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Dear Mr. Shockley:

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Attached hereto, please find the Cherokee County Residential Housing Market Analysis. Analyst Maryam Moradian personally inspected the Cherokee County area during the month of September 2015 to collect the data used in the preparation of the Cherokee County Market Analysis. The University of Oklahoma College of Architecture Division of Regional and City Planning provided consultation, assemblage and analysis of the data for the IRR-Tulsa/OKC.

This market study is true and correct to the best of the professional's knowledge and belief, and there is no identity of interest between Owen S. Ard, MAI, David A. Puckett, or Integra Realty Resources – Tulsa/OKC and any applicant, developer, owner or developer.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introduction and Executive Summary

This report is part of a Statewide Affordable Housing Market Study commissioned by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) in partnership with the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), as an outgrowth of the 2013 tornado outbreak in Oklahoma. It was funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program (CDBG-DR). This study was conducted by a public/private partnership between Integra Realty Resources – Tulsa/OKC, the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, Division of Regional and City Planning, and DeBruler Inc. IRR-Tulsa/OKC, The University of Oklahoma, and DeBruler Inc. also prepared a prior statewide study in 2001, also commissioned by ODOC in partnership with OHFA.

This study is a value-added product derived from the original 2001 statewide housing study that incorporates additional topics and datasets not included in the 2001 study, which impact affordable housing throughout the state. These topic areas include:

- Disaster Resiliency
- Homelessness
- Assessment of Fair Housing
- Evaluation of Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazards

These topics are interrelated in terms of affordable housing policy, housing development, and disaster resiliency and recovery. Homeless populations are more vulnerable in the event of a disaster, as are many of the protected classes under the Fair Housing Act. Lead-based paint is typically more likely to be present in housing units occupied by low-to-moderate income persons, and can also present an environmental hazard in the wake of a disaster. Effective affordable housing policy can mitigate the impact of natural and manmade disasters by encouraging the development and preservation of safe, secure, and disaster-resilient housing for Oklahoma's most vulnerable populations.

Housing Market Analysis Specific Findings:

1. The population of Cherokee County is projected to grow by 0.55% per year over the next five years, slightly underperforming the State of Oklahoma.
2. Cherokee County is projected to need a total of 362 housing units for ownership and 183 housing units for rent over the next five years.
3. Median Household Income in Cherokee County is estimated to be $39,233 in 2015, compared with $47,049 estimated for the State of Oklahoma. The poverty rate in Cherokee County is estimated to be 22.79%, compared with 16.85% for Oklahoma.
4. Homeowner and rental vacancy rates in Cherokee County are higher than the state averages.
5. Home values and rental rates in Cherokee County are lower than the state averages.
6. Approximately 39.65% of renters and 19.74% of owners are housing cost overburdened.

Disaster Resiliency Specific Findings:

1. Create and maintain the county HMP

2. Apply for grants/funding to develop a county hazard mitigation plan.
3. Create a shelter registry for location of individual and business-based shelters (online or paper)
4. Tornadoes (1959-2014): Number: 34 Injuries: 13 Fatalities: 2 Damages (1996-2014): $4,810,000.00
5. Social Vulnerability: Above the state score; several census tracts within the county show elevated scores.
6. Floodplain: Tahlequah and Hulbert has some development noted within the floodplain.

Homelessness Specific Findings

1. Cherokee County is located in the Northeast Oklahoma Continuum of Care.
2. There are an estimated 383 homeless individuals in this area, 300 of which are identified as sheltered.
3. There is a disproportionately high number of homeless households comprised of children in this CoC (24 out of 300).
4. This area also has a high incidence of homeless victims of domestic violence (168).
5. The majority of homeless veterans are unsheltered.

Fair Housing Specific Findings

1. Units at Risk for Poverty: 986
2. Units in Mostly Non-white Enclaves: 412
3. Units Nearer Elevated Number of Disabled: 436
4. Units Located in Food Desert: 13

Lead-Based Paint Specific Findings

5. We estimate there are 2,025 occupied housing units in Cherokee County with lead-based paint hazards.
6. 1,063 of those housing units are estimated to be occupied by low-to-moderate income households.
7. We estimate that 352 of those low-to-moderate income households have children under the age of 6 present.

Report Format and Organization

The first section of this report comprises the housing market analysis for Cherokee County. This section is divided into general area information, followed by population, household and income trends and analysis, then followed by area economic conditions. The next area of analysis concerns the housing stock of Cherokee County, including vacancy rates, construction activity and trends, and analyses of the homeowner and rental markets. This section is followed by five-year forecasts of housing need for owners and renters, as well as specific populations such as low-to-moderate income households, the elderly, and working families.

The next section of this report addresses special topics of concern:

- Disaster Resiliency
- Homelessness
- Fair Housing
- Lead-Based Paint Hazards

This last section is followed by a summary of the conclusions of this report for Cherokee County.

General Information

Purpose and Function of the Market Study

The purpose of this market study is to evaluate the need for affordable housing units in Cherokee County, Oklahoma. The analysis will consider existing supply and projected demand and overall market trends in the Cherokee County area.

Effective Date of Consultation

The Cherokee County area was inspected and research was performed during September, 2015. The effective date of this analysis is September 18, 2015. The date of this report is December 31, 2015. The market study is valid only as of the stated effective date or dates.

Scope of the Assignment

8. The Cherokee County area was inspected during September, 2015. The inspection included visits to all significant population centers in the county and portions of the rural county areas.
9. Regional, city and neighborhood data is based on information retained from national, state, and local government entities; various Chambers of Commerce, news publications, and other sources of economic indicators.
10. Specific economic data was collected from all available public agencies. Population and household information was collected from national demographic data services as well as available local governments. Much data was gathered regarding market specific items from personal interviews.
11. Development of the applicable analysis involved the collection and interpretation of verified data from local property owners/managers, realtors, and other individuals active within the area real estate market.
12. The analyst's assemblage and analysis of the defined data provided a basis from which conclusions as to the supply of and demand for residential housing were made.

Data Sources

Specific data sources used in this analysis include but are not limited to:

13. The 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses of Population and Housing
14. The 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS)
15. U.S. Census Bureau Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division
16. The United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, including the Local Area Unemployment Statistics and the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages programs
17. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and the 2013 Picture of Subsidized Households
18. Continuum of Care Assistance Programs

19. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
20. Nielsen SiteReports (formerly known as Claritas)
21. The Oklahoma State Department of Health
22. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Cherokee County Analysis

Area Information

The purpose of this section of the report is to provide a basis for analyzing and estimating trends relating to Cherokee County. The primary emphasis is concentrated on those factors that are of significance to residential development users. Residential and commercial development in the community is influenced by the following factors:

1. Population and economic growth trends.
2. Existing commercial supply and activity.
3. Natural physical elements.
4. Political policy and attitudes toward community development.

Location

Cherokee County is located in northeast Oklahoma. The county is bordered on the north by Mayes and Delaware counties, on the west by Wagoner and Muskogee counties, on the south by Sequoyah County, and on the east by Adair County. The Cherokee County Seat is Tahlequah, which is located in the central part of the county. This location is approximately 66.4 miles southeast of Tulsa and 169 miles east of Oklahoma City.

Cherokee County has a total area of 776 square miles (749 square miles of land, and 27 square miles of water), ranking 44th out of Oklahoma's 77 counties in terms of total area. The total population of Cherokee County as of the 2010 Census was 46,987 persons, for a population density of 63 persons per square mile of land.

Access and Linkages

The county has above average accessibility to state and national highway systems. Multiple major US highway or state high way systems intersect through Cherokee County. These are US-62, OK-100, OK-51, OK-82c, OK-82, and OK-10. The nearest interstate highway is I-40, approximately 35 miles to the south. The county also has an intricate network of county roadways.

Public transportation is provided Ki Bois Area Transit System (KATS), which operates a demand-response service. Additionally, the Cherokee Nation Transit system provides transportation for tribe members living within the Cherokee County area. The local market perceives public transportation as average compared to other communities in the region of similar size. However, the primary mode of transportation in this area is private automobiles by far.

Tahlequah Municipal Airport is located just west of Tahlequah. Its primary asphalt runway is 5,000 feet in length. Tahlequah Municipal Airport averages 33 aircraft operations per day. The nearest full-service commercial airport is Tulsa International Airport, located approximately 67.5 miles northwest.

