



# Kingfisher

Kingfisher County was originally a part of the Unassigned Lands opened for settlement during the land run on April 22, 1889. Created at statehood, the county was named for King David Fisher, a settler who operated a trading station on the Chisholm Trail.

Kingfisher, also the name of the county seat, is the site of the Seay Mansion, restored home of Oklahoma’s second territorial governor, A. J. Seay. Built in 1892, it features furnishings from that period. The Chisholm Trail Museum, located directly on the Chisholm Trail in Kingfisher, traces the history of the trail and features Indian artifacts, a restored log cabin, school house, church, and bank.

At one time, oil production in the Cashion area, Dover Field, and East Columbia Field was of significant economic importance. Today, agriculture is central to the economy of the area, with wheat being the major crop.

Annual events include living history on the Chisholm Trail with fifty encampments in March, Pat Hennessey Days during late August, PRCA sanctioned rodeo in June, Chisholm Trail Museum Barbecue on April 22, Germanfest at Okarche in October, and Kingfisher in Lights at Oklahoma Park opening the Saturday after Thanksgiving and running until December 30. For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 405/375-3887.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. .... 3	Court Clerk	Yvonne Dow (R)	Okarche
St. Sen. .... 19, 22	Clerk	Judy Grellner (R)	Kingfisher
St. Rep. .... 41, 59	Sheriff	Dennis L. Banther (D)	Kingfisher
D.A. .... 4	Treasurer	Karen Mueggenborg(R)	Kingfisher
Ct. of Appeals ..... 6	Assessor	Eloise McCully (D)	Kingfisher
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Sharon O’Hern (D)	Dover
Supreme Ct. Jud. .... 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Edward Wilczek (R)	Kingfisher
N.W. Jud. Adm. .... 4	Dist. 2 Comm.	Jim Shimanek (R)	Hennessey
(Div. II)	Dist. 3 Comm.	Keith Schroder (R)	Okarche

## Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$56,944,880	\$59,110,161	\$2,165,281
Personal Subject to Tax	\$24,963,509	\$25,393,640	\$430,131
Total Locally Assessed	\$81,908,389	\$84,503,801	\$2,595,412
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$3,176,848	\$3,137,581	(\$39,267)
Net Assessed Locally	\$78,731,541	\$81,366,220	\$2,634,679
Public Service Assessment	\$22,010,994	\$22,398,365	(\$387,371)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$100,742,535	\$103,764,585	\$3,022,050

**County Seat**—Kingfisher (Pop. 4,452) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—905.96 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$27,503 (Ranks 6th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—7,138, Male—6,788 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—11,992; Bl.—213; Am. Ind.—411; As.—29; Other—2; Pacific Is.—0; Two or more races—318; Hisp.—961

**Births (2003)**—189 • **Deaths (2003)**—146

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—3.0%

**Labor Force (2003)**—6,690

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—430

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—20

**Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)**—\$142,680  
TANF—\$69,854 • Supplements—Aged—\$19,022; Blind—\$233; Disabled—\$53,571

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—11,275;  
Farm Trucks—2,501; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—1,546; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—433;  
Motorcycles—385; Manufactured Homes—21; Tax  
Exempt Licenses—47; Boats—1,157

**Crime Incidents (2003)**— Murder—0; Rape—1;  
Robbery—0; Fel. Assault—14; Breaking and Entering—49;  
Larceny—137; Motor Vehicle Theft—17; Arson—1 • Total  
Crime Index—218; Crime Rate per 1,000—15.80

**Farms (2002)**—1,063 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—552,561

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	18,010
1910	18,825
1920	15,671
1930	15,960
1940	15,617
1950	12,860
1960	10,635
1970	12,857
1980	14,187
1990	13,212
2000	13,926
2004 Estimate	14,176

**Major Stream Systems**—Cimarron River

**Museums and Historic Sites**—Chisholm Trail Museum and Governor A.J. Seay Mansion, Kingfisher

**Minerals**—oil and gas

