



Cimarron

Cimarron County was formed at statehood and named for the Cimarron River. The name Cimarron is a Mexican-Apache word meaning “wanderer.”

For many years, present-day Cimarron County was a part of “No Man’s Land,” an area populated with few settlers and regulated by virtually no law. Sheep and cattle ranchers entered this area long before it was opened to homesteaders, and today, farming and ranching constitute the economic base of the county.

In 1943, Boise City, the county seat, was accidentally bombed by United States servicemen from Dalhart Army Base. Cimarron County is also the site of Black Mesa, the highest point in Oklahoma. The county also holds the distinction of being the only one in the U.S. to be bordered by four other states—Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, and Texas.

The Santa Fe Trail is a tourist attraction and a four-day festival is held during the first weekend of June, and the Cimarron Heritage Center Museum sponsors a tour of the Santa Fe Trail on the first Saturday in October annually. Cimarron County was once home to Hollywood stars Vera Miles and Jack Hoxie (featured in the museum). Several books have been published about Cimarron County. Contact the Cimarron Heritage Center Museum at 580/544-3479 or www.ptsi.net/user/museum.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Pricilla Johnson (R)	Boise City
St. Sen. 27	Clerk	Coleen Crabtree (D)	Boise City
St. Rep. 61	Sheriff	Keith Borth (I)	Boise City
D.A. 1	Treasurer	Gayla James (R)	Boise City
Ct. of Appeals 6	Assessor	Patricia Hiner (R)	Boise City
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Election Brd. Sec.	Vicki Turner (D)	Boise City
Supreme Ct. Jud. 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Kenneth Maness (D)	Felt
N.W. Jud. Adm. 1	Dist. 2 Comm.	John Freeman (D)	Boise City
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Bill Percifield (D)	Keyes

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$18,061,496	\$18,264,221	\$202,725
Personal Subject to Tax	\$10,605,098	\$11,098,910	\$493,812
Total Locally Assessed	\$28,666,594	\$29,363,131	\$696,537
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$749,527	\$717,170	(\$32,357)
Net Assessed Locally	\$27,917,067	\$28,645,961	\$728,894
Public Service Assessment	\$11,494,502	\$10,793,612	(\$700,890)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$39,411,569	\$39,439,573	\$28,004

County Seat—Boise City (Pop. 1,384) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—1,841.17 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$21,325 (Ranks 50th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—1,595, Male—1,553 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—2,551; Bl.—17; Am. Ind.—31; As.—5; Other—0; Pacific Is.—0; Two or more races—59; Hisp.—485

Births (2003)—32 • **Deaths (2003)**—41

Unemployment Rate (2003)—3.0%

Labor Force (2003)—1,610

Number of Establishments (2002)—97

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—0

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$28,765
TANF—\$6,198 • Supplements—Aged—\$9,399; Blind—\$607; Disabled—\$12,561

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—2,481; Farm Trucks—1,293; Comm., Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—255; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—142; Motorcycles—100; Manufactured Homes—4; Tax Exempt Licenses—10; Boats—145

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—1; Robbery—0; Fel. Assault—5; Breaking and Entering—15; Larceny—14; Motor Vehicle Theft—3; Arson—0 • Total Crime Index—38; Crime Rate per 1,000—12.59

Farms (2002) 545 • **Land in Farms (2002)** 1,121,690

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	5,927
1910	4,553
1920	3,436
1930	5,408
1940	3,654
1950	4,589
1960	4,496
1970	4,145
1980	3,648
1990	3,301
2000	3,148
2004 Estimate	2,897

Recreation Area—Black Mesa State Park

Major Lakes—Carl Etling

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

Museums and Historic Sites—Autograph Rock, Cimarron Heritage Center

Minerals—oil and gas

