



Pontotoc

Created at statehood, this south central county, Pontotoc, has a Chickasaw name meaning “cat tails growing on the prairie.” The county was named after the original home of the Chickasaw Indians in Mississippi. Ada, the county seat, is the home of the Chickasaw Nation, one of the ten largest Native American tribes in the country.

The county has a rich blend of agriculture and industry. Quarter horses and cattle attract buyers from across the United States, and the area’s natural resources of limestone, shale, silica sand, and clay have attracted manufacturers of glass, cement, and brick. Many diverse businesses, including Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. are located in the county. Underground springs from the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer furnish an abundant pure water supply, and the county is also the hub of some of Oklahoma’s richest oil and gas production.

Other points of interest include the log cabin in which the late Senator Robert S. Kerr was born, and the Kerr Environmental Research Laboratory, an EPA facility specializing in groundwater research. East Central University, a four-year institution of higher education, is located in Ada.

History of Pontotoc County gives a written account of the area’s history. For additional information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/332-5763.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 4	Court Clerk	Janis C. Rowsey (D)	Ada
St. Sen. 13	Clerk	Lynn Lofton (D)	Ada
St. Rep. 20,22,25	Sheriff	Pete Peterson (D)	Ada
D.A. 22	Treasurer	Glenda Gonderman (D)	Ada
Ct. of Appeals 3	Assessor	Michael H. Reynolds (D)	Ada
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Annette W. Price (D)	Ada
Supreme Ct. Jud. 8	Dist. 1 Comm.	Gary D. Starns (D)	Ada
S. Cent. Jud. Adm. 22	Dist. 2 Comm.	Carl G. Wages (D)	Ada
(Div. I)	Dist. 3 Comm.	Winford D. Wood (D)	Stonewall

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$85,005,627	\$91,556,380	\$6,550,753
Personal Subject to Tax	\$20,378,821	\$20,630,766	\$251,945
Total Locally Assessed	\$105,384,448	\$112,187,146	\$6,802,698
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$8,771,655	\$8,722,920	(\$48,735)
Net Assessed Locally	\$96,612,793	\$103,464,226	\$6,851,433
Public Service Assessment	\$29,495,109	\$30,838,309	\$1,343,200
Net Assessed Valuation	\$126,107,902	\$134,302,535	\$8,194,633

County Seat—Ada (Pop. 16,008) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—725.45 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003) \$22,422 (Ranks 38th of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—18,185; Male—19,958 •
 Ethnicity—Wh.—26,292; Bl.—717; Am. Ind.—5,352; As.—156;
 Other—13; Pacific Is.—6; Two or more races—1,799; Hisp.—808
Births (2003)—511 • **Deaths** (2003)—412
Unemployment Rate (2003)—4.6%
Labor Force (2003)—18,990
Number of Establishments (2002)—899
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—55
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$838,551
 TANF—\$244,063 • Supplements—Aged—\$125,913;
 Blind—\$6,466; Disabled—\$462,109
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—26,051;
 Farm Trucks—2,576; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
 Trailers—1,762; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—972;
 Motorcycles—722; Manufactured Homes—58; Tax
 Exempt Licenses—121; Boats—2,531
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—2; Rape—17;
 Robbery—13; Fel. Assault—121; Breaking and Entering—
 306; Larceny—699; Motor Vehicle Theft—60; Arson—6 •
 Total Crime Index—1,218; Crime Rate per 1,000—34.75
Farms (2002) 1,368 • **Land in Farms** (2002) 368,306

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	23,057
1910	24,331
1920	30,949
1930	32,469
1940	39,792
1950	30,875
1960	28,089
1970	27,867
1980	32,598
1990	34,119
2000	35,143
2004 Estimate	35,007

Major Stream Systems—Canadian, Muddy Boggy, and Blue rivers and small tributaries to the Washita River
Museums and Historic Sites—East Central University Museum, Ada Arts & Heritage Center, Chickasaw Cultural Center, Ada
Minerals—oil and gas, cement, crushed stone, and clays

