



# Pawnee

Originally part of the Cherokee Outlet, Pawnee County lies between the Cimarron River on the south and the Arkansas River on the north. The lands were opened to settlement by lottery in 1892, and the county was designated County “Q.” Later the name was changed to honor the Pawnee Indians who located here in the nineteenth century.

At statehood, the county was created with an area slightly larger than Pawnee County, Oklahoma Territory. The county is primarily noted for agriculture and cattle. Today, Keystone Lake and the Pawnee Bill Museum in Pawnee, the county seat, are major tourist attractions along with Lone Chimney Lake south of Pawnee.

The major manufacturing company is Columbia Windows. Two newspapers, the *Pawnee Chief* and the *Cleveland American*, and two hospitals, Pawnee Municipal Hospital and Cleveland Hospital, serve the county. The Burlington Northern Railroad and the Cimarron Turnpike provide ready access to the county.

The Oklahoma Steam and Gas Engine Association holds its annual show in Steam Engine Park in Pawnee the first weekend in May for those interested in historical agricultural machinery.

For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 918/762-2732.

## Districts

## County Officials

Cong. ....	3	Court Clerk	Elaine Tannahill (D)	Cleveland
St. Sen. ....	10	Clerk	Marcelee Welch (D)	Pawnee
St. Rep. ....	35	Sheriff	Roger Price (D)	Cleveland
D.A. ....	10	Treasurer	Anita Jo Harris (D)	Pawnee
Ct. of Appeals .....	2	Assessor	Wayne Spears (D)	Pawnee
Ct. of Crim. Appeals...	2	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Tonda L. Miner (D)	Pawnee
Supreme Ct. Jud. ....	1	Dist. 1 Comm.	Gary Pogue (D)	Cleveland
Tulsa-Pawnee		Dist. 2 Comm.	Joe Allenbaugh (D)	Pawnee
Jud. Adm. ....	14	Dist. 3 Comm.	William Hickson (D)	Terlton

## Property Valuations

	2003–2004 Assessment	2004–2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$40,405,438	\$42,504,263	\$2,098,825
Personal Subject to Tax	\$7,180,702	\$7,237,517	\$56,815
Total Locally Assessed	\$47,586,140	\$49,741,780	\$2,155,640
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$4,118,021	\$4,084,651	(\$33,370)
Net Assessed Locally	\$43,468,119	\$45,657,129	\$2,189,010
Public Service Assessment	\$14,074,053	\$13,882,297	(\$191,756)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$57,542,172	\$59,539,426	\$1,997,254

**County Seat**—Pawnee (Pop. 2,200) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—594.87 square miles

**Per Capita Income (2003)**—\$21,405 (Ranks 49th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats (2000)**—Fem.—8,415, Male—8,197 • **Ethnicity**—  
Wh.—13,572; Bl.—113; Am. Ind.—1,992; As.—33; Other—4; Pacific Is.—8;  
Two or more races—698; Hisp.—192

**Births (2003)**—211 • **Deaths (2003)**—199

**Unemployment Rate (2003)**—7.9%

**Labor Force (2003)**—7,560

**Number of Establishments (2002)**—292

**Number of Manufacturers (2002)**—19

**Public Assistance Payments**—(FY 2004) \$251,755  
TANF—\$59,558 • Supplements—Aged—\$42,884; Blind—  
\$0; Disabled—\$149,313

**Vehicle Registration (2004)**—Automobiles—12,484;  
Farm Trucks—1,432; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers—887; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—592;  
Motorcycles—424; Manufactured Homes—26; Tax  
Exempt Licenses—154; Boats—1,825

**Crime Incidents (2003)**—Murder—1; Rape—5; Robbery—  
1; Fel. Assault—78; Breaking and Entering—108; Larceny—  
200; Motor Vehicle Theft—27; Arson—3 • Total Crime  
Index—420; Crime Rate per 1,000—24.83

**Farms (2002)**—826 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—280,768

**County Population**

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	17,112
1910	17,332
1920	19,126
1930	19,882
1940	17,395
1950	13,616
1960	10,884
1970	11,338
1980	15,310
1990	15,575
2000	16,612
2004 Estimate	16,834

**Recreation Area**—Feyodi Creek

**Major Lake**—Keystone

**Major Stream Systems**—Arkansas  
River, Black Bear Creek and tributaries  
to Cimarron River

**Museums and Historic Sites**—  
Pawnee Bill Museum & Ranch,  
Pawnee County Historical Society  
Museum at Pawnee

**Minerals**—oil and gas; crushed stone

