



Beaver

Located in the Oklahoma Panhandle, present-day Beaver County was created from the eastern one-third of that area. Named for the Beaver River, this county comprised the entire panhandle prior to statehood. Its county seat, Beaver, was at one time the capital of Cimarron Territory. Bordered on the north by Kansas and the south by Texas, Beaver County was crossed by the Jones and Plummer Trail. Established around 1874, this trail served first as a supply route and then a cattle trail between Texas and Kansas.

While the local economy is based on agriculture and cattle, it is also supplemented by the oil and gas industry. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 580/625-3418.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Sharon Raven (D)	Beaver
St. Sen. 27	Clerk	Karen Schell (D)	Beaver
St. Rep. 61	Sheriff	Billy E. Cassingham (R)	Forgan
D.A. 1	Treasurer	Jim Stafford (R)	Beaver
Ct. of Appeals 6	Assessor	Maxine Elston (D)	Forgan
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Election Brd. Sec.	Vera Floyd (D)	Beaver
Supreme Ct. Jud. 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	John Herzer (R)	Logan
N.W. Jud. Adm. 1	Dist. 2 Comm.	Robby Westenhaver (R)	Beaver
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Richard L. Cowan (R)	Balko

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$36,313,677	\$36,728,112	\$414,435
Personal Subject to Tax	\$30,858,090	\$32,011,829	\$1,153,739
Total Locally Assessed	\$67,171,767	\$68,739,941	\$1,568,174
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$1,396,147	\$1,396,279	\$132
Net Assessed Locally	\$65,775,620	\$67,343,662	\$1,568,042
Public Service Assessment	\$26,514,728	\$26,752,634	\$237,906
Net Assessed Valuation	\$92,290,348	\$94,096,296	\$1,805,948

County Seat—Beaver (Pop. 1,478) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—1,817.58 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$25,002 (Ranks 18th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—2,897, Male—2,960 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—5,072; Bl.—15; Am. Ind.—68; As.—4; Other—0; Pacific Is.—0; Two or more races—68, Hisp.—630

Births (2003)—75 • **Deaths (2003)**—59

Unemployment Rate (2003) —3.6%

Labor Force (2003)—2,600

Number of Establishments (2002)—184

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—3

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$43,458
TANF—\$22,423 • Supplements—Aged—\$8,156; Blind—\$0; Disabled—\$12,879

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—5,268; Farm Trucks—1,298; Comm., Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—850; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—305; Motorcycles—128; Manufactured Homes—12; Tax Exempt Licenses—5; Boats—431

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—2; Robbery—1; Fel. Assault—17; Breaking and Entering—31; Larceny—84; Motor Vehicle Theft—5; Arson—4 • Total Crime Index—140; Crime Rate per 1,000—24.99

Farms (2002)—960 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—1,018,626

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	13,364
1910	13,631
1920	14,048
1930	11,452
1940	8,648
1950	7,411
1960	6,965
1970	6,282
1980	6,806
1990	6,023
2000	5,857
2004 Estimate	5,474

Recreation Area—Beaver State Park

Major Stream Systems—North Canadian (Beaver), and Cimarron rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—Jones and Plummer Trail Museum, Beaver

Minerals—oil and gas, pumice

