



Murray

Created at statehood from part of the Chickasaw Nation, Murray County was named for William H. Murray, a governor of Oklahoma.

Sulphur, the county seat, was originally called Sulphur Springs for the bromide and sulphur waters that attracted thousands of people to the area early in the century. The Arbuckle Mountains, Turner Falls, and the Chickasaw National Recreational Area, including the 2,400-acre Lake of the Arbuckles, have made Murray County a leading tourist attraction.

Initial Point, which determines the legal description of all land in Oklahoma except for the Panhandle, is located in Murray County some six miles west of Davis. Intersecting this point, the Indian Base Line runs east and west, and the Indian Meridian runs north and south. A sandstone marker indicating the spot is located in a pasture on privately owned land. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 580/622-3920.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 4	Court Clerk	Jo Freeman (D)	Sulphur
St. Sen. 14	Clerk	David Thompson (D)	Sulphur
St. Rep. 22	Sheriff	Darin Rogers (D)	Wynnewood
D.A. 20	Treasurer	Barbara Woods (D)	Sulphur
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Scott Kirby (D)	Sulphur
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Rosa Thomas (D)	Sulphur
Supreme Ct. Jud. 5	Dist. 1 Comm.	Billy Frank Lance (D)	Sulphur
S. Cent. Jud. Adm. 20 (Div. II)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Jim Britt (D)	Sulphur
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Jimmie Primrose (D)	Davis

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$27,237,100	\$27,918,802	\$681,702
Personal Subject to Tax	\$5,350,187	\$11,127,796	\$5,777,609
Total Locally Assessed	\$32,587,287	\$39,046,598	\$6,459,311
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$3,693,675	\$3,633,282	(\$30,393)
Net Assessed Locally	\$28,893,612	\$35,383,316	\$6,489,704
Public Service Assessment	\$10,889,163	\$5,878,838	(\$5,010,325)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$39,782,775	\$41,262,154	\$1,479,379

County Seat—Sulphur (Pop. 4,810) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—424.92 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$20,426 (Ranks 60th of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—6,395, Male—6,228 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—9,998; Bl.—236; Am. Ind.—1,437; As.—38; Other—7; Pacific Is.—3; Two or more races—507; Hisp.—397

Births (2003)—159 • **Deaths** (2003)—207

Unemployment Rate (2003)—5.1%

Labor Force (2003)—5,440

Number of Establishments (2002)—268

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—13

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$211,584
TANF—\$66,623 • Supplements —Aged—\$30,912; Blind—\$0; Disabled—\$114,049;

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—10,303; Farm Trucks—1,367; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—910; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—441; Motorcycles—293; Manufactured Homes—7; Tax Exempt Licenses—53; Boats—1,347

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—4; Robbery—2; Fel. Assault—36; Breaking and Entering—89; Larceny—163; Motor Vehicle Theft—22; Arson—5 • Total Crime Index—316; Crime Rate per 1,000—24.89

Farms (2002)—525 • **Land in Farms** (2002)—202,136

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	11,948
1910	12,744
1920	13,115
1930	12,410
1940	13,841
1950	10,775
1960	10,662
1970	10,669
1980	12,147
1990	12,042
2000	12,623
2004 Estimate	12,682

Major Lake—Arbuckle

Major Stream Systems—Washita River

Museums and Historic Sites—Travertine Nature Center and Arbuckle Historical Museum both at Sulphur

Minerals—oil and gas, crushed stone