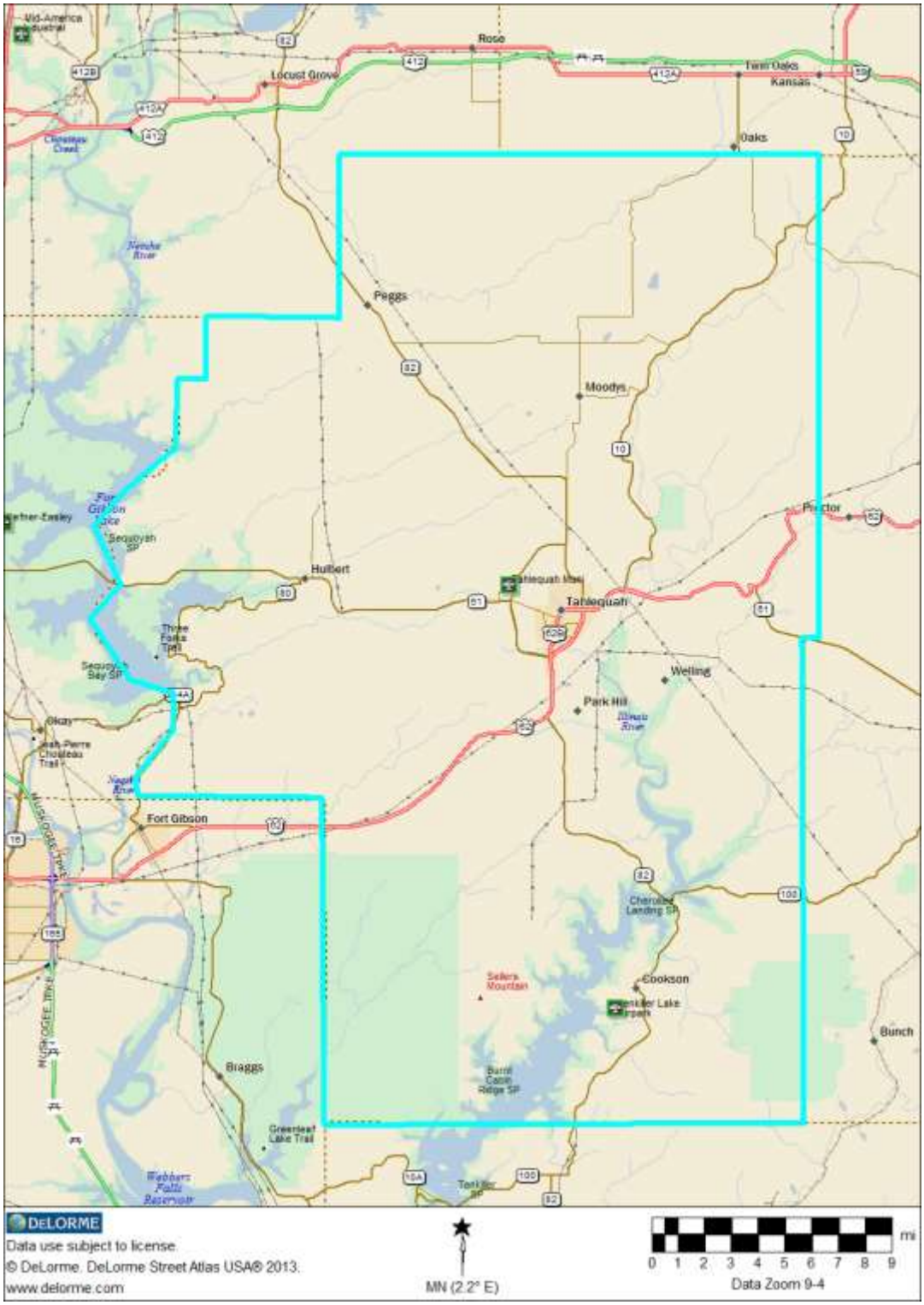
Educational Facilities

All of the county communities have public school facilities. Tahlequah is served by Tahlequah Public Schools. Tahlequah Public Schools is comprised of one middle school and high school, as well as five separate elementary schools. Tahlequah is home to the main campus of Northeastern State University: NSU offers a wide variety of undergraduate and post-graduate degrees and has over 8,000 students.

Medical Facilities

Medical services are provided by Northeastern Health System, an acute-care hospital, offering an emergency unit, in and outpatient procedures, and many other medical practices. Additionally, Northeastern Health System has recently acquired the Tahlequah Urgent Care. Tahlequah also has the Cherokee Nation WW Hasting Hospital which serves tribe members from around the county. The smaller county communities typically have either small outpatient medical services or doctor's officing in the community.

Cherokee County Area Map



Tahlequah Area Map

Demographic Analysis

Population and Households

The following table presents population levels and annualized changes in Cherokee County and Oklahoma. This data is presented as of the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census, with 2015 and 2020 estimates and forecasts provided by Nielsen SiteReports.

Population Levels and Annual Changes

	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change	2020 Forecast	Annual Change
Tahlequah	14,458	15,753	0.86%	16,592	1.04%	17,012	0.50%
Cherokee County	42,521	46,987	1.00%	48,217	0.52%	49,565	0.55%
State of Oklahoma	3,450,654	3,751,351	0.84%	3,898,675	0.77%	4,059,399	0.81%

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses, Nielsen SiteReports

The population of Cherokee County was 46,987 persons as of the 2010 Census, a 1.00% annualized rate of change from the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates the population of Cherokee County to be 48,217 persons, and projects that the population will show 0.55% annualized growth over the next five years.

The population of Tahlequah was 15,753 persons as of the 2010 Census, a 0.86% annualized rate of change from the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates the population of Tahlequah to be 16,592 persons, and projects that the population will show 0.50% annualized growth over the next five years.

The next table presents data regarding household levels in Cherokee County over the same periods of time. This data is presented both for all households (family and non-family) as well as family households alone.

Households Levels and Annual Changes

Total Households	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change	2020 Forecast	Annual Change
Tahlequah	5,703	6,111	0.69%	6,464	1.13%	6,678	0.65%
Cherokee County	16,175	17,836	0.98%	18,336	0.55%	18,881	0.59%
State of Oklahoma	1,342,293	1,460,450	0.85%	1,520,327	0.81%	1,585,130	0.84%
Family Households	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change	2020 Forecast	Annual Change
Tahlequah	3,123	3,351	0.71%	3,673	1.85%	3,800	0.68%
Cherokee County	11,077	11,957	0.77%	12,294	0.56%	12,663	0.59%
State of Oklahoma	921,750	975,267	0.57%	1,016,508	0.83%	1,060,736	0.86%

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses, Nielsen SiteReports

As of 2010, Cherokee County had a total of 17,836 households, representing a 0.98% annualized rate of change since the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates Cherokee County to have 18,336 households. This number is expected to experience a 0.59% annualized rate of growth over the next five years.

As of 2010, Tahlequah had a total of 6,111 households, representing a 0.69% annualized rate of change since the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates Tahlequah to have 6,464 households. This number is expected to experience a 0.65% annualized rate of growth over the next five years.

Population by Race and Ethnicity

The next table presents data regarding the racial and ethnic composition of Cherokee County based on the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

2013 Population by Race and Ethnicity

Single-Classification Race	Tahlequah		Cherokee County	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Population	16,033		47,488	
White Alone	8,309	51.82%	25,058	52.77%
Black or African American Alone	269	1.68%	547	1.15%
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native Alone	4,159	25.94%	13,652	28.75%
Asian Alone	62	0.39%	304	0.64%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.00%	59	0.12%
Some Other Race Alone	348	2.17%	892	1.88%
Two or More Races	2,886	18.00%	6,976	14.69%
Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin	**Tahlequah**		**Cherokee County**	
	No.	**Percent**	**No.**	**Percent**
Total Population	16,033		47,488	
Hispanic or Latino	1,545	9.64%	3,035	6.39%
Hispanic or Latino, White Alone	*801*	*51.84%*	*1,359*	*44.78%*
Hispanic or Latino, All Other Races	*744*	*48.16%*	*1,676*	*55.22%*
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,488	90.36%	44,453	93.61%
Not Hispanic or Latino, White Alone	*7,508*	*51.82%*	*23,699*	*53.31%*
Not Hispanic or Latino, All Other Races	*6,980*	*48.18%*	*20,754*	*46.69%*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B02001 & B03002

In Cherokee County, racial and ethnic minorities comprise 50.09% of the total population. Within Tahlequah, racial and ethnic minorities represent 53.17% of the population.

Population by Age

The next tables present data regarding the age distribution of the population of Cherokee County. This data is provided as of the 2010 Census, with estimates and forecasts provided by Nielsen SiteReports.

Cherokee County Population By Age								
	2010 Census	Percent of Total	2015 Estimate	Percent of Total	2020 Forecast	Percent of Total	2000 - 2015 Ann. Chng.	2015 - 2020 Ann. Chng.
Population by Age	46,987		48,217		49,565			
Age 0 - 4	3,133	6.67%	3,106	6.44%	3,185	6.43%	-0.17%	0.50%
Age 5 - 9	2,985	6.35%	3,056	6.34%	3,117	6.29%	0.47%	0.40%
Age 10 - 14	3,196	6.80%	3,112	6.45%	3,075	6.20%	-0.53%	-0.24%
Age 15 - 17	2,019	4.30%	2,134	4.43%	2,115	4.27%	1.11%	-0.18%
Age 18 - 20	3,075	6.54%	2,839	5.89%	2,710	5.47%	-1.58%	-0.93%
Age 21 - 24	3,440	7.32%	3,706	7.69%	3,321	6.70%	1.50%	-2.17%
Age 25 - 34	5,874	12.50%	6,286	13.04%	7,063	14.25%	1.37%	2.36%
Age 35 - 44	5,263	11.20%	5,264	10.92%	5,564	11.23%	0.00%	1.11%
Age 45 - 54	6,153	13.10%	5,635	11.69%	5,288	10.67%	-1.74%	-1.26%
Age 55 - 64	5,511	11.73%	5,663	11.74%	5,615	11.33%	0.55%	-0.17%
Age 65 - 74	3,732	7.94%	4,428	9.18%	5,127	10.34%	3.48%	2.97%
Age 75 - 84	1,947	4.14%	2,244	4.65%	2,514	5.07%	2.88%	2.30%
Age 85 and over	659	1.40%	744	1.54%	871	1.76%	2.46%	3.20%
Age 55 and over	*11,849*	25.22%	*13,079*	27.13%	*14,127*	28.50%	1.99%	1.55%
Age 62 and over	*7,332*	15.60%	*8,371*	17.36%	*9,326*	18.81%	2.68%	2.18%
Median Age	34.6		34.8		35.4		0.12%	0.34%

Source: Nielsen SiteReports

As of 2015, Nielsen estimates that the median age of Cherokee County is 34.8 years. This compares with the statewide figure of 36.6 years. Approximately 6.44% of the population is below the age of 5, while 17.36% is over the age of 62. Over the next five years, the population age 62 and above is forecasted to grow by 2.18% per year.

