



Tulsa

Located on the Arkansas River on lands that were once part of the Creek and Cherokee nations, Tulsa County was created at statehood and took its name from the town of Tulsa in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory. The name, Tulsa, is derived from Tulsey Town, an old Creek settlement in Alabama. The county is part hills and bluffs and part wide prairie, marking the dividing line between the ridges of the Ozarks in the East and the broad plains of the West. Its western tip reaches Lake Keystone, while the Arkansas River, in its wide bed, rolls southeastward across the county. Cattle and horse ranches and rich farmland lie almost within the shadow of urban buildings.

The county has the state’s second largest city, Tulsa, whose energy, aviation, computer, telecommunications, and electronics bases are supported by a broad complex of institutes of higher learning. Surrounding this core, is a rapidly growing ring of suburban cities including Broken Arrow, Bixby, Jenks, Owasso, and Sand Springs. Beyond these areas, close at hand, there are still quiet, backwood areas.

History runs deep in Tulsa County, from the early Indian inhabitants to the cattlemen, the coming of the railroads, and the oil boom. Near downtown Tulsa lies the historic meeting place of the Creek, Cherokee, and Osage nations.

For more information, call the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce at 918/585-1201.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 1	Court Clerk	Sally Howe Smith (R)	Tulsa
St. Sen. 8,10,11,18,25,33-37,39	Clerk	Earlene Wilson (R)	Tulsa
St. Rep. 11, 23, 29, 30, 36, 66-80, 98	Sheriff	Stanley Glanz (R)	Tulsa
D.A. 14	Treasurer	Dennis Semler (R)	Tulsa
Ct. of Appeals 1, 2	Assessor	Ken Yazel (R)	Tulsa
Ct. of Crim. Appeals..... 1	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Gene Pace (D)	Tulsa
Supreme Ct. Jud..... 6	Dist. 1 Comm.	Wilbert Collins Sr. (D)	Tulsa
Tulsa-Pawnee Jud. Adm. 14	Dist. 2 Comm.	Randi Miller (D)	Tulsa
	Dist. 3 Comm.	Bob Dick (R)	Tulsa

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$2,811,711,346	\$2,958,968,219	\$147,256,873
Personal Subject to Tax	\$532,279,313	\$526,663,043	(\$5,616,270)
Total Locally Assessed	\$3,343,990,659	\$3,485,631,262	\$141,640,603
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$126,222,461	\$126,350,565	\$128,104
Net Assessed Locally	\$3,217,768,198	\$3,359,280,697	\$141,512,499
Public Service Assessment	\$375,415,578	\$350,932,312	(\$24,483,266)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$3,593,183,776	\$3,710,213,009	\$117,029,233

County Seat—Tulsa (Pop. 387,807) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—587.02 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003)—\$35,470 (Ranks 1st of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2000)—Fem.-290,069, Male-273,230 • **Ethnicity**—
 Wh.-408,149; Bl.-61,089; Am. Ind.-28,557; As.-9,037; Other-574;
 Pacific Is.-215; Two or more races-22,062; Hisp.-33,616
Births (2003)—9,357 • **Deaths (2003)**—5,375
Unemployment Rate (2003)—6.4%
Labor Force (2003)—303,480
Number of Establishments (2002)—18,470
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—1,081
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$10,109,996
 TANF—\$5,548,945 • Supplements—Aged-\$868,151;
 Blind-\$31,096; Disabled-\$3,661,804
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles-482,727;
 Farm Trucks-2,868; Comm. Trucks, Tractors, Trailers-
 35,150; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers-9,394;
 Motorcycles-13,944; Manufactured Homes-2,399; Tax
 Exempt Licenses-1,331; Boats-46,248
Institutions of Higher Learning—Tulsa Community
 College, Oral Roberts University, The University of Tulsa,
 Oklahoma State University-Tulsa
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder-67; Rape-329;
 Robbery-952; Fel. Assault-3,539; Breaking and Entering-
 7,611; Larceny-21,649; Motor Vehicle Theft-4,114;
 Arson-313 • Total Crime Index-38,261; Crime Rate per
 1,000-64.12
Farms (2002)—1,146 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—151,070

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	21,693
1910	34,995
1920	109,023
1930	187,574
1940	193,363
1950	251,686
1960	346,038
1970	401,663
1980	470,593
1990	503,341
2000	563,299
2004 Estimate	569,148

Recreation Area—Keystone
Major Lake—Keystone
Major Stream Systems—Arkansas and
 Caney rivers, tributaries to Arkansas,
 south portion of Verdigris River, Bird
 Creek
Museums and Historic Sites—
 Gilcrease Institute of American History
 & Art, Philbrook Art Center, County
 Historical Society Museum, Tulsa
 Garden Center, Fenster Gallery of
 Jewish Art
Minerals—oil & gas; crushed stone

