



**Payne County** was created in 1890 from the Cherokee Outlet. The County was named for Captain David L. Payne, the leader of the "boomers" who tried to settle in Oklahoma before its settlement was authorized by Congress. The County Seat is Stillwater. Payne County was opened to settlement in the Oklahoma land run of 1889. The land run took place April 22, 1889; overnight businesses sprang up, schools and churches were built, and farmers began planting crops. In December of 1890, the state's land grant university, Oklahoma A&M, was established in Stillwater. Oklahoma A&M is now Oklahoma State University, which is the county's largest industry.

Counties adjacent to Payne County are Noble County (north), Pawnee County (northeast), Creek County (east), Lincoln County (south), Logan County (southwest)

Payne County Cities & Towns Include Cushing, Glencoe, Perkins, Ripley, Stillwater, Yale

## Interesting Facts about Payne County

As of 2011, Payne County's population is 79,497 people. Since 2000, it has had a population growth of 16.64 percent.

Compared to the rest of the country, Payne County's cost of living is 14.00% Lower than the U.S. average.

Payne County public schools spend \$3,643 per student. The average school expenditure in the U.S. is \$5,678. There are about 15.6 students per teacher in Payne County.

The unemployment rate in Payne County is 4.80 percent (U.S. avg. is 9.10%). Recent job growth is Positive. Payne County jobs have increased by 0.38 percent.