



Rogers

Originally part of the Cherokee Nation, Rogers County was created at statehood, and named for Clem V. Rogers, member of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention and father of famed Will Rogers.

Claremore, the county seat, was named for the Osage Chief Clermont, killed during the Clermont Mound Massacre. It claims as its own such notables as singer Patti Page and astronaut Stuart Roosa. Lynn Riggs, author of *Green Grow the Lilacs*, from which the musical *Oklahoma!* was adapted, was born three miles from Claremore. J.M. Davis, a local resident, owned a hotel and collected more than 20,000 guns in his lifetime.

Catoosa, now a port, was once a rail terminal which saw the likes of the Daltons, Youngers, Doolins, and other outlaws pass through its boundaries. The waterway extends from the Verdigris, Arkansas, and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico.

While agriculture is still basic, the mining of coal and shale has also been important to the economy of Rogers County. Points of interest in the county include the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore, which attracts nearly one million visitors annually; the J.M. Davis Gun Museum; Totem Pole Historical Park located east of Foyil; and the Belvidere Mansion in Claremore. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 918/341-2518.

Districts County Officials

Cong.	1, 2	Court Clerk	Candi Jenean Czapansky (D)	Claremore
St. Sen.	2, 34	Clerk	Peggy Armstrong (D)	Claremore
St. Rep.6, 8, 9, 12, 74, 77		Sheriff	Jerry W. Prather (D)	Claremore
D.A.	12	Treasurer	Cathy Pinkerton Baker (D)	Claremore
Ct. of Appeals.....	2	Assessor	Melissa Anderson (D)	Chelsea
Ct. of Crim. Appeals...	1	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Terri D. Thomas (D)	Claremore
Supreme Ct. Jud.....	1	Dist. 1 Comm.	Gerry Payne (D)	Chelsea
N.E. Jud. Adm.....	12	Dist. 2 Comm.	Mike Helm (D)	Oologah
		Dist. 3 Comm.	Randy Lee Baldrige (D)	Claremore

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$276,566,985	\$297,123,112	\$20,556,127
Personal Subject to Tax	\$62,111,221	\$61,523,646	(\$587,575)
Total Locally Assessed	\$338,678,206	\$358,646,758	\$19,968,552
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$18,506,007	\$18,891,973	\$385,966
Net Assessed Locally	\$320,172,199	\$339,754,785	\$19,582,586
Public Service Assessment	\$108,363,438	\$107,389,463	(\$973,975)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$428,535,637	\$447,144,248	\$18,608,611

County Seat—Claremore (Pop. 16,773) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—711.44 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003)—\$24,703 (Ranks 19th of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—35,889, Male—34,752 • **Ethnicity**—
 Wh.—55,774; Bl.—504; Am. Ind.—8,432; As.—219; Other—28; Pacific
 Is.—16; Two or more races—4,374; Hisp.—1,294
Births (2003)—978 • **Deaths (2003)**—618
Unemployment Rate (2003)—6.1%
Labor Force (2003)—38,090
Number of Establishments (2002)—1,382
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—133
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$662,295
 TANF—\$253,897 • Supplements —Aged—\$83,658;
 Blind—\$3,898; Disabled—\$320,842
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—54,637;
 Farm Trucks—2,113; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
 Trailers—3,737; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—2,345;
 Motorcycles—1,896; Manufactured Homes—98; Tax
 Exempt Licenses—171; Boats—8,805
Institutions of Higher Learning—Rogers University,
 Claremore
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—12;
 Robbery—8; Fel. Assault—79; Breaking and Entering—364;
 Larceny—959; Motor Vehicle Theft—147; Arson—4 • Total
 Crime Index—1,567; Crime Rate per 1,000—20.22
Farms (2002)—1,803 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—
 310,415

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	15,485
1910	17,736
1920	17,605
1930	18,956
1940	21,078
1950	19,532
1960	20,614
1970	28,425
1980	46,436
1990	55,170
2000	70,641
2004 Estimate	79,042

Recreation Area—Will Rogers
 State Park

Major Lake—Oolagah

Major Stream Systems—Verdigris
 and Caney rivers, Bird Creek and
 tributaries to Grand River

Museums and Historic Sites—J.M.
 Davis Gun Collection Museum,
 Belvidere Mansion, Long's Historical
 Museum, Lynn Riggs Memorial, Will
 Rogers Memorial, Claremore; Will
 Rogers birthplace, Oolagah

Minerals—oil and gas; coal