Tahlequah Population By Age

	2010 Census	Percent of Total	2015 Estimate	Percent of Total	2020 Forecast	Percent of Total	2000 - 2015 Ann. Chng.	2015 - 2020 Ann. Chng.
Population by Age	15,753		16,592		17,012			
Age 0 - 4	1,061	6.74%	1,051	6.33%	1,069	6.28%	-0.19%	0.34%
Age 5 - 9	907	5.76%	1,043	6.29%	1,052	6.18%	2.83%	0.17%
Age 10 - 14	871	5.53%	958	5.77%	1,038	6.10%	1.92%	1.62%
Age 15 - 17	562	3.57%	730	4.40%	733	4.31%	5.37%	0.08%
Age 18 - 20	1,702	10.80%	1,449	8.73%	1,385	8.14%	-3.17%	-0.90%
Age 21 - 24	1,843	11.70%	1,697	10.23%	1,455	8.55%	-1.64%	-3.03%
Age 25 - 34	2,234	14.18%	2,595	15.64%	2,692	15.82%	3.04%	0.74%
Age 35 - 44	1,562	9.92%	1,749	10.54%	2,055	12.08%	2.29%	3.28%
Age 45 - 54	1,578	10.02%	1,543	9.30%	1,582	9.30%	-0.45%	0.50%
Age 55 - 64	1,449	9.20%	1,514	9.12%	1,429	8.40%	0.88%	-1.15%
Age 65 - 74	946	6.01%	1,130	6.81%	1,331	7.82%	3.62%	3.33%
Age 75 - 84	696	4.42%	754	4.54%	796	4.68%	1.61%	1.09%
Age 85 and over	342	2.17%	379	2.28%	395	2.32%	2.08%	0.83%
Age 55 and over	*3,433*	21.79%	*3,777*	22.76%	*3,951*	23.22%	1.93%	0.90%
Age 62 and over	*2,077*	13.18%	*2,338*	14.09%	*2,556*	15.02%	2.40%	1.79%
Median Age	29.2		30.3		31.6		0.74%	0.84%

Source: Nielsen SiteReports

As of 2015, Nielsen estimates that the median age of Tahlequah is 30.3 years. This compares with the statewide figure of 36.6 years. Approximately 6.33% of the population is below the age of 5, while 14.09% is over the age of 62. Over the next five years, the population age 62 and above is forecasted to grow by 1.79% per year.

Families by Presence of Children

The next table presents data for Cherokee County regarding families by the presence of children.

2013 Family Type by Presence of Children Under 18 Years

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Families:	3,058		11,120	
Married-Couple Family:	2,087	68.25%	8,171	73.48%
With Children Under 18 Years	720	23.54%	2,817	25.33%
No Children Under 18 Years	1,367	44.70%	5,354	48.15%
Other Family:	971	31.75%	2,949	26.52%
Male Householder, No Wife Present	240	7.85%	842	7.57%
With Children Under 18 Years	156	5.10%	426	3.83%
No Children Under 18 Years	84	2.75%	416	3.74%
Female Householder, No Husband Present	731	23.90%	2,107	18.95%
With Children Under 18 Years	551	18.02%	1,271	11.43%
No Children Under 18 Years	180	5.89%	836	7.52%
Total Single Parent Families	707		1,697	
Male Householder	156	22.07%	426	25.10%
Female Householder	551	77.93%	1,271	74.90%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B11003

As shown, within Cherokee County, among all families 15.26% are single-parent families, while in Tahlequah, the percentage is 23.12%.

Population by Presence of Disabilities

The following table compiles data regarding the non-institutionalized population of Cherokee County by presence of one or more disabilities.

2013 Age by Number of Disabilities

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population:	15,549		46,962		3,702,515	
Under 18 Years:	3,338		11,359		933,738	
With One Type of Disability	167	5.00%	484	4.26%	33,744	3.61%
With Two or More Disabilities	53	1.59%	230	2.02%	11,082	1.19%
No Disabilities	3,118	93.41%	10,645	93.71%	888,912	95.20%
18 to 64 Years:	10,413		29,314		2,265,702	
With One Type of Disability	859	8.25%	2,742	9.35%	169,697	7.49%
With Two or More Disabilities	874	8.39%	2,336	7.97%	149,960	6.62%
No Disabilities	8,680	83.36%	24,236	82.68%	1,946,045	85.89%
65 Years and Over:	1,798		6,289		503,075	
With One Type of Disability	317	17.63%	1,110	17.65%	95,633	19.01%
With Two or More Disabilities	585	32.54%	1,660	26.40%	117,044	23.27%
No Disabilities	896	49.83%	3,519	55.95%	290,398	57.72%
Total Number of Persons with Disabilities:	2,855	18.36%	8,562	18.23%	577,160	15.59%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table C18108

Within Cherokee County, 18.23% of the civilian non-institutionalized population has one or more disabilities, compared with 15.59% of Oklahomans as a whole. In Tahlequah the percentage is 18.36%.

We have also compiled data for the veteran population of Cherokee County by presence of disabilities, shown in the following table:

2013 Population by Veteran and Disability Status

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Civilian Population Age 18+ For Whom Poverty Status is Determined	10,946		34,321		2,738,788	
Veteran:	953	8.71%	3,804	11.08%	305,899	11.17%
With a Disability	*500*	*52.47%*	*1,632*	*42.90%*	*100,518*	*32.86%*
No Disability	*453*	*47.53%*	*2,172*	*57.10%*	*205,381*	*67.14%*
Non-veteran:	9,993	91.29%	30,517	88.92%	2,432,889	88.83%
With a Disability	*2,035*	*20.36%*	*6,116*	*20.04%*	*430,610*	*17.70%*
No Disability	*7,958*	*79.64%*	*24,401*	*79.96%*	*2,002,279*	*82.30%*

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table C21007

Within Cherokee County, the Census Bureau estimates there are 3,804 veterans, 42.90% of which have one or more disabilities (compared with 32.86% at a statewide level). In Tahlequah, there are an estimated 953 veterans, 52.47% of which are estimated to have a disability.

Group Quarters Population

The next table presents data regarding the population of Cherokee County living in group quarters, such as correctional facilities, skilled-nursing facilities, student housing and military quarters. Tahlequah and Cherokee County have somewhat higher than typical populations in group quarters due to skilled nursing facilities in the area, and housing for Northeastern State University students.

2010 Group Quarters Population

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Population	15,753		46,987	
Group Quarters Population	1,653	10.49%	2,008	4.27%
Institutionalized Population	378	2.40%	395	0.84%
Correctional facilities for adults	95	0.60%	95	0.20%
Juvenile facilities	0	0.00%	17	0.04%
Nursing facilities/Skilled-nursing facilities	283	1.80%	283	0.60%
Other institutional facilities	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Noninstitutionalized population	1,275	8.09%	1,613	3.43%
College/University student housing	1,243	7.89%	1,243	2.65%
Military quarters	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other noninstitutional facilities	32	0.20%	370	0.79%

Source: 2010 Decennial Census, Table P42

The percentage of the Cherokee County population in group quarters is somewhat higher than the statewide figure, which was 2.99% in 2010. This is attributable to persons living in student housing (Northeastern State University).

Household Income Levels

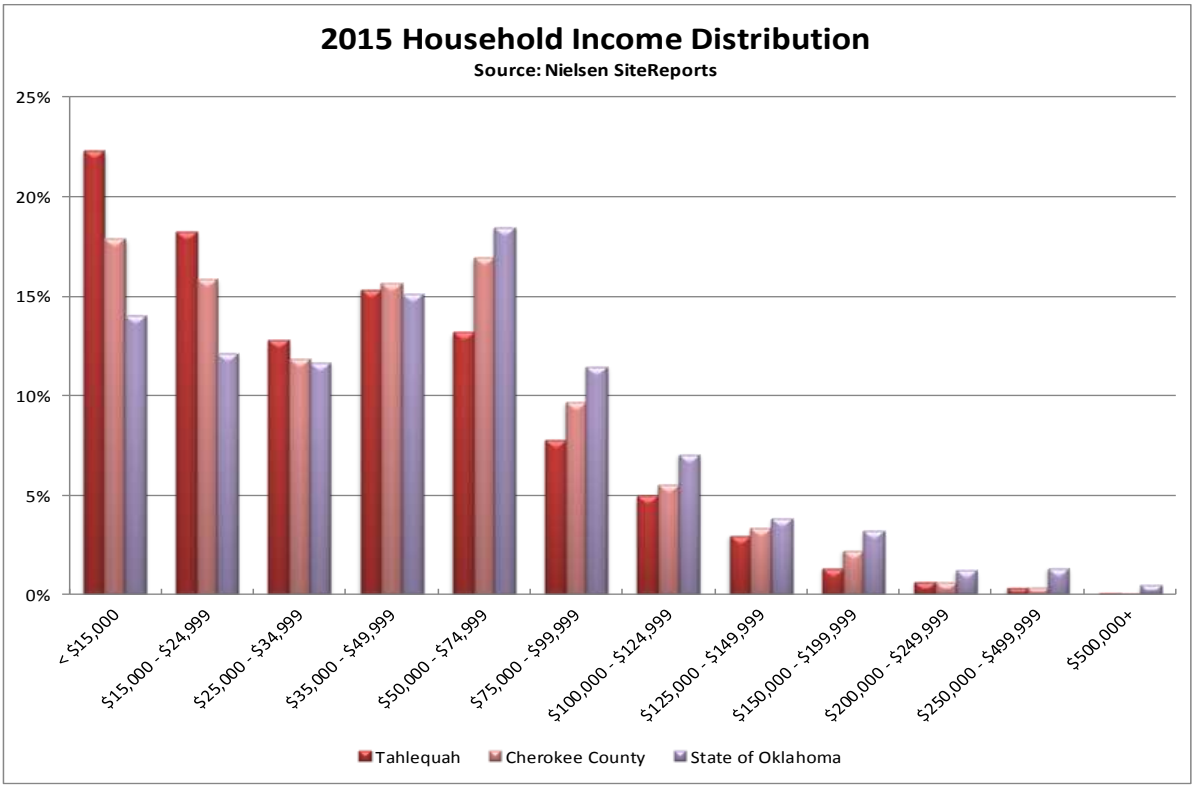
Data in the following chart shows the distribution of household income in Cherokee County, as well as median and average household income. Data for Oklahoma is included as a basis of comparison. This data is provided by Nielsen SiteReports for 2015.

