



# Cleveland

Opened to settlement in the Land Run of April 22, 1889, Cleveland was one of the seven counties organized as the Oklahoma Territory in 1890. Its first citizens named it for President Grover Cleveland.

Osage Indians had fought the Plains Tribes here where settlers built cities and broke the sod for farms. Explorers pushing westward had marveled at the Cross Timbers in the eastern part of the county and the vast prairies beyond. Colonel A. P. Chouteau established a trading post near Lexington, and Jesse Chisholm ran one of his cattle trails through the county. Washington Irving killed a buffalo in the vicinity of present-day Moore and wrote about it in *A Tour on the Prairies*.

Cleveland County is the home of the state's largest comprehensive university, the University of Oklahoma in Norman. While other cities were battling to become the capital, Norman's mayor skillfully directed a bill through the Territorial Legislature designating Norman as the site for the first institution of higher learning.

Although Cleveland County is the eighth smallest Oklahoma county in area, it has the third largest population and two of the state's nine largest cities, Norman and Moore. Farming, oil production and horse breeding are important industries. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 405/366-0240.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 4	Court Clerk	Rhonda Hall (D)	Moore
St. Sen. .... 15,16,17 24,43,45	Clerk	Dorinda Harvey (R)	Norman
St. Rep. .... 22,27,42,44 45, 46,53,54,91,101	Sheriff	DeWayne Beggs (R)	Norman
D.A. .... 21	Treasurer	Saundra DeSelms (D)	Norman
Ct. of Appeals ..... 4	Assessor	Denise Heavner (D)	Norman
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 2	Election Brd. Sec.	Paula Roberts (D)	Norman
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 5	Dist. 1 Comm.	Bill Graves (R)	Norman
S. Cent. Jud. Adm. .... 21 (Div. I)	Dist. 2 Comm.	George Skinner (D)	Norman
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Leroy Krohmer (D)	Noble

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$880,656,073	\$949,989,452	\$69,333,379
Personal Subject to Tax	\$69,593,470	\$77,619,428	\$8,025,958
Total Locally Assessed	\$950,249,543	\$1,027,608,880	\$77,359,337
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$41,446,216	\$41,858,251	\$412,035
Net Assessed Locally	\$908,803,327	\$985,750,629	\$76,947,302
Public Service Assessment	\$57,830,080	\$58,220,984	\$390,904
Net Assessed Valuation	\$966,633,407	\$1,043,971,613	\$77,338,206

**County Seat**—Norman (Pop. 99,197) 2003 Estimate  
**Area (Land & Water)**—558.34 square miles  
**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$27,440 (Ranks 7th of 77 counties)  
**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—103,589, Male—104,427 •  
 Ethnicity—Wh.—169,533; Bl.—7,299; Am. Ind.—8,833; As.—5,880;  
 Other—184; Pacific Is.—90; Two or more races—7,801; Hisp.—8,396  
**Births (2003)**—2,607 • **Deaths (2003)**—1,377  
**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—3.8%  
**Labor Force (2003)**—117,250  
**Establishments (2002)**—4,486 • **Manufacturers (2002)**—140  
**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$2,676,525  
 TANF—\$1,568,077 • Supplements—Aged—\$196,492; Blind—\$9,796;  
 Disabled—\$902,160  
**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—148,899;  
 Farm Trucks—1,924; Comm., Trucks, Tractors,  
 Trailers—8,674; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—3,489;  
 Motorcycles—4,761; Manufactured Homes—287; Tax  
 Exempt Licenses—288; Boats—13,994  
**Institutions of Higher Learning**—University of  
 Oklahoma, Norman  
**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—8; Rape—71;  
 Robbery—82; Fel. Assault—220; Breaking and Entering—  
 1,460; Larceny—3,882; Motor Vehicle Theft—408;  
 Arson—31 • Total Crime Index—6,131; Crime Rate per  
 1,000—36.77  
**Farms (2002)**—1,294 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—  
 165,483

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	18,460
1910	18,843
1920	19,389
1930	24,948
1940	27,728
1950	41,443
1960	49,600
1970	81,839
1980	133,173
1990	174,253
2000	208,016
2004 Estimate	222,074

**Rec. Area**—Little River State Park  
**Major Lakes**—Draper and  
 Thunderbird  
**Major Stream Systems**—Little and  
 Canadian rivers  
**Museums and Historic Sites**—Fred  
 Jones, Jr. Museum of Art, Oklahoma  
 Museum of Natural History,  
 University of Oklahoma; Norman and  
 Cleveland County Historical Museum,  
 Firehouse Art Center, Norman  
**Minerals**—oil and gas

