



Stephens

Created at statehood from portions of Comanche County, Oklahoma Territory, and the Chickasaw Nation, Stephens County was named for John H. Stephens, a member of Congress from Texas and staunch advocate of Oklahoma statehood. The first permanent settler, Silas Fitzpatrick, sold his store to William Duncan, for whom the county seat was named in 1892. The county is served by U.S. 81 and S.H. 7, 29, and 53. Duncan Municipal Airport, OKT Railroad, and Oklahoma Transportation-Jefferson Bus Lines provide additional transportation links.

The economy is based on agriculture (wheat, peanuts, cotton, cattle) and petroleum. Duncan, Marlow, and Comanche are the principal municipalities and each offers a wide range of goods and services. Halliburton Oil Field Services began in Duncan, and remains a major employer in the area.

Duncan maintains 144 acres of parks and playgrounds and two public swimming pools. There are golf courses in Duncan, Marlow, and Comanche. Boating, fishing, camping facilities, and 4,000 acres of recreational lands are found at Clear Creek, Duncan, Humphries, and Fuqua lakes.

The Stephens County Memorial Museum is located in Duncan. For more information, call the county clerk's office at 580/255-0977.

Districts

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St. Sen.	24,31
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County Officials

Court Clerk	Connie Elam (D)	Comanche
Clerk	Jo Johnson (D)	Duncan
Sheriff	Jimmie Bruner (D)	Velma
Treasurer	Nova Goodrich (D)	Bray
Assessor	Cathy Hokit (D)	Duncan
Elect. Brd. Sec.	Peggy Winton (D)	Duncan
Dist. 1 Comm.	Darrell Sparks (D)	Marlow
Dist. 2 Comm.	Frank Kelly (D)	Comanche
Dist. 3 Comm.	Dee Bowen (D)	Comanche

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$124,040,586	\$128,434,304	\$4,393,718
Personal Subject to Tax	\$50,172,212	\$46,423,3287	(\$3,748,718)
Total Locally Assessed	\$174,212,798	\$174,857,632	\$644,834
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$11,773,673	\$11,613,514	(\$160,159)
Net Assessed Locally	\$162,439,125	\$163,244,118	\$804,993
Public Service Assessment	\$24,298,555	\$23,148,346	(\$1,150,209)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$186,737,680	\$186,392,464	(\$345,216)

County Seat—Duncan (Pop. 22,031) 2003 Estimate

Area (Land & Water)—891.12 square miles

Per Capita Income (2003)—\$24,034 (Ranks 23rd of 77 counties)

Population Stats (2002)—Fem.—22,288, Male—20,894 • **Ethnicity**—Wh.—37,228; Bl.—936; Am. Ind.—2,077; As.—128; Other—23; Pacific Is.—9; Two or more races—1,072; Hisp.—1,709

Births (2003)—526 • **Deaths (2003)**—573

Unemployment Rate (2003)—4.8%

Labor Force (2003)—18,480

Number of Establishments (2002)—1,042

Number of Manufacturers (2002)—56

Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$817,855
TANF—\$339,310 • Supplements—Aged—\$113,385;
Blind—\$3,841; Disabled—\$361,319

Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—38,997;
Farm Trucks—2,617; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers—
43,483; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—1,726;
Motorcycles—1,395; Manufactured Homes—77; Tax
Exempt Licenses—160; Boats—4,722

Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—13;
Robbery—10; Fel. Assault—95; Breaking and Entering—
318; Larceny—971; Motor Vehicle Theft—48; Arson—13 Total Crime Index—1,455; Crime Rate per
1,000—33.95

Farms (2002)—1,359 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—419,923

County Population

1907 (Okla. Terr.)	20,148
1910	22,252
1920	24,692
1930	33,069
1940	31,090
1950	34,071
1960	37,990
1970	35,902
1980	43,419
1990	42,299
2000	43,182
2004 Estimate	42,826

Major Stream Systems—Beaver and
Mud Creek and tributaries to Washita

Museums and Historic Sites—
Stephens County Memorial Museum
at Duncan

Minerals—oil and gas