2015 Household Income Distribution

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Households by HH Income	6,464		18,336		1,520,327	
< $15,000	1,442	22.31%	3,277	17.87%	213,623	14.05%
$15,000 - $24,999	1,180	18.25%	2,912	15.88%	184,613	12.14%
$25,000 - $34,999	826	12.78%	2,169	11.83%	177,481	11.67%
$35,000 - $49,999	992	15.35%	2,870	15.65%	229,628	15.10%
$50,000 - $74,999	852	13.18%	3,103	16.92%	280,845	18.47%
$75,000 - $99,999	503	7.78%	1,778	9.70%	173,963	11.44%
$100,000 - $124,999	320	4.95%	1,013	5.52%	106,912	7.03%
$125,000 - $149,999	192	2.97%	611	3.33%	57,804	3.80%
$150,000 - $199,999	86	1.33%	404	2.20%	48,856	3.21%
$200,000 - $249,999	43	0.67%	115	0.63%	18,661	1.23%
$250,000 - $499,999	22	0.34%	70	0.38%	20,487	1.35%
$500,000+	6	0.09%	14	0.08%	7,454	0.49%
Median Household Income	$32,385		$39,233		$47,049	
Average Household Income	$45,804		$51,482		$63,390	

Source: Nielsen SiteReports

As shown, median household income for Cherokee County is estimated to be $39,233 in 2015. By way of comparison, the median household income of Oklahoma is estimated to be $47,049. For Tahlequah, median household income is estimated to be $32,385. Tahlequah, and Cherokee County as a whole, have relatively lower incomes compared with the rest of the state as can be seen in the following chart.



Household Income Trend

Next we examine the long-term growth of incomes in Cherokee County, from the results of the 2000 Census (representing calendar year 1999), through the current 2015 estimates provided by Nielsen SiteReports. This data is then annualized into a compounded annual growth rate to estimate nominal annual household income growth over this period of time. We then compare the rate of annual growth with the rate of inflation over the same period of time (measured using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, South Region, Size Class D, from May 1999 through May 2015). Subtracting the annual rate of inflation from the nominal rate of annual income growth yields a "real" rate of income growth which takes into account the effect of increasing prices of goods and services.

Household Income Trend

	1999 Median HH Income	2015 Median HH Income	Nominal Growth	Inflation Rate	Real Growth
Tahlequah	$23,238	$32,385	2.10%	2.40%	-0.30%
Cherokee County	$26,536	$39,233	2.47%	2.40%	0.07%
State of Oklahoma	$33,400	$47,049	2.16%	2.40%	-0.23%

Sources: 2000 Decennial Census, Summary File 3, Table P53; Nielsen SiteReports; CPI All Urban Consumers, South Region, Size Class D

As shown, both Tahlequah and the State of Oklahoma as a whole saw negative growth in "real" median household income, once inflation is taken into account (Cherokee County saw only slightly positive growth in real household income levels). It should be noted that this trend is not unique to

Oklahoma or Tahlequah, but rather a national trend. Over the same period, the national median household income increased from $41,994 to $53,706 (for a nominal annualized growth rate of 1.55%) while the Consumer Price Index increased at an annualized rate of 2.26%, for a "real" growth rate of -0.72%.

Poverty Rates

Overall rates of poverty in Cherokee County and Oklahoma are shown in the following table. This data is included from the 2013 American Community Survey, as well as the 2000 Census to show how these rates have changed over the last decade. We also include poverty rates for single-parent families by gender of householder.

Poverty Rates

	2000 Census	2013 ACS	Change (Basis Points)	2013 Poverty Rates for Single-Parent Families	
				Male Householder	Female Householder
Tahlequah	26.31%	33.27%	697	16.03%	60.44%
Cherokee County	22.86%	22.79%	-7	21.36%	53.82%
State of Oklahoma	14.72%	16.85%	213	22.26%	47.60%

Sources: 2000 Decennial Census Table P87, 2009-2013 American Community Survey Tables B17001 & B17023

The poverty rate in Cherokee County is estimated to be 22.79% by the American Community Survey. This is a decrease of seven basis points since the 2000 Census, which is somewhat atypical as state and national poverty rates increased over the same time period. Within Tahlequah, the poverty rate is estimated to be 33.27%. It should be noted that increasing poverty rates over this period of time is a national trend: between the 2000 Census and the 2013 American Community Survey, the poverty rate of the United States increased from 12.38% to 15.37%, an increase of 299 basis points.

Economic Conditions

Employment and Unemployment

The following table presents total employment figures and unemployment rates for Cherokee County, with figures for Oklahoma and the United States for comparison. This data is as of May 2015.

Employment and Unemployment

	May-2010 Employment	May-2015 Employment	Annual Growth	May-2010 Unemp. Rate	May-2015 Unemp. Rate	Change (bp)
Cherokee County	18,421	18,275	-0.16%	7.3%	5.2%	-210
State of Oklahoma	1,650,748	1,776,187	1.48%	6.8%	4.4%	-240
United States (thsds)	139,497	149,349	1.37%	9.3%	5.3%	-400

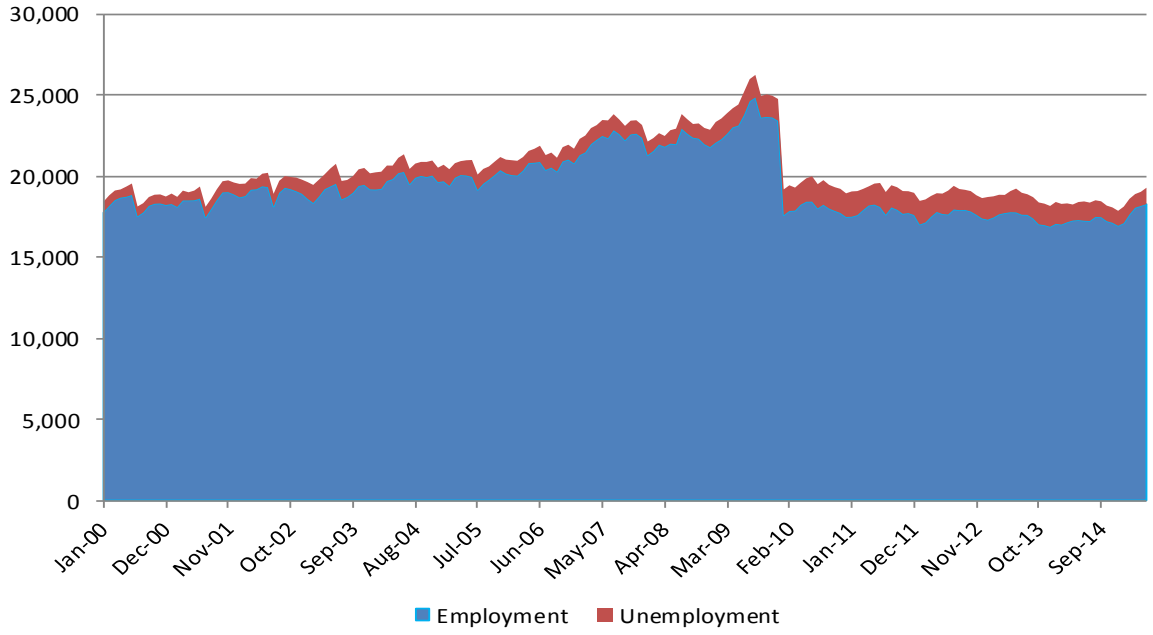
Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Population Survey

As of May 2015, total employment in Cherokee County was 18,275 persons. Compared with figures from May 2010, this represents annualized employment decline of -0.16% per year. The unemployment rate in May was 5.2%, a decrease of -210 basis points from May 2010, which was 7.3%. Over the last five years, both the statewide and national trends have been improving employment levels and declining unemployment rates, and Cherokee County has underperformed both the state and nation in these statistics.

Employment Level Trends

The following chart shows total employment and unemployment levels in Cherokee County from January 2000 through May 2015, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics program.

