



Garfield

Originally a part of the Cherokee Outlet opened for settlement during the Land Run of September 16, 1893, Garfield County, Oklahoma Territory, was named for President James A. Garfield.

Enid, the county seat, has two major employers—Vance Air Force Base and Northrop-Grumman Technical Services, Inc. Local businesses manufacture such products as anhydrous ammonia, petroleum coke, drilling rigs, steel fabricators, dairy goods and processed meats. Although oil has provided a great deal of revenue, Garfield County is best known for its wheat production.

Recreational facilities include public golf courses, parks, and a swimming pool. An annual event of interest is the Tri-State Music Festival held in May for elementary and high school students.

The Garfield County Historical Society and *Garfield County Oklahoma 1893–1982* (two volumes) are sources for more information. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program Information Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the county clerk at 580/237-0225 or the Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce at 580/237-2494 for additional information.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Sharon Melrose (R)	Enid
St. Sen. 19,20	Clerk	Kathy Hughes (R)	Breckinridge
St. Rep. 38,40,41	Sheriff	Bill Winchester (R)	Enid
D.A. 4	Treasurer	Kevin R. Postier (R)	Breckinridge
Ct. of Appeals 6	Assessor	L. Wade Patterson (R)	Enid
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Wenona Marshall (D)	Enid
Supreme Ct. Jud. 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Steve Hobson (R)	Covington
N.W. Jud. Adm. 4 (Div II)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Mike Postier (R)	Enid
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Scott Savage (R)	Waukomis

Property Valuations

	2003–2004 Assessment	2004–2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$205,262,068	\$215,543,791	\$10,281,723
Personal Subject to Tax	\$61,227,667	\$61,694,934	\$467,267
Total Locally Assessed	\$266,489,735	\$277,238,725	\$10,748,990
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$14,151,181	\$14,029,934	(\$121,247)
Net Assessed Locally	\$252,338,554	\$263,208,791	\$10,870,237
Public Service Assessment	\$39,420,741	\$40,158,583	\$737,842
Net Assessed Valuation	\$291,759,295	\$303,367,374	\$11,608,079

County Seat—Enid (Pop. 46,436) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—1,059.94 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003)—\$22,067 (Ranked 10th of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—29,840, Male—27,973 • **Ethnicity**—
 Wh.—50,267; Bl.—1,860; Am. Ind.—1,180; As.—487; Other—53; Pacific
 Is.—278; Two or more races—1,301; Hisp.—2,387
Births (2003)—801 • **Deaths (2003)**—689
Unemployment Rate (2003)—3.6%
Labor Force (2003)—26,540
Number of Establishments (2002)—1,666
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—64
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$899,672
 TANF—\$313,029 • Supplements—Aged—\$88,648; Blind—
 \$3,235; Disabled—\$494,760
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—49,625;
 Farm Trucks—3,337; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
 Trailers—4,118; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,635;
 Motorcycles—1,991; Manufactured Homes—19; Tax
 Exempt Licenses—151; Boats—4,181
Institutions of Higher Learning—Northwestern
 Oklahoma State University, Enid Campus
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—41;
 Robbery—25; Fel. Assault—160; Breaking and Entering—
 594; Larceny—2,219; Motor Vehicle Theft—111; Arson—11
 • Total Crime Index—3,151; Crime Rate per 1,000—54.76
Farms (2002)—1,083 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—613,939

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	28,300
1910	33,050
1920	37,500
1930	45,588
1940	45,484
1950	52,820
1960	52,975
1970	55,365
1980	62,820
1990	56,735
2000	57,813
2004 Estimate	57,282

Major Stream Systems—Cimarron River, Red Rock and Black Bear Creek and tributaries of the Salt of the Arkansas River
Museums and Historic Sites—
 Museum of the Cherokee Strip at Enid, George's Antique Auto Museum, Midgley Museum, and the Railroad Museum of Oklahoma, Enid
Minerals—oil and gas

