



Delaware

Located on the Oklahoma-Arkansas border, Delaware County takes pride in its lakes and recreation areas. Grove, situated on the northern edge of the Old Cherokee Nation, is a resort center for the eastern shore of Grand Lake, which covers 46,500 acres, and includes 1,300 miles of shoreline.

Cattle ranches are abundant, although the principal industry is tourism. Har-Ber Village, west of Grove, is a reconstructed, authentic village of the past. Honey Creek, a popular resort area just south of Grove, has all types of water sports, and excellent crappie fishing. Jay, the county seat of Delaware County, was named for Jay Washburn, the grandson of an early-day missionary. The principal industry is the raising and processing of chickens. Green beans and soybeans are raised throughout the area, as well as cattle. East of Jay is the Oak Hill Indian Center, where Cherokees weave blankets and other articles on hand looms.

Beck's Mill, northeast of the town of Kansas, supplied meal for whites and Indians, and was built in 1835. It was once used as a Union prison camp.

Annual events in Delaware County include the Pelican Festival held in Grove every autumn, and the Huckleberry Festival located in Jay during July.

For more county information, call the county clerk's office at 918/253-4520.

Districts

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D.A.	13
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County Officials

Court Clerk	Caroline Weaver (D)	Jay
Clerk	Carol Fortner (R)	Grove
Sheriff	Jay Blackfox (D)	Kansas
Treasurer	Mary Jane Law (D)	Jay
Assessor	Sharon Lane (D)	Jay
Election Brd. Sec.	Earlene Bradford (D)	Grove
Dist. 1 Comm.	Bruce Poindexter(D)	Grove
Dist. 2 Comm.	Howard Payton (D)	Jay
Dist. 3 Comm.	Dave Kendrick (D)	Colcord

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$189,144,144	\$200,418,172	\$11,274,028
Personal Subject to Tax	\$16,089,034	\$17,154,424	\$1,065,390
Total Locally Assessed	\$205,233,178	\$217,572,596	\$12,339,418
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$9,021,194	\$9,029,349	\$8,155
Net Assessed Locally	\$196,211,984	\$208,543,247	\$12,331,263
Public Service Assessment	\$12,466,263	\$12,379,674	(\$86,589)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$208,678,247	\$220,922,921	\$12,244,674

County Seat—Jay (Pop. 2,713) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—792.33 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003)—\$23,243 (Ranks 26th of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—18,870, Male—18,207 • **Ethnicity**—
 Wh.—25,745; Bl.—46; Am. Ind.—8,208; As.—63; Other—8; Pacific Is.—9;
 Two or more races—2,349; Hisp.—649
Births (2003)—436 • **Deaths (2003)**—494
Unemployment Rate (2003)—4.9%
Labor Force (2003)—17,860
Number of Establishments (2002)—649
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—24
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$808,651
 TANF—\$291,807 • Supplements—Aged—\$129,755;
 Blind—\$426; Disabled—\$386,663
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—26,197;
 Farm Trucks—2,043; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
 Trailers—1,192; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,171;
 Motorcycles—762; Manufactured Homes—189; Tax
 Exempt Licenses—200; Boats—10,390
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—6; Robbery—
 0; Fel. Assault—115; Breaking and Entering—225;
 Larceny—423; Motor Vehicle Theft—58; Arson—11 • Total
 Crime Index—828; Crime Rate per 1,000—21.97
Farms (2002)—1,393 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—
 282,106

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	9,876
1910	11,469
1920	13,868
1930	15,370
1940	18,592
1950	14,734
1960	13,198
1970	17,767
1980	23,946
1990	28,070
2000	37,077
2004 Estimate	39,088

Recreation Area—Honey Creek,
 Bernice, Upper Spavinaw
Major Lakes—Grand Lake O' the
 Cherokees, Eucha, Spavinaw
Major Stream Systems—Grand and
 Illinois rivers
Museums and Historic Sites—
 Thunderbird Frontier, Delaware
 County Historical Museum, Jay
Minerals—oil and gas

