



Mayes

Created at statehood from lands lying within the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, the county was named for Samuel H. Mayes, Cherokee chief.

The first permanent white settlement in Oklahoma was at Salina where the French established a trading post in 1769. Near Mazie is the site of Union Mission, established in 1820 by a Presbyterian missionary to the Osages. The important Texas Trail followed the Grand River through the county, entering the state at the northeast corner and continuing south to the Red River.

Pryor, the county seat, was named for Nathaniel Pryor, a scout with the Lewis and Clark expedition who settled at Pryor’s Creek, an Osage trading post a few miles southeast of the present town. Located forty-four miles from Tulsa, Pryor is on U.S. 69 and S.H. 20, and is twenty miles from the Arkansas River Navigation Channel. Mid-America Industrial Park, the largest in the state, has more than 7,000 acres of industrial real estate.

Industry consists of beef production which ranks number one in the county and dairying, which ranks third in the state. Major crops are soybeans, hay, sorghum, wheat, and corn.

The Mayes County Historical Society published *Historical Highlights of Mayes County*. For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 918/825-2426.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 2	Court Clerk	Lori Parsons (D)	Pryor
St. Sen. 2, 18	Clerk	Rita Littlefield (D)	Pryor
St. Rep. 5, 6, 8	Sheriff	Frank Cantey (D)	Pryor
D.A. 12	Treasurer	Martha Carman (D)	Pryor
Ct. of Appeals 2	Assessor	Saundra White (D)	Pryor
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 1	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Jill McCullah (D)	Pryor
Supreme Ct. Jud. 7	Dist. 1 Comm.	Jim Montgomery (D)	Pryor
N.E. Jud. Adm. 12	Dist. 2 Comm.	Larry Ramsey (D)	Pryor
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Melvin Pritchett (R)	Salina

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$120,765,034	\$126,838,929	\$6,073,895
Personal Subject to Tax	\$34,133,702	\$35,456,785	\$1,323,083
Total Locally Assessed	\$154,898,736	\$162,295,714	\$7,396,978
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$9,398,051	\$9,459,832	\$61,781
Net Assessed Locally	\$145,500,685	\$152,835,882	\$7,335,197
Public Service Assessment	\$17,235,076	\$17,618,066	\$382,990
Net Assessed Valuation	\$162,735,761	\$170,453,948	\$7,718,187

County Seat—Pryor Creek (Pop. 9,098) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—683.51 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$21,249 (Ranks 51st of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—19,336, Male—19,033 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—27,373; Bl.—111; Am. Ind.—7,237; As.—108; Other—14; Pacific
Is.—4; Two or more races—2,804; Hisp.—718

Births (2003)—500 • **Deaths (2003)**—437

Unemployment Rate (2003)—9.3%

Labor Force (2003)—15,010

Number of Establishments (2002)—759

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—66

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$794,357
TANF—\$293,168 • Supplements—Aged—\$115,926;
Blind—\$3,738; Disabled—\$381,525

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—30,318;
Farm Trucks—2,176; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—1,757; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,225;
Motorcycles—1,119; Manufactured Homes—112; Tax
Exempt Licenses—115; Boats—7,197

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—1; Rape—11;

Robbery—5; Fel. Assault—97; Breaking and Entering—239;

Larceny—560; Motor Vehicle Theft—78; Arson—2 • Total Crime Index—991 Crime Rate per 1,000—25.37

Farms (2002)—1,552 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—302,172

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	11,064
1910	13,596
1920	16,829
1930	17,883
1940	21,668
1950	19,743
1960	20,073
1970	23,302
1980	32,261
1990	33,366
2000	38,369
2004 Estimate	39,274

Major Stream Systems—Canadian and Washita rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—
McClain County Historical Museum
at Purcell

Minerals—oil and gas

