



Greer

Claimed by both Texas and the United States, Greer was adjudged by the U.S. Supreme Court to be part of Indian Territory in 1896 and was soon attached and opened for settlement. At the time of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, the area was divided among Beckham, Greer, and Jackson counties. Following statehood, Greer County was further divided to create Harmon County. The county was named for Texas Lieutenant Governor John A. Greer.

The first meeting of the United States and the Plains Indians took place July 21, 1834, in a local Wichita village on Devil’s Canyon. In attendance were Lt. Jefferson Davis and artist George Catlin.

Willis Granite Products, Inc. and the Mangum Brick Plant, located in the county seat, add to the economy.

The first shelter belt in the U.S. was established north of Mangum in 1936. Quartz Mountain State Park, the Sandy Sanders Wildlife Area (founded in 1986 and containing 16,000 acres), and Lake Altus provide recreational opportunities. The Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute takes place each June at Quartz Mountain Lodge, while the last weekend in April offers a rattlesnake derby and flea market at Mangum.

For more county information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/782-3664.

Districts

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County Officials

Court Clerk	Phyllis Denney (D)	Willow
Clerk	Sonja Wallace (D)	Mangum
Sheriff	Bill Runyan (D)	Mangum
Treasurer	Nita Marcum (D)	Mangum
Assessor	Donna Giddens (D)	Mangum
Election Brd. Sec.	Claudia Boyle (D)	Mangum
Dist. 1 Comm.	Danny Holt (D)	Mangum
Dist. 2 Comm.	Raymond Dillahunty (D)	Granite
Dist. 3 Comm.	Roger G. Lively (D)	Mangum

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$18,608,809	\$18,784,002	\$175,193
Personal Subject to Tax	\$4,744,640	\$4,481,014	\$263,626
Total Locally Assessed	\$23,353,449	\$23,265,016	(\$88,433)
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$1,647,245	\$1,609,870	(\$37,375)
Net Assessed Locally	\$21,706,204	\$21,655,146	(\$51,058)
Public Service Assessment	\$2,234,921	\$2,296,581	\$61,660
Net Assessed Valuation	\$23,941,125	\$23,951,727	\$10,602

County Seat—Mangum (Pop. 2,753) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—643.66 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$22,841 (Ranks 30th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—2,708, Male—3,353 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—4,769; Bl.—528; Am. Ind.—144; As.—16; Other—2; Pacific Is.—1; Two or more races—150; Hisp.—451

Births (2003)—57 • **Deaths (2003)**—89

Unemployment Rate (2003)—5.8%

Labor Force (2003)—2,390

Number of Establishments (2002)—95

Number of Manufacturers(2002)—2

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$176,136
TANF—\$86,145 • Supplements—Aged—\$29,845; Blind—\$0; Disabled—\$60,146

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—3,774; Farm Trucks—873; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—112; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—161; Motorcycles—87; Manufactured Homes—5; Tax Exempt Licenses—16; Boats—302

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—0; Robbery—0; Fel. Assault—9; Breaking and Entering—28; Larceny—37; Motor Vehicle Theft—4; Arson—0 • Total Crime Index—78; Crime Rate per 1,000—13.41

Farms (2002)—515 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—324,987

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	23,624
1910	16,449
1920	15,836
1930	20,282
1940	14,550
1950	11,749
1960	8,877
1970	7,979
1980	7,028
1990	6,559
2000	6,061
2004 Estimate	5,849

Recreation Area—Quartz Mountain State Park

Major Lake—Altus

Major Stream Systems—Elm Fork, Salt Fork and North Fork of Red River

Museums and Historic Sites—Ford's Museum, Granite; Old Greer County Museum, Mangum

Minerals—oil and gas; stone (dimension) clays