Employment and Unemployment in Cherokee County
January 2000 through May 2015



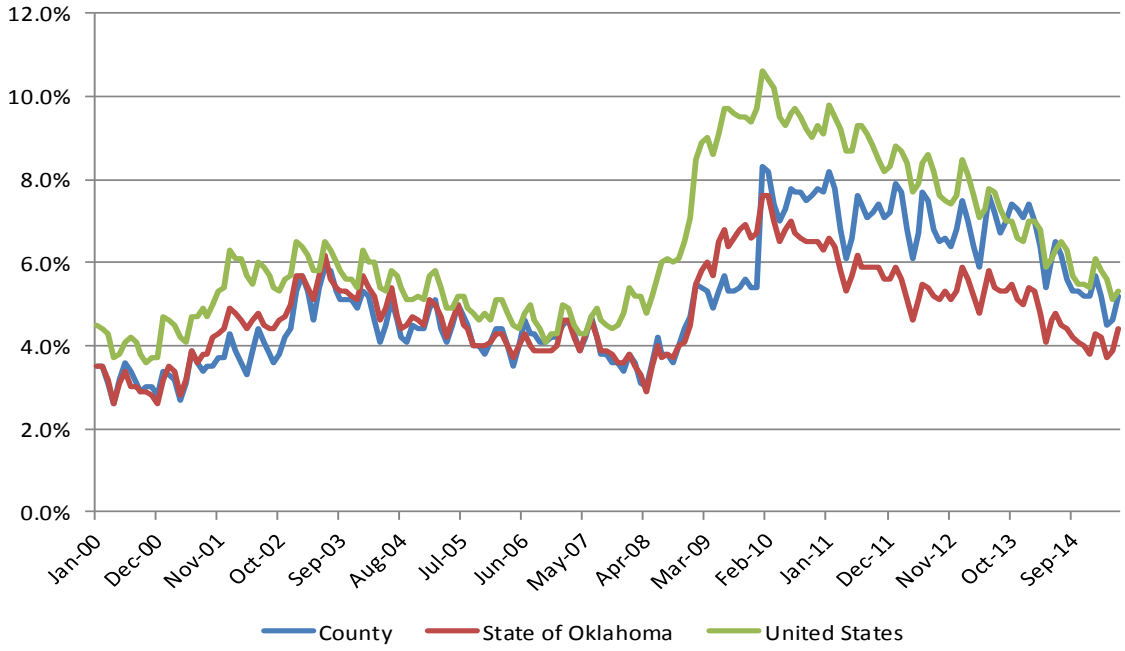
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

As shown, total employment levels have generally trended upward from 2000 through 2009, when employment levels began to decline due to the national economic recession. Employment levels have been nearly flat since that time (note that the drop in 2010 is due to a statistical calibration on the part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and does not reflect an actual decline in total employment). Currently employment in Cherokee County is estimated to be 18,275 persons. The number of unemployed persons in May 2015 was 1,011, out of a total labor force of 19,286 persons.

Unemployment Rate Trends

The next chart shows historic unemployment rates for Cherokee County, as well as Oklahoma and the United States for comparison. This data covers the time period of January 2000 through May 2015, and has not been seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment Rates in Cherokee County, Oklahoma and the United States
January 2000 through May 2015



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Population Survey

As shown, unemployment rates in Cherokee County increased moderately from 2000 through 2003, and then generally declined until the 4th quarter of 2008 as the effects of the national economic recession were felt. Unemployment rates began to decline again in 2010, to their current level of 5.2%. On the whole, unemployment rates in Cherokee County track very well with statewide figures but are typically above the state (as of the last five years). Compared with the United States, unemployment rates in Cherokee County and Oklahoma are and have historically been below the national average, though recently the county and national unemployment rates have effectively converged.

Employment and Wages by Industrial Supersector

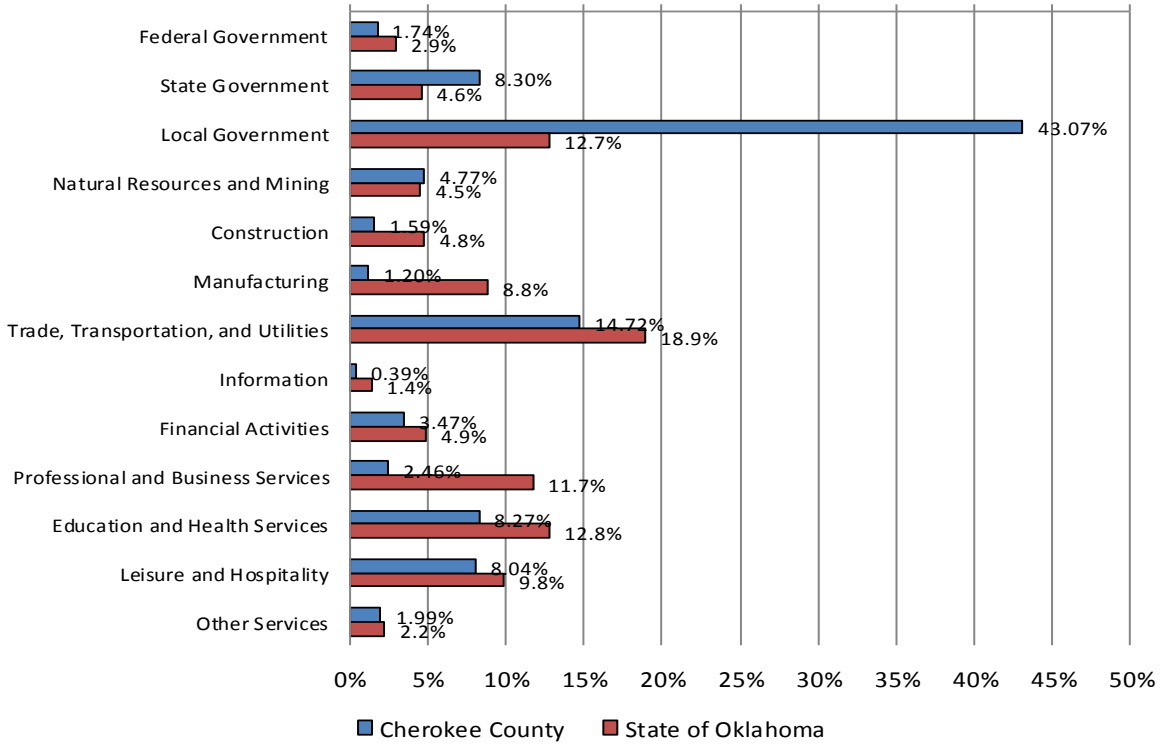
The next table presents data regarding employment in Cherokee County by industry, including total number of establishments, average number of employees in 2014, average annual pay, and location quotients for each industry compared with the United States. This data is furnished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program.

Employees and Wages by Supersector - 2014

Supersector	Establishments	Avg. No. of Employees	Percent of Total	Avg. Annual Pay	Location Quotient
Federal Government	12	266	1.74%	$55,977	0.87
State Government	15	1,266	8.30%	$36,417	2.49
Local Government	52	6,569	43.07%	$39,202	4.27
Natural Resources and Mining	14	728	4.77%	$27,826	3.15
Construction	59	242	1.59%	$24,389	0.35
Manufacturing	22	183	1.20%	$35,608	0.13
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	166	2,245	14.72%	$23,790	0.77
Information	9	59	0.39%	$30,847	0.19
Financial Activities	97	529	3.47%	$32,463	0.62
Professional and Business Services	83	375	2.46%	$41,930	0.18
Education and Health Services	101	1,261	8.27%	$30,208	0.55
Leisure and Hospitality	87	1,226	8.04%	$12,804	0.75
Other Services	32	304	1.99%	$18,648	0.64
Total	**748**	**15,253**		**$32,700**	**1.00**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Employment Sectors - 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Among private employers, the largest percentage of persons (14.72%) are employed in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities. The average annual pay in this sector is $23,790 per year. The industry

with the highest annual pay is Professional and Business Services, with average annual pay of $41,930 per year.

The rightmost column of the previous table provides location quotients for each industry for Cherokee County, as compared with the United States. Location quotients (LQs) are ratios used to compare the concentration of employment in a given industry to a larger reference, in this case the United States. They are calculated by dividing the percentage of employment in a given industry in a given geography (Cherokee County in this instance), by the percentage of employment in the same industry in the United States. For example, if manufacturing in a certain county comprised 10% of total employment, while in the United States manufacturing comprised 5% of total employment, the location quotient would be 2.0:

10% (county manufacturing %) / 5% (U.S. manufacturing %) = 2.0

Location quotients greater than 1.0 indicate a higher concentration of employment compared with the nation, and suggest that the industry in question is an important contributor to the local economic base. Quotients less than 1.0 indicate that the industry makes up a smaller share of the local economy than the rest of the nation.

Within Cherokee County, among all industries the largest location quotient is in Local Government, with a quotient of 4.27. This category includes tribal government, such as the Cherokee Nation and the United Keetoowah Band. Among private employers, the largest location quotient is Natural Resources and Mining, with a quotient of 3.15.

