



Bryan

Located in southeastern Oklahoma, Bryan County is named for famous orator William Jennings Bryan. The area was first settled by Choctaw Indians following their removal from Mississippi. The Indians established several schools in the area during the mid-to-late 1800s. One of the schools, the Armstrong Academy for Boys in Durant, later served as the capital of the Choctaw Nation.

Durant, the county seat, is the site of many manufacturers including American Packing, Bryan County Manufacturing, Potter Sausage, and Stahl Metal Products.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant is the site of the Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival. Held annually during June and July, this popular event has gained national recognition. The historic Bryan Hotel in Durant once served as southeastern Oklahoma’s center for social and political activities. Many national politicians such as Robert Kerr, Carl Albert, and William Jennings Bryan included the hotel as a stop on their campaign trails. The hotel has been restored, and tours are available.

Lake Texoma Resort provides a variety of recreational facilities including a golf course, marina, and camping facilities. For information, call the county clerk at 580/924-2202.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 2	Court Clerk	Sandy Stroud (D)	Durant
St. Sen. 6	Clerk	Patricia Brady (D)	Durant
St. Rep. 20,21	Sheriff	Bill Sturch (D)	Hendrix
D.A. 19	Treasurer	Sandra Mazzone (D)	Durant
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Glendel Rushing (D)	Durant
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Election Brd. Sec.	Linda Fahrendorf (D)	Durant
Supreme Ct. Jud. 2	Dist. 1 Comm.	Dwayne Simpson (D)	Calera
S.E. Jud. Adm. 19	Dist. 2 Comm.	Tony Simmons (D)	Calera
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Marshal Hart (D)	Durant

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$99,392,709	\$112,589,276	\$13,196,567
Personal Subject to Tax	\$21,799,668	\$22,942,862	\$1,143,194
Total Locally Assessed	\$121,192,377	\$135,532,138	\$14,339,761
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$8,299,222	\$8,235,721	(\$63,501)
Net Assessed Locally	\$112,893,155	\$127,296,417	\$14,403,262
Public Service Assessment	\$24,575,683	\$25,168,353	\$592,670
Net Assessed Valuation	\$137,468,838	\$152,464,770	\$14,995,932

County Seat—Durant (Pop. 14,565) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—943.43 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$21,544 (Ranks 47th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—18,724, Male—17,810 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—28,820; Bl.—5,219; Am. Ind.—4,375; As.—156; Other—7; Pacific Is.—10; Two or more races—1,680; Hisp.—967

Births (2003)—493 • **Deaths (2003)**—468

Unemployment Rate (2003)—3.9%

Labor Force (2003)—18,860

Number of Establishments (2002)—609

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—39

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$845,350
TANF—\$220,575 • Supplements—Aged—\$164,513; Blind—\$2,853; Disabled—\$457,409

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—30,054; Farm Trucks—4,049; Comm., Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—2,720; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,641; Motorcycles—871; Manufactured Homes—202; Tax Exempt Licenses—136; Boats—3,874

Institutions of Higher Learning—Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant.

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—2; Rape—18; Robbery—5; Fel. Assault—161; Breaking and Entering—141; Larceny—834; Motor Vehicle Theft—162; Arson—15 • Total Crime Index—1,623; Crime Rate per 1,000—43.60

Farms (2002)—1,673 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—458,275

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	27,865
1910	29,854
1920	40,700
1930	32,277
1940	38,138
1950	28,999
1960	24,252
1970	25,552
1980	30,535
1990	32,089
2000	36,534
2004 Estimate	37,758

Major Lakes—Arbuckle and Texoma

Major Stream Systems—Blue, Island Boggy, Washita, Muddy Boggy, and Red rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—Fort Washita, Durant; Three Valley Museum, Durant; Fairchilds Gallery, Durant; and Fort Washita Military Park, Durant

Minerals—oil and gas, crushed stone

