



# Craig

Created at statehood and named for Granville Craig, a prominent Cherokee, this area was part of the Cherokee Nation. The area was only sparsely settled until after the Civil War when a few scattered Cherokees made their homes in the region. Every three years the Battle of Cabin Creek takes place; the next event will be Fall 2007.

Vinita, the county seat, was once called both Downingville and The Junction and was established in 1891 at the junction of the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad (KATY) and the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, (later the Frisco), the first rail lines to enter Oklahoma.

Craig County has long been a livestock producing area with cattle ranches located throughout. The industrial base of Vinita has been expanded to include everything from the manufacturing of towers to micro connectors. As headquarters of the Grand River Dam Authority, Craig County is also the site of the Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma Electric Power Distributor, and the Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative.

Annual events include the original Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo in August, the Calf Fry Festival in September, and Oktoberfest.

The *Craig County Book* and others offer more information, or call the county clerk's office at 918/256-2507.

## Districts

Cong. ....	2
St. Sen. ....	1,29
St. Rep. ....	6
D.A. ....	12
Ct. of Appeals .....	2
Ct. of Crim. Appeals...	1
Supreme Ct. Jud. ....	1
N.E. Jud. Adm. ....	12

## County Officials

Court Clerk	Patsy Byers (D)	Welch
Clerk	Tammy Malone (D)	Vinita
Sheriff	Jimmie L. Sooter (D)	Vinita
Treasurer	Joan Barnett (D)	Vinita
Assessor	Kelli Beisly-Minson (D)	Vinita
Election Brd. Sec.	Debbie Davenport (D)	Vinita
Dist. 1 Comm.	Roy Bible (D)	Vinita
Dist. 2 Comm.	F.M. Floyd (D)	Bluejacket
Dist. 3 Comm.	James Smith (D)	Vinita

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$46,134,622	\$47,363,654	\$1,229,032
Personal Subject to Tax	\$8,771,147	\$10,383,249	\$1,612,102
Total Locally Assessed	\$54,905,769	\$57,746,903	\$2,841,134
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$3,896,851	\$3,860,926	(\$35,925)
Net Assessed Locally	\$51,008,918	\$53,885,977	\$2,877,059
Public Service Assessment	\$13,887,634	\$12,310,807	(\$1,576,827)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$64,896,552	\$66,196,784	\$1,300,232

**County Seat**—Vinita (Pop. 5,969) 2003 Estimate  
**Area (Land & Water)**—762.71 square miles  
**Per Capita Income** (2003)—\$22,740 (Ranks 31st of 77 counties)  
**Population Stats** (2000)—Fem.—7,435, Male—7,515 • **Ethnicity**—  
 Wh.—10,175; Bl.—459; Am. Ind.—2,425; As.—26; Other—4; Pacific Is.—4;  
 Two or more races—1,678; Hisp.—179  
**Births** (2003)—209 • **Deaths** (2003)—170  
**Unemployment Rate** (2003)—5.3%  
**Labor Force** (2003)—6,450  
**Number of Establishments** (2002)—361  
**Number of Manufacturers** (2002)—18  
**Public Assistance Payments** (FY2004)—\$412,836  
 TANF—\$142,702 • Supplements—Aged—\$40,460; Blind—  
 \$1,976; Disabled—\$227,698  
**Vehicle Registration** (2004)—Automobiles—13,010;  
 Farm Trucks—2,035; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
 Trailers—1,308; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—515;  
 Motorcycles—454; Manufactured Homes—29; Tax  
 Exempt Licenses—200; Boats—4,655  
**Crime Incidents** (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—1; Robbery—  
 2; Fel. Assault—36; Breaking and Entering—95; Larceny—220; Motor Vehicle Theft—19; Arson—2 • Total  
 Crime Index—373; Crime Rate per 1,000—25.41  
**Farms** (2002)—1,289 • **Land in Farms** (2002)—435,804

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	14,955
1910	17,404
1920	19,160
1930	18,052
1940	21,083
1950	18,263
1960	16,303
1970	14,722
1980	15,014
1990	14,104
2000	14,950
2004 Estimate	14,873

**Major Stream Systems**—Grand and Verdigris rivers

**Museums and Historic Sites**—  
 Eastern Trails Museum at Vinita

**Minerals**—oil and gas; crushed stone