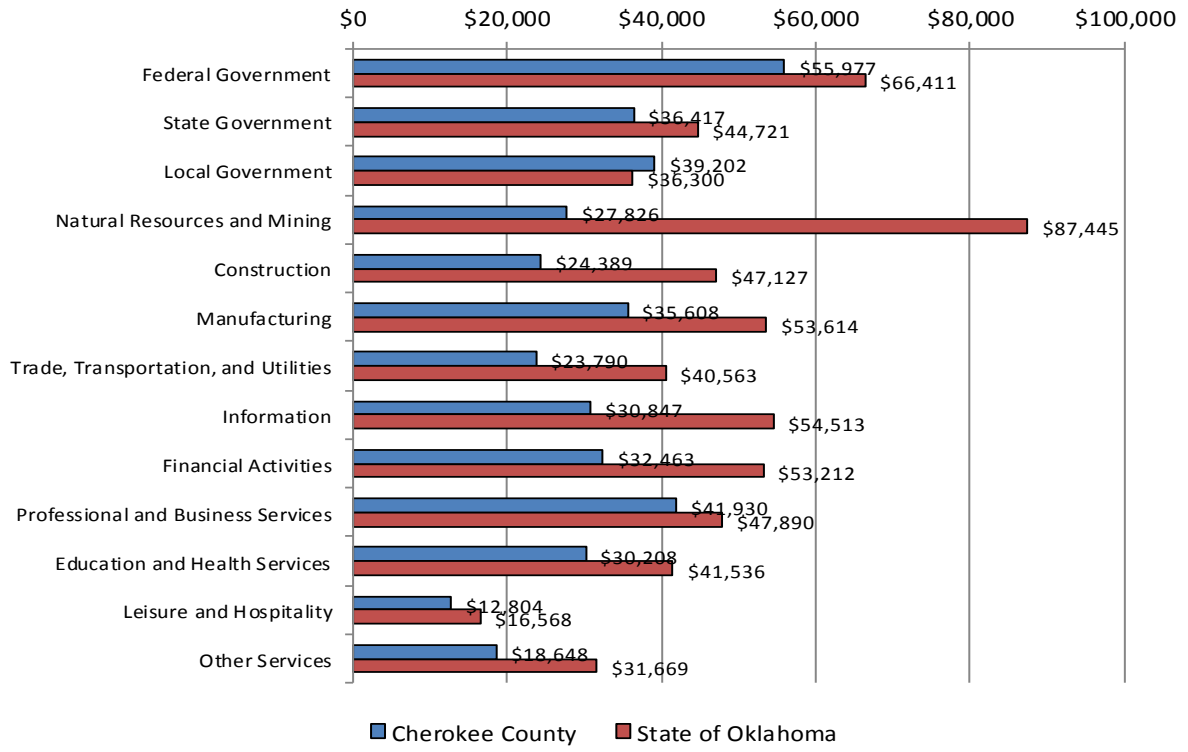
The next table presents average annual pay in Cherokee County by industry, in comparison with Oklahoma as a whole and the United States.

Comparison of 2014 Average Annual Pay by Supersector

Supersector	Cherokee County	State of Oklahoma	United States	Percent of State	Percent of Nation
Federal Government	$55,977	$66,411	$75,784	84.3%	73.9%
State Government	$36,417	$44,721	$54,184	81.4%	67.2%
Local Government	$39,202	$36,300	$46,146	108.0%	85.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	$27,826	$87,445	$59,666	31.8%	46.6%
Construction	$24,389	$47,127	$55,041	51.8%	44.3%
Manufacturing	$35,608	$53,614	$62,977	66.4%	56.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	$23,790	$40,563	$42,988	58.6%	55.3%
Information	$30,847	$54,513	$90,804	56.6%	34.0%
Financial Activities	$32,463	$53,212	$85,261	61.0%	38.1%
Professional and Business Services	$41,930	$47,890	$66,657	87.6%	62.9%
Education and Health Services	$30,208	$41,536	$45,951	72.7%	65.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	$12,804	$16,568	$20,993	77.3%	61.0%
Other Services	$18,648	$31,669	$33,935	58.9%	55.0%
Total	**$32,700**	**$43,774**	**$51,361**	**74.7%**	**63.7%**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Average Annual Pay - 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Excepting Local Government, employees in Cherokee County have lower average wages in every employment sector, notably so in Natural Resources and Mining.

Working Families

The following table presents data on families by employment status, and presence of children.

Families by Employment Status and Presence of Children	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Families	**3,058**		**11,120**		**961,468**	
With Children <18 Years:	1,427	46.66%	4,514	40.59%	425,517	44.26%
Married Couple:	720	50.46%	2,817	62.41%	281,418	66.14%
Both Parents Employed	461	64.03%	1,570	55.73%	166,700	59.24%
One Parent Employed	259	35.97%	1,122	39.83%	104,817	37.25%
Neither Parent Employed	0	0.00%	125	4.44%	9,901	3.52%
Other Family:	707	49.54%	1,697	37.59%	144,099	33.86%
Male Householder:	156	22.07%	426	25.10%	36,996	25.67%
Employed	109	69.87%	355	83.33%	31,044	83.91%
Not Employed	47	30.13%	71	16.67%	5,952	16.09%
Female Householder:	551	77.93%	1,271	74.90%	107,103	74.33%
Employed	312	56.62%	773	60.82%	75,631	70.62%
Not Employed	239	43.38%	498	39.18%	31,472	29.38%
Without Children <18 Years:	1,631	53.34%	6,606	59.41%	535,951	55.74%
Married Couple:	1,367	83.81%	5,354	81.05%	431,868	80.58%
Both Spouses Employed	609	44.55%	1,738	32.46%	167,589	38.81%
One Spouse Employed	355	25.97%	1,738	32.46%	138,214	32.00%
Neither Spouse Employed	403	29.48%	1,878	35.08%	126,065	29.19%
Other Family:	264	16.19%	1,252	18.95%	104,083	19.42%
Male Householder:	84	20.84%	416	22.15%	32,243	25.58%
Employed	57	67.86%	308	74.04%	19,437	60.28%
Not Employed	27	32.14%	108	25.96%	12,806	39.72%
Female Householder:	180	68.18%	836	66.77%	71,840	69.02%
Employed	76	42.22%	422	50.48%	36,601	50.95%
Not Employed	104	57.78%	414	49.52%	35,239	49.05%
Total Working Families:	*2,238*	*73.19%*	*8,026*	*72.18%*	*740,033*	*76.97%*
With Children <18 Years:	*1,141*	*50.98%*	*3,820*	*47.60%*	*378,192*	*51.10%*
Without Children <18 Years:	*1,097*	*49.02%*	*4,206*	*52.40%*	*361,841*	*48.90%*

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B23007

Within Cherokee County, there are 8,026 working families, 47.60% of which have children under the age of 18 present. This compares with 51.10% in Oklahoma as a whole.

Major Employers

Major employers in the Cherokee County area are presented in the following table, as reported by the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce.

Major Employers in Cherokee County		
Company	**Industry / Description**	**No. Employees**
Cherokee Nation	Tribal Government	2,800
Northeastern State University	Higher Education	960
Tahlequah City Hospital	Health Care	780
Greenleaf Nursery	Container Nursery	550
Tahlequah Public Schools	Education	460
Walmart	Retail	400
United Keetoowah Band	Tribal Government	300
Reasor's	Grocery	266
Cherokee County	Government	210

Source: Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce

Commuting Patterns

Travel Time to Work

The next table presents data regarding travel time to work in Cherokee County.

Workers 16 Years and Over by Commuting Time to Work						
	Tahlequah		**Cherokee County**		**State of Oklahoma**	
	No.	**Percent**	**No.**	**Percent**	**No.**	**Percent**
Commuting Workers:	**6,278**		**18,126**		**1,613,364**	
Less than 15 minutes	3,924	62.50%	7,032	38.80%	581,194	36.02%
15 to 30 minutes	993	15.82%	5,319	29.34%	625,885	38.79%
30 to 45 minutes	793	12.63%	3,103	17.12%	260,192	16.13%
45 to 60 minutes	227	3.62%	1,161	6.41%	74,625	4.63%
60 or more minutes	341	5.43%	1,511	8.34%	71,468	4.43%

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B08303

Within Cherokee County, the largest percentage of workers (38.80%) travel fewer than 15 minutes to work. Although Cherokee County has an active labor market, it appears some workers commute to other labor markets in the region.

Means of Transportation

Data in the following table presents data regarding means of transportation for employed persons in Cherokee County.

Workers 16 Years and Over by Means of Transportation to Work						
	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Workers Age 16+	**6,539**		**18,887**		**1,673,026**	
Car, Truck or Van:	5,881	89.94%	17,431	92.29%	1,551,461	92.73%
Drove Alone	*4,966*	*84.44%*	*14,930*	*85.65%*	*1,373,407*	*88.52%*
Carpooled	*915*	*15.56%*	*2,501*	*14.35%*	*178,054*	*11.48%*
Public Transportation	14	0.21%	45	0.24%	8,092	0.48%
Taxicab	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	984	0.06%
Motorcycle	0	0.00%	15	0.08%	3,757	0.22%
Bicycle	9	0.14%	89	0.47%	4,227	0.25%
Walked	318	4.86%	439	2.32%	30,401	1.82%
Other Means	56	0.86%	107	0.57%	14,442	0.86%
Worked at Home	261	3.99%	761	4.03%	59,662	3.57%

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B08301

As shown, the vast majority of persons in Cherokee County commute to work by private vehicle, with a small percentage of persons working from home.

Housing Stock Analysis

Existing Housing Units

The following table presents data regarding the total number of housing units in Cherokee County. This data is provided as of the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census, with a 2015 estimate furnished by Nielsen SiteReports.

