

Grand Lake o' the Cherokees:

Grove, OK

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INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

At Grand Lake, you are invited to enjoy outdoor recreation, fishing, sightseeing, entertainment, wild-west, history, and unique lakefront. The Grand Lake O' the Cherokees is a northeast Oklahoma legacy known for its history, enchanting natural setting and diverse facilities and activities.

The lake was created in 1940 when the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) completed the Pensacola Dam. Grand Lake is a premiere Midwestern lake and certainly the crown jewel of the northeastern Oklahoma region.

Here you will find a lake community of diverse neighborhoods. Ask any "Grand Laker" and they'll tell you Grand Lake is a great area for retirement and relocation. Revitalization of historic residential areas and the design of new developments have created numerous options, each with its own unique "personality." Grand Lake ranks favorably on costs of taxes and housing.

The quality of life on Grand Lake is excellent, a place where you can truly enjoy endless outdoor opportunities. Grand Lake is the top bass fishing lake in Oklahoma, but offers everything from golf, sailing, camping, water-sports, 4x4 trail riding, hiking, and much more! There is something here for everyone to enjoy.

CLIMATE

The weather in this part of the southern plains is excellent. Spring is short and mild, and summer days are warm, with temperatures averaging in the mid 80's. Autumns are characterized by long periods of mild, sunny weather, and winters are generally short and moderate. [Click here](#) for a chart of average monthly high and low temperatures.¹

DEMOGRAPHICS

A summary of estimated 2006 data for Delaware County is provided below.² [Click here](#) for the fully detailed "Quick Facts" page available on www.census.gov.

Population

- Population: 40,061
- Persons under 5 years old: 5.7%
- Persons under 18 years old: 22.7%
- Persons 65 years old and older: 18.6%
- Female persons: 50.8%

Races

- White persons: 70.9%

¹ www.weather.com

² www.census.gov

- American Indian and Alaska Native persons: 21.8%
- Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin: 2.6%
- Black or African persons: 0.4%
- Asian persons: 0.9%
- Persons reporting two or more races: 6.0%

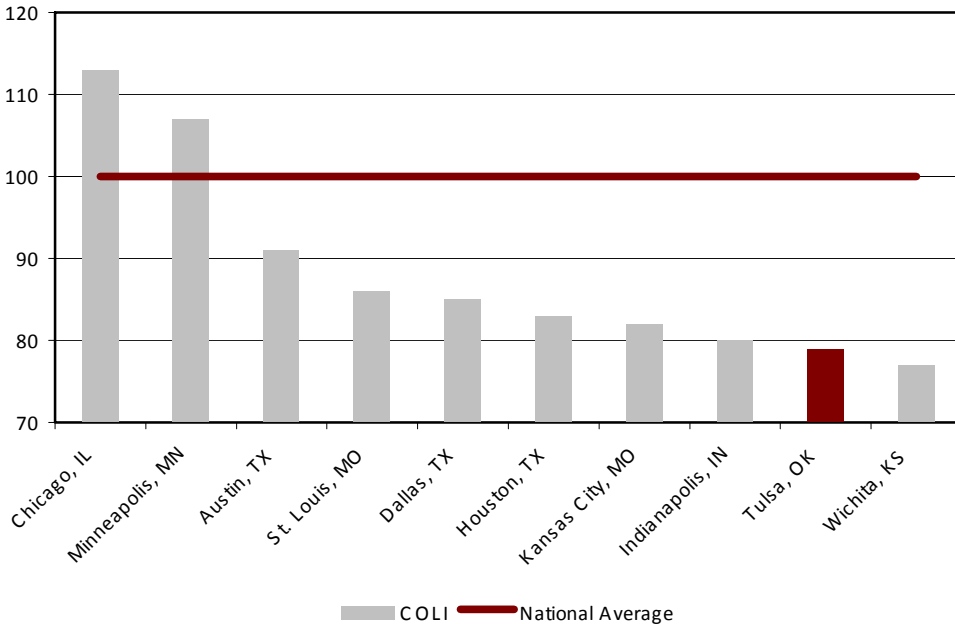
Education

- High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+: 75.4%
- Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+: 13.3%

COST OF LIVING

Tulsa data is used below as a surrogate for Delaware County, given that Tulsa is the closest city of which data is readily available. Using the Cost of Living Calculator at www.bestplaces.net, you can see how Tulsa's Cost of Living Index compares very favorably versus the national average and many U.S. urban areas:

Cost of Living Index, Select U.S. Cities



LOCATION AND LANDSCAPE

Grand Lake o' the Cherokees

"Grand Lake O' The Cherokees is one of the premiere lakes in the Midwest and the crown jewel of a chain of lakes in the northeastern Oklahoma region."³

With 46,500 surface acres of water, Grand Lake is ideal for boating, skiing, fishing, swimming and sailing. Due to the direction of its prevailing winds and the lakes southwest to northeast alignment, the lake is popular with sailboat enthusiasts. Nearly 1,300 miles of shoreline meander through the foothills of the Ozarks. The lake is ranked as one of the top bass fishing lakes in the region and the country. Along with Lake Hudson, Grand Lake is one of only two major lakes in the entire state of Oklahoma where it is possible to own lakefront property right to the water's edge.

[Click here](#) for a map of the area.⁴

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Oklahoma State Parks and Other Recreation Areas

- [Honey Creek State Park](#)
- [Disney/Little Blue State Park](#)
- [Twin Bridges State Park](#)
- [Bernice State Park](#)
- [Spavinaw State Park](#)
- [Western Hills Guest Ranch and Sequoyah State Park](#)
- [Cherokee State Park](#)

Golf

- [Cherokee Grove Golf Club](#)
- [The Peninsula Resort and Club](#)
- [Patricia Island Golf Club](#)

Museums

- [Har-Ber Village Antique Museum](#)
- [Darryl Starbird's National Rod and Custom Car Hall of Fame Museum](#)

ACCESS TO SERVICES

Two key resources for anyone coming to the Grove, OK area are:

³ www.lasr.net

⁴ www.google.com/maps

- [Grove Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Grand Lake Visitor's Center](#)

Healthcare

- [Integrus Grove General Hospital](#)

Transportation

- [Tulsa International Airport](#)
- [Will Rogers World Airport \(Oklahoma City\)](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- [Northeastern Oklahoma A&M](#)
 - [Oklahoma State University - Tulsa](#)
 - [Missouri Southern State University](#)
 - [University of Tulsa](#)
 - [University of Oklahoma - Tulsa](#)
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