



# Carter

Carter County was formerly a part of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. Named for a prominent early-day family, the county ranges from hilly, rugged terrain in the north, exemplified by the Arbuckle Mountains, to rolling plains with productive oil fields in the south.

Ardmore, the county seat, located midway between Dallas and Oklahoma City on Interstate 35, is the site of the Michelin North America Tire Plant, Ardmore Higher Education Center, Ardmore Area Vocational-Technical School, and the Noble Foundation. The Joe Brown Co., Ultimar Diamond Shamrock, Bluebonnet Milling Co., Sunshine Industries, and major distribution centers for Best Buy, Dollar General, and Circuit City are also located in Ardmore.

Healdton, located in western Carter County, was the site of the Healdton Field which, at its peak in 1916, produced an estimated 95,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Lake Murray Resort, located seven miles south of Ardmore, offers recreational and conference facilities on a year-round basis. For additional county information, call the county clerk's office at 580/223-8162.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 4	Court Clerk	Karen Volino (D)	Ardmore
St. Sen. .... 14	Clerk	Cynthia Harmon (D)	Ardmore
St. Rep. .... 48,49	Sheriff	Harvey Burkhart (D)	Dickson
D.A. .... 20	Treasurer	LaDonna Miller (D)	Ardmore
Ct. of Appeals ..... 3	Assessor	Sam West (D)	Ardmore
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Election Brd. Sec.	Mina Howard (D)	Ardmore
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 5	Dist. 1 Comm.	Bill McLaughlin (D)	Ardmore
S. Cent. Jud. Adm. .... 20 (Div. I)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Kevin Robinson (D)	Lone Grove
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Dale Ott (D)	Ardmore

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$139,442,774	\$139,212,035	(\$230,739)
Personal Subject to Tax	\$59,199,944	\$65,956,368	\$6,756,424
Total Locally Assessed	\$198,642,718	\$205,168,403	\$6,525,685
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$11,081,490	\$11,086,872	\$5,382
Net Assessed Locally	\$187,561,228	\$194,081,531	\$6,520,303
Public Service Assessment	\$40,048,913	\$42,691,271	\$2,642,358
Net Assessed Valuation	\$227,610,141	\$236,772,802	\$9,162,661

**County Seat**—Ardmore (Pop. 23,928) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—833.72 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$23,587 (Ranks 14th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—23,656, Male—21,965 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—35,055; Bl.—3,435; Am. Ind.—3,682; As.—275; Other—16; Pacific Is.—12; Two or more races—1,877; Hisp.—1,269

**Births (2003)**—674 • **Deaths (2003)**—566

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—4.7%

**Labor Force (2003)**—22,440

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—1,391

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—41

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$1,050,034  
TANF—\$355,079 • Supplements—Aged—\$165,402;  
Blind—\$5,145; Disabled—\$524,408

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—32,947;  
Farm Trucks—1,486; Comm., Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—2,146; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,200;  
Motorcycles—1,204; Manufactured Homes—129; Tax  
Exempt Licenses—172; Boats—4,343

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—1; Rape—28;  
Robbery—46; Fel. Assault—282; Breaking and Entering—  
553; Larceny—1,682; Motor Vehicle Theft—127; Arson—16  
• Total Crime Rate—2,719; Crime Rate per 1,000—58.55

**Farms (2002)**—1,353 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—  
430,706

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	26,402
1910	25,358
1920	40,247
1930	41,419
1940	43,292
1950	36,455
1960	39,044
1970	37,349
1980	43,610
1990	42,919
2000	45,621
2004 Estimate	47,087

**Recreation Area**—Murray State Park

**Major Lakes**—Lake Murray

**Major Stream Systems**—Washita  
River, Walnut Bayou, Caddo Creek

**Museums and Historic Sites**—Eliza

Cruce Hall Doll House, Charles  
B. Goddard Ctr. for Visual and  
Performing Arts, Ardmore; Carter  
County Museum, Ardmore; Military  
Memorial Museum, Ardmore;  
Healdton Oil Museum, Healdton

**Minerals**—oil & gas, crushed stone