Total Housing Units

	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change
Tahlequah	6,245	6,857	0.94%	7,250	1.12%
Cherokee County	19,499	21,455	0.96%	21,987	0.49%
State of Oklahoma	1,514,400	1,664,378	0.95%	1,732,484	0.81%

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses, Nielsen SiteReports

Since the 2010, Nielsen estimates that the number of housing units in Cherokee County grew by 0.49% per year, to a total of 21,987 housing units in 2015. In terms of new housing unit construction, Cherokee County underperformed Oklahoma as a whole between 2010 and 2015.

Housing by Units in Structure

The next table separates housing units in Cherokee County by units in structure, based on data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

2013 Housing Units by Units in Structure

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Housing Units	**6,765**		**21,465**		**1,669,828**	
1 Unit, Detached	3,804	56.23%	13,400	62.43%	1,219,987	73.06%
1 Unit, Attached	93	1.37%	203	0.95%	34,434	2.06%
Duplex Units	664	9.82%	781	3.64%	34,207	2.05%
3-4 Units	517	7.64%	742	3.46%	42,069	2.52%
5-9 Units	287	4.24%	430	2.00%	59,977	3.59%
10-19 Units	456	6.74%	478	2.23%	57,594	3.45%
20-49 Units	297	4.39%	327	1.52%	29,602	1.77%
50 or More Units	174	2.57%	180	0.84%	30,240	1.81%
Mobile Homes	473	6.99%	4,893	22.80%	159,559	9.56%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.00%	31	0.14%	2,159	0.13%
Total Multifamily Units	**2,395**	**35.40%**	**2,938**	**13.69%**	**253,689**	**15.19%**

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25024

Within Cherokee County, 62.43% of housing units are single-family, detached. 13.69% of housing units are multifamily in structure (two or more units per building), while 22.94% of housing units comprise mobile homes, RVs, etc.

Within Tahlequah, 56.23% of housing units are single-family, detached. 35.40% of housing units are multifamily in structure, while 6.99% of housing units comprise mobile homes, RVs, etc.

Housing Units Number of Bedrooms and Tenure

Data in the following table presents housing units in Cherokee County by tenure (owner/renter), and by number of bedrooms.

2013 Housing Units by Tenure and Number of Bedrooms

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Occupied Housing Units	**5,651**		**16,875**		**1,444,081**	
Owner Occupied:	**2,490**	**44.06%**	**11,224**	**66.51%**	**968,736**	**67.08%**
No Bedroom	8	0.32%	37	0.33%	2,580	0.27%
1 Bedroom	39	1.57%	354	3.15%	16,837	1.74%
2 Bedrooms	399	16.02%	2,363	21.05%	166,446	17.18%
3 Bedrooms	1,447	58.11%	6,461	57.56%	579,135	59.78%
4 Bedrooms	502	20.16%	1,755	15.64%	177,151	18.29%
5 or More Bedrooms	95	3.82%	254	2.26%	26,587	2.74%
Renter Occupied:	**3,161**	**55.94%**	**5,651**	**33.49%**	**475,345**	**32.92%**
No Bedroom	105	3.32%	160	2.83%	13,948	2.93%
1 Bedroom	918	29.04%	1,145	20.26%	101,850	21.43%
2 Bedrooms	1,502	47.52%	2,446	43.28%	179,121	37.68%
3 Bedrooms	554	17.53%	1,601	28.33%	152,358	32.05%
4 Bedrooms	70	2.21%	226	4.00%	24,968	5.25%
5 or More Bedrooms	12	0.38%	73	1.29%	3,100	0.65%

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25042

The overall homeownership rate in Cherokee County is 66.51%, while 33.49% of housing units are renter occupied. In Tahlequah, the homeownership rate is 44.06%, while 55.94% of households are renters. Tahlequah's homeownership rate is lower than Cherokee County's due in large part to the influence of Northeastern State University.

Housing Units Tenure and Household Income

The next series of tables analyze housing units by tenure, and by household income.

Cherokee County Owner/Renter Percentages by Income Band in 2013					
Household Income	Total Households	Total Owners	Total Renters	% Owners	% Renters
Total	**16,875**	**11,224**	**5,651**	**66.51%**	**33.49%**
Less than $5,000	764	305	459	39.92%	60.08%
$5,000 - $9,999	1,094	407	687	37.20%	62.80%
$10,000-$14,999	1,523	774	749	50.82%	49.18%
$15,000-$19,999	1,470	749	721	50.95%	49.05%
$20,000-$24,999	1,123	674	449	60.02%	39.98%
$25,000-$34,999	2,007	1,166	841	58.10%	41.90%
$35,000-$49,999	2,599	1,813	786	69.76%	30.24%
$50,000-$74,999	3,086	2,413	673	78.19%	21.81%
$75,000-$99,999	1,555	1,407	148	90.48%	9.52%
$100,000-$149,999	1,217	1,127	90	92.60%	7.40%
$150,000 or more	437	389	48	89.02%	10.98%
Income Less Than $25,000	**5,974**	**2,909**	**3,065**	**48.69%**	**51.31%**

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25118

Within Cherokee County as a whole, 51.31% of households with incomes less than $25,000 are estimated to be renters, while 48.69% are estimated to be homeowners.

Tahlequah Owner/Renter Percentages by Income Band in 2013					
Household Income	Total Households	Total Owners	Total Renters	% Owners	% Renters
Total	**5,651**	**2,490**	**3,161**	**44.06%**	**55.94%**
Less than $5,000	378	95	283	25.13%	74.87%
$5,000 - $9,999	496	58	438	11.69%	88.31%
$10,000-$14,999	560	135	425	24.11%	75.89%
$15,000-$19,999	643	232	411	36.08%	63.92%
$20,000-$24,999	325	84	241	25.85%	74.15%
$25,000-$34,999	803	266	537	33.13%	66.87%
$35,000-$49,999	714	324	390	45.38%	54.62%
$50,000-$74,999	826	490	336	59.32%	40.68%
$75,000-$99,999	422	381	41	90.28%	9.72%
$100,000-$149,999	287	268	19	93.38%	6.62%
$150,000 or more	197	157	40	79.70%	20.30%
Income Less Than $25,000	**2,402**	**604**	**1,798**	**25.15%**	**74.85%**

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25118

Within Tahlequah, 74.85% of households with incomes less than $25,000 are estimated to be renters, while 25.15% are estimated to be homeowners.

Housing Units by Year of Construction and Tenure

The following table provides a breakdown of housing units by year of construction, and by owner/renter (tenure), as well as median year of construction.

2013 Housing Units by Tenure and Year of Construction						
	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Occupied Housing Units	**5,651**		**16,875**		**1,444,081**	
Owner Occupied:	**2,490**	**44.06%**	**11,224**	**66.51%**	**968,736**	**67.08%**
Built 2010 or Later	34	1.37%	161	1.43%	10,443	1.08%
Built 2000 to 2009	507	20.36%	2,196	19.57%	153,492	15.84%
Built 1990 to 1999	327	13.13%	1,852	16.50%	125,431	12.95%
Built 1980 to 1989	308	12.37%	1,976	17.61%	148,643	15.34%
Built 1970 to 1979	506	20.32%	2,551	22.73%	184,378	19.03%
Built 1960 to 1969	308	12.37%	976	8.70%	114,425	11.81%
Built 1950 to 1959	307	12.33%	803	7.15%	106,544	11.00%
Built 1940 to 1949	72	2.89%	280	2.49%	50,143	5.18%
Built 1939 or Earlier	121	4.86%	429	3.82%	75,237	7.77%
Median Year Built:		1979		1983		1977
Renter Occupied:	**3,161**	**55.94%**	**5,651**	**33.49%**	**475,345**	**32.92%**
Built 2010 or Later	65	2.06%	65	1.15%	5,019	1.06%
Built 2000 to 2009	462	14.62%	755	13.36%	50,883	10.70%
Built 1990 to 1999	635	20.09%	1,117	19.77%	47,860	10.07%
Built 1980 to 1989	312	9.87%	707	12.51%	77,521	16.31%
Built 1970 to 1979	747	23.63%	1,443	25.54%	104,609	22.01%
Built 1960 to 1969	524	16.58%	739	13.08%	64,546	13.58%
Built 1950 to 1959	223	7.05%	348	6.16%	54,601	11.49%
Built 1940 to 1949	30	0.95%	191	3.38%	31,217	6.57%
Built 1939 or Earlier	163	5.16%	286	5.06%	39,089	8.22%
Median Year Built:		1979		1979		1975
Overall Median Year Built:		**1979**		**1981**		**1976**

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25035, B25036 & B25037

Within Cherokee County, 18.83% of housing units were built after the year 2000. This compares with 15.22% statewide. Within Tahlequah the percentage is 18.90%.

63.58% of housing units in Cherokee County were built prior to 1990, while in Tahlequah the percentage is 64.08%. These figures compare with the statewide figure of 72.78%. On the whole, homes in Tahlequah and Cherokee County are relatively newer.

Substandard Housing

The next table presents data regarding substandard housing in Cherokee County. The two most commonly cited figures for substandard housing are a lack of complete plumbing, and/or a lack of a complete kitchen. We have also included statistics regarding homes heated by wood, although this is a less frequently cited indicator of substandard housing since some homes (particularly homes for seasonal occupancy) are heated by wood but otherwise not considered substandard.

