morris Jones (D) | Stilwell |
| Supreme Ct. Jud. 7 | Dist. 1 Comm. | Danny Braden (D) | Stilwell |
| E. Cent. Jud. Adm. 15 (Div. III) | Dist. 2 Comm. | Sam Chandler (D) | Stilwell |
| | Dist. 3 Comm. | Haskell Kindle (R) | Proctor |

Property Valuations

| | 2003-2004 Assessment | 2004-2005 Assessment | Increase or Decrease |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Estate and Improvement | \$46,497,133 | \$47,693,457 | \$1,196,324 |
| Personal Subject to Tax | \$18,548,305 | \$17,042,623 | (\$1,505,682) |
| Total Locally Assessed | \$65,045,438 | \$64,736,080 | (\$309,358) |
| Homestead Exemptions Allowed | \$4,601,582 | \$4,494,607 | (\$106,975) |
| Net Assessed Locally | \$60,443,856 | \$60,241,473 | (\$202,383) |
| Public Service Assessment | \$5,891,652 | \$5,643,834 | (\$247,818) |
| Net Assessed Valuation | \$66,335,508 | \$65,885,307 | (\$450,201) |

County Seat—Stilwell (Pop. 3,419) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—577.3 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$18,787 (Ranks 71st of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—10,668, Male—10,370 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—10,035; Bl.—33; Am. Ind.—8,793; As.—18; Other—4; Pacific Is.—5; Two or more races—1,493; Hisp.—657

Births (2003)—373 • **Deaths (2003)**—220

Unemployment Rate (2003)—10.1%

Labor Force (2003)—9,500

Number of Establishments (2002)—220

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—14

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$772,531
TANF—\$270,072 • Supplements—Aged—\$174,826;
Blind—\$3,060; Disabled—\$324,573

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—12,103;
Farm Trucks—1,306; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—767; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—380;
Motorcycles—272; Manufactured Homes—36; Tax Exempt
Licenses—80; Boats—1,535

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—1; Robbery—
1; Fel. Assault—70; Breaking and Entering—135; Larceny—
290; Motor Vehicle Theft—46; Arson—4 • Total Crime
Index—544; Crime Rate per 1,000—25.34

Farms (2002)—1,130 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—237,874

County Population

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1907 (Okla. Terr.) | 9,115 |
| 1910 | 10,535 |
| 1920 | 13,703 |
| 1930 | 14,756 |
| 1940 | 15,755 |
| 1950 | 14,918 |
| 1960 | 13,112 |
| 1970 | 15,141 |
| 1980 | 18,575 |
| 1990 | 18,421 |
| 2000 | 21,038 |
| 2004 Estimate | 21,657 |

Recreation Area—Golda's Bidding Spring

Major Stream Systems—Illinois River, Sallisaw and Little Lee creeks

Museums and Historic Sites—Golda's Bidding Springs Gristmill

Minerals—oil and gas

