



# Grady

Grady County was created at statehood and named for Henry W. Grady, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*. Chickasha, the county seat, was named for the Chickasaw Indians and is known as the “Queen City of the Washita” because of its strategic location.

In addition to the H. E. Bailey Turnpike and other highways, the OKT-MKT and Burlington-Northern railroads serve the transportation needs of the county.

Specialized educational needs are met by the Jane Brooks School for the Deaf and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, all in Chickasha. Recreational opportunities are available at Lakes Burtschi and Chickasha.

Summer rodeos and swap meets attract visitors to the area, as does the annual Watermelon Festival at Rush Springs, the “Watermelon Capital of the World.” Other annual events include the Festival of Light, the Grady County Fair, the Firefighters Chili Cook-off, and the Veterans Parade.

Contact the Grady County Historical Society and the chamber of commerce for more information, or call the county clerk’s office at 405/224-7388.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 4	Court Clerk	Glenda Fenimore (D)	Blanchard
St. Sen. .... 23,24,31	Clerk	Sharon Shoemake (D)	Chickasha
St. Rep. ... 42,47,51,56,65	Sheriff	Kieran McMullen (R)	Rush Springs
D.A. .... 6	Treasurer	Sandra Johnson (D)	Chickasha
Ct. of Appeals ..... 4	Assessor	Phyllis Ray (D)	Rush Springs
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Election Brd. Sec.	Joyce Smith (D)	Chickasha
Supreme Ct. Jud..... 5	Dist. 1 Comm.	Roy Testerman (D)	Minco
S.W. Jud. Adm. .... 6	Dist. 2 Comm.	Mike Lennier (D)	Chickasha
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Jack Porter (D)	Rush Springs

## Property Valuations

	2003–2004 Assessment	2004–2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$127,087,842	\$135,920,206	\$8,832,364
Personal Subject to Tax	\$41,181,565	\$41,245,323	\$63,758
Total Locally Assessed	\$168,269,407	\$177,165,529	\$8,896,122
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$11,867,921	\$11,932,519	\$64,598
Net Assessed Locally	\$156,401,486	\$165,233,010	\$8,831,524
Public Service Assessment	\$34,580,552	\$34,835,298	\$254,746
Net Assessed Valuation	\$190,982,038	\$200,068,308	\$9,086,270

**County Seat**—Chickasha (Pop. 16,345) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—1,105.30 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$22,956 (Ranks 29th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—23,311, Male—22,205 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—39,168; Bl.—1,379; Am. Ind.—2,133; As.—153; Other—16; Pacific Is.—16; Two or more races—1,335; Hisp.—1,316

**Births (2003)**—622 • **Deaths (2003)**—492

**Unemployment Rate (2001)**—4.8%

**Labor Force (2001)**—20,870

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—909

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—60

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$1,022,797  
TANF—\$490,801 • Supplements—Aged—\$105,571;  
Blind—\$4,522; Disabled—\$421,903

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—28,071;  
Farm Trucks—2,828; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—1,986; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,323;  
Motorcycles—1,044; Manufactured Homes—46; Tax  
Exempt Licenses—150; Boats—2,978

**Institutions of Higher Learning**—University of  
Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—1; Rape—13;  
Robbery—18; Fel. Assault—199; Breaking and Entering—351; Larceny—976; Motor Vehicle Theft—90;  
Arson—10 • Total Crime Index—1,648; Crime Rate per 1,000—35.17

**Farms (2002)**—1,804 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—601,607

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	23,420
1910	30,309
1920	33,943
1930	47,638
1940	41,116
1950	34,872
1960	29,590
1970	29,354
1980	39,490
1990	41,747
2000	45,516
2004 Estimate	48,176

**Major Stream Systems**—Washita and Canadian rivers and tributaries to Beaver Creek

**Museums and Historic Sites**—Grady County Historical Society, Antique Car Museum, Muscle Car Ranch

**Minerals**—oil and gas

