



Oklahoma

The area that is now Oklahoma County was opened to settlement by the 1889 Land Run. A vote of the people made Oklahoma City the county seat. Although the the state’s original capital was located in Guthrie, the capital was eventually located in Oklahoma City.

In 1928, when oil was discovered in the county, petroleum products became a major part of the economy. Oklahoma County is now the economic center of the state. It is the chief market for the state’s livestock and agricultural industries as well as the major wholesale and employment centers for the area. The major sources of income in central Oklahoma are oil, agriculture, manufacturing, business, and government.

A leading medical center in the southwest, Oklahoma City is readily accessible by all modes of transportation. Cultural and recreational opportunities abound throughout the county. Local points of interest include Remington Park Race Track, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, the Oklahoma City Zoo, the Bricktown entertainment district and the Oklahoma City National Memorial site downtown.

For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 405/270-0082.

Districts

County Officials

Cong.	4, 5	Court Clerk	Patricia Presley (R)	Okla. City
St. Sen.	17, 22, 28, 30, 40-48	Clerk	Carolynn Caudill (R)	Okla. City
St. Rep.	31, 39, 41, 81-85, 87-97, 99-101	Sheriff	John Whetsel (D)	Choctaw
D.A.	7	Treasurer	Forrest Freeman (R)	Choctaw
Ct. of Appeals	4,5,6	Assessor	Leonard Sullivan (R)	Okla. City
Ct. of Crim. Appeals.....	4	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Doug Sanderson (D)	Edmond
Supreme Ct. Jud.....	3	Dist. 1 Comm.	Jim Roth (D)	Okla. City
Okla. Jud. Adm.....	7	Dist. 2 Comm.	Brent Reinhart (R)	Okla. City
		Dist. 3 Comm.	Stan Inman (R)	Edmond

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$2,813,591,415	\$3,156,222,008	\$342,630,593
Personal Subject to Tax	\$696,919,213	\$709,745,436	\$12,826,223
Total Locally Assessed	\$3,510,510,628	\$3,865,967,444	\$355,456,816
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$133,407,868	\$132,370,840	(\$1,037,028)
Net Assessed Locally	\$3,377,102,760	\$3,733,596,604	\$356,493,844
Public Service Assessment	\$377,520,561	\$385,340,830	\$7,820,269
Net Assessed Valuation	\$3,754,623,321	\$4,118,937,434	\$364,314,113

County Seat—Oklahoma City (Pop. 523,303) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—718.31 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$30,891 (Ranks 3rd of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2002)—Fem.-340,022, Male-320,426 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.-443,160; Bl.-98,217; Am. Ind.-21,127; As.-18,389; Other-579; Pacific Is.-414; Two or more races-21,226; Hisp.-57,336

Births (2003)—11,1603 • **Deaths** (2003)—6,442

Unemployment Rate (2003)—5.5% • **Labor Force** (2003)—347,870

Number of Establishments (2002)—21,328

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—787

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$21,377,580

TANF—\$14,461,355 • Supplements—Aged-374,000; Blind-\$46,174; Disabled-\$5,496,051

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles-637,279; Farm Trucks-3,217; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers-56,095; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers-12,539; Motorcycles-17,702; Manufactured Homes-999; Tax Exempt Licenses-1,677; Boats-47,611

Institutions of Higher Learning—Oklahoma State University—Oklahoma City, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City Community College, Mid-America Bible College, Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City; University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond; Rose State College, Midwest City; Southern Nazarene University, Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, Bethany

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder-55; Rape-425; Robbery-1,537; Fel. Assault-3,275; Breaking and Entering-10,056; Larceny-41,144; Motor Vehicle Theft-4,499; Arson-259 • Total Crime Index-60,991; Crime Rate per 1,000-80.79

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	55,849
1910	85,232
1920	116,307
1930	221,738
1940	244,159
1950	325,352
1960	439,506
1970	526,805
1980	568,933
1990	599,611
2000	660,448
2004 Estimate	680,815

Farms (2002)—1,268

Land in Farms (2002)—172,203

Major Lakes—Arcadia, Hefner, Overholser

Major Stream Systems—North Canadian, Little & Deep Fork rivers, small tributaries to Canadian, Cimarron rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—Overholser House, 45th Infantry Museum, Cowboy Hall of Fame, Softball Hall of Fame, OKC Museum of Art, Firefighters Museum, Heritage Center, Historical Society Museum, Harn Homestead, Kirkpatrick Center

Minerals—oil and gas, clays

