



Sequoyah

Once a part of Arkansas, this county was created at statehood, and named for the Sequoyah District of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. Sequoyah was the Cherokee linguist who developed an alphabet for his people. Sallisaw is the county seat.

In 1816 the land encompassing Sequoyah County was purchased by Major William Lovely from the Osage Indians as a hunting outlet for the Cherokees. During the removal of 1835, a group of Cherokees settled permanently in this area. Tahlonteeskee, located in Sequoyah County, was the Cherokee capital until 1839.

Agriculture is a mainstay of the county’s economy, with grain and cattle being major products. Applegate Cove, Cowlington Point, and Short Mountain Cove are among the many campgrounds available in the county. Lake Tenkiller and Robert S. Kerr Reservoir also afford recreational opportunities. Blue Ribbon Downs racetrack, Oklahoma’s first pari-mutual horse racing track, is another county tourist attraction, as is Sequoyah’s home in Sallisaw.

For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 918/775-4516.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 2	Court Clerk	Bernell Edwards (D)	Sallisaw
St. Sen. 3, 4, 7	Clerk	Donna Jamison (D)	Sallisaw
St. Rep. 2, 15	Sheriff	Johnny Philpot (D)	Sallisaw
D.A. 27	Treasurer	Martha L. Taylor (D)	Sallisaw
Ct. of Appeals 2	Assessor	Jack O’Neal (D)	Muldrow
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 3	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Kathy Webb (D)	Roland
Supreme Ct. Jud. 2	Dist. 1 Comm.	Bruce Tabor (D)	Roland
E. Cent. Jud. Adm. 15 (Div. III)	Dist. 2 Comm.	Steve Carter (D)	Vian
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Cleon Harvell (D)	Sallisaw

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$90,733,175	\$95,287,012	\$4,553,837
Personal Subject to Tax	\$21,376,727	\$19,321,225	(\$2,055,502)
Total Locally Assessed	\$112,109,902	\$114,608,237	\$2,498,335
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$9,533,967	\$9,616,433	\$82,466
Net Assessed Locally	\$102,575,935	\$104,991,804	\$2,415,869
Public Service Assessment	\$18,175,309	\$19,071,281	\$895,972
Net Assessed Valuation	\$120,751,244	\$124,063,085	\$3,311,841

County Seat—Sallisaw (Pop. 8,383) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—714.88 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$19,977 (Ranks 62nd of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—19,751, Male—19,221 • **Ethnicity**—
Wh.—26,284; Bl.—715; Am. Ind.—7,558; As.—80; Other—14; Pacific
Is.—9; Two or more races—3,519; Hisp.—793

Births (2003)—519 • **Deaths (2003)**—387

Unemployment Rate (2003)—6.9%

Labor Force (2003)—17,350

Number of Establishments (2002)—616

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—25

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$1,124,728
TANF—\$284,099 • Supplements—Aged—\$186,351;
Blind—\$5,419; Disabled—\$648,859

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—30,561;
Farm Trucks—1,772; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
Trailers—4,654; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,096;
Motorcycles—805; Manufactured Homes—481; Tax
Exempt Licenses—199; Boats—5,538

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—4; Rape—10;
Robbery—4; Fel. Assault—222; Breaking and Entering—
236; Larceny—505; Motor Vehicle Theft—47; Arson—4 •
Total Crime Index—1,028; Crime Rate per 1,000—25.66

Farms (2002)—1,259 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—
222,350

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	22,499
1910	25,005
1920	26,786
1930	19,505
1940	23,138
1950	19,773
1960	18,001
1970	23,370
1980	30,749
1990	33,828
2000	38,972
2004 Estimate	40,578

Recreation Area—Tenkiller State Park

Major Lake—Tenkiller

Major Stream Systems—Arkansas and
Illinois rivers

Museums and Historic Sites—
Sequoyah's Home, Dwight
Prebyterian Mission, Fourteen
Flags Museum, Sallisaw; Cherokee
Courthouse

Minerals—oil and gas, crushed stone

