



Love

Originally a part of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Love County was named in honor of Overton Love, a prominent judge of the Chickasaws and landowner after the Civil War.

The county seat, according to some, was named Marietta by its first postmaster, Jerry C. Washington, for his wife, Mary, and his sister, Etta. Others contend the town was named for Marietta, Pennsylvania. The county courthouse, built in 1910, was the first courthouse built in Oklahoma after statehood.

Marietta is served by I-35, S.H. 32, and S.H. 77, and the Santa Fe Railroad. Industries include Murray Biscuit Co, LLC, Marietta Sportswear, Robertson Hams, Rapistan Systems, Earth Energy Systems, and the Joe Brown Company. Texaco, Chevron, and Cimarron Transmission manufacture propane, butane, and natural gas. The *Marietta Monitor*, a weekly newspaper, has been owned and operated by the same family since 1896.

Several famous horse ranches and cattle ranches are located in the county. The largest early-day ranch was operated by William E. Washington. Agricultural products include pecans, grains, hay, peanuts, and watermelons, while sheep and hogs are also raised.

Love County annually celebrates Frontier Days on the first Friday and Saturday of June. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 580/276-3059.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 4	Court Clerk	Kim Jackson (D)	Courtney
St. Sen. 14	Clerk	Dora Jackson (D)	Marietta
St. Rep. 49	Sheriff	Joe Russell (D)	Leon
D.A. 20	Treasurer	Langdon D. Spivey (D)	Marietta
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Cathy Carlile (D)	Marietta
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Cleta Willis (D)	Marietta
Supreme Ct. Jud. 5	Dist. 1 Comm.	James Wade (D)	Thackerville
S. Cent. Jud. Adm. 20 (Div. II)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Donald Reed (D)	Leon
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Clancy Hallum (D)	Marietta

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$23,214,402	\$24,126,947	\$912,545
Personal Subject to Tax	\$5,911,278	\$7,050,902	\$1,139,624
Total Locally Assessed	\$29,125,680	\$31,177,849	\$2,052,169
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$2,340,639	\$2,332,652	(\$7,987)
Net Assessed Locally	\$26,785,041	\$28,845,197	\$2,060,156
Public Service Assessment	\$6,625,932	\$10,683,697	\$4,057,765
Net Assessed Valuation	\$33,410,973	\$39,528,894	\$6,117,921

County Seat—Marietta (Pop. 2,431) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—531.94 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$21,697 (Ranks 45th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—4,456, Male—4,375 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—7,179; Bl.—191; Am. Ind.—561; As.—23; Other—4; Pacific Is.—1; Two or more races—253; Hisp.—619

Births (2003)—105 • **Deaths** (2003)—98

Unemployment Rate (2003)—5.3%

Labor Force (2003)—4,280

Number of Establishments (2002)—134

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—6

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$164,172
TANF—\$63,498 • Supplements—Aged—\$32,003; Blind—\$0; Disabled—\$68,671

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—8,286; Farm Trucks—1,078; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—653; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—328; Motorcycles—206; Manufactured Homes—26; Tax Exempt Licenses—30; Boats—1,042

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—3; Robbery—1; Fel. Assault—30; Breaking and Entering—54; Larceny—94; Motor Vehicle Theft—20; Arson—4 • Total Crime Index—202; Crime Rate per 1,000—22.55

Farms (2002)—725 • **Land in Farms** (2002)—244,465

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	11,134
1910	10,236
1920	12,433
1930	9,639
1940	11,433
1950	7,721
1960	5,862
1970	5,637
1980	7,469
1990	8,157
2000	8,831
2004 Estimate	9,133

Recreation Area—Murray State Park

Major Lakes—Murray, Texoma

Major Stream Systems—Tributaries to Red River, Walnut Bayou, and Mud Creek

Museums and Historic Sites—Love County Military Museum and Love County Pioneer Museum, Marietta

Minerals—oil and gas