The Census Bureau definition of inadequate plumbing is any housing unit lacking any one (or more) of the following three items:

1. Hot and cold running water
2. A flush toilet
3. A bathtub or shower

Inadequate kitchens are defined by the Census Bureau as housing units lacking any of the three following items:

1. A sink with a faucet
2. A stove or range
3. A refrigerator

2013 Substandard Housing Units

	Occupied Units	Inadequate Plumbing		Inadequate Kitchen		Uses Wood for Fuel	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Tahlequah	5,651	28	0.50%	48	0.85%	114	2.02%
Cherokee County	16,875	110	0.65%	119	0.71%	1,537	9.11%
State of Oklahoma	1,444,081	7,035	0.49%	13,026	0.90%	28,675	1.99%

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25040, B25048 & B25052

Within Cherokee County, 0.65% of occupied housing units have inadequate plumbing (compared with 0.49% at a statewide level), while 0.71% have inadequate kitchen facilities (compared with 0.90% at a statewide level). It is likely that there is at least some overlap between these two figures, among units lacking both complete plumbing and kitchen facilities.

Vacancy Rates

The next table details housing units in Cherokee County by vacancy and type. This data is provided by the American Community Survey.

2013 Housing Units by Vacancy						
	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Housing Units	6,765		21,465		1,669,828	
Total Vacant Units	1,114	16.47%	4,590	21.38%	225,747	13.52%
For rent	433	38.87%	736	16.03%	43,477	19.26%
Rented, not occupied	68	6.10%	134	2.92%	9,127	4.04%
For sale only	117	10.50%	324	7.06%	23,149	10.25%
Sold, not occupied	0	0.00%	18	0.39%	8,618	3.82%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	141	12.66%	1,764	38.43%	39,475	17.49%
For migrant workers	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	746	0.33%
Other vacant	355	31.87%	1,614	35.16%	101,155	44.81%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	4.49%		2.80%		2.31%	
Rental Vacancy Rate	11.82%		11.29%		8.24%	

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25001, B25003 & B25004

Within Cherokee County, the overall housing vacancy rate is estimated to be 21.38%. The homeowner vacancy rate is estimated to be 2.80%, while the rental vacancy rate is estimated to be 11.29%.

In Tahlequah, the overall housing vacancy rate is estimated to be 16.47%. The homeowner vacancy rate is estimated to be 4.49%, while the rental vacancy rate is estimated to be 11.82%.

On balance, vacancy rates in Tahlequah and Cherokee County are relatively higher than the rest of the state, both among rental units and homes intended for ownership.

Building Permits

The next series of tables present data regarding new residential building permits issued in Tahlequah. This data is furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division. Please note that average costs reported only represent physical construction costs for the housing units, and do not include land prices, most soft costs (such as finance fees), or builder's profit.

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New Residential Building Permits Issued, 2004-2014

Year	Single Family Units	Avg. Construction Cost	Multifamily Units	Avg. Multifamily Construction Cost
2004	35	$99,543	76	$39,577
2005	31	$125,400	48	$53,750
2006	65	$157,409	6	$80,750
2007	82	$123,336	110	$32,273
2008	29	$189,490	10	$98,400
2009	7	$125,429	24	$56,875
2010	0	N/A	0	N/A
2011	51	$103,647	84	$48,810
2012	31	$125,868	4	$65,000
2013	3	$273,333	0	N/A
2014	0	N/A	0	N/A

Source: United States Census Bureau Building Permits Survey

In Tahlequah, building permits for 696 housing units were issued between 2004 and 2014, for an average of 63 units per year. 47.99% of these housing units were single family homes, and 52.01% consisted of multifamily units. Data for 2013 and 2014 appears to be incomplete.

New Construction Activity

For Ownership:

New housing development has occurred in many parts of Cherokee County, including rural acreages as well as within Tahlequah. New homes have been built recently in a number of different subdivisions in Tahlequah, including The Lakes at Southridge, Oakview Estates, Eagle Estates, and others. Growth is primarily occurring in the southern area of the city.

Many homes have been of larger, more expensive homes though some are relatively more affordable. The average price of homes constructed in 2012 or more recently (for homes sold since January 2014) is $189,910 or $106.58 per square foot.

For Rent:

A number of properties for rent have been constructed in recent years, including market rate and affordable housing units. The most recently constructed affordable housing project was Mission Village, which comprised 24 affordable housing units for seniors. This project was well-received and leased all 24 units within approximately 3 months.

Homeownership Market

This section will address the market for housing units for purchase in Cherokee County, using data collected from both local and national sources.

Housing Units by Home Value

The following table presents housing units in Cherokee County by value, as well as median home value, as reported by the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

2013 Housing Units by Home Value

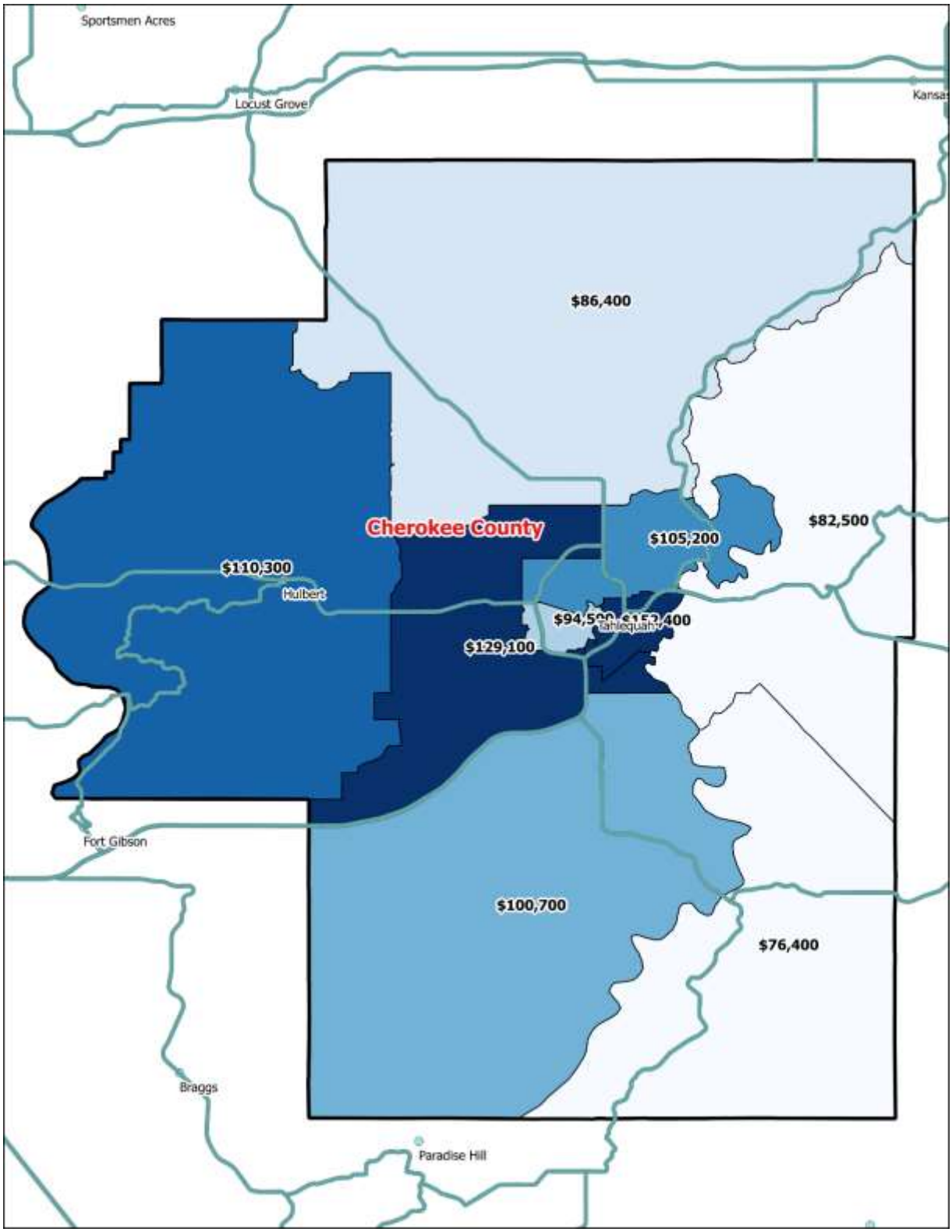
	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Owner-Occupied Units:	**2,490**		**11,224**		**968,736**	
Less than $10,000	84	3.37%	304	2.71%	20,980	2.17%
$10,000 to $14,999	35	1.41%	198	1.76%	15,427	1.59%
$15,000 to $19,999	10	0.40%	207	1.84%	13,813	1.43%
$20,000 to $24,999	18	0.72%	268	2.39%	16,705	1.72%
$25,000 to $29,999	26	1.04%	265	2.36%	16,060	1.66%
$30,000 to $34,999	41	1.65%	217	1.93%	19,146	1.98%
$35,000 to $39,999	9	0.36%	198	1.76%	14,899	1.54%
$40,000 to $49,999	52	2.09%	498	4.44%	39,618	4.09%
$50,000 to $59,999	29	1.16%	494	4.40%	45,292	4.68%
$60,000 to $69,999	121	4.86%	595	5.30%	52,304	5.40%
$70,000 to $79,999	115	4.62%	804	7.16%	55,612	5.74%
$80,000 to $89,999	159	6.39%	674	6.00%	61,981	6.40%
$90,000 to $99,999	186	7.47%	673	6.00%	51,518	5.32%
$100,000 to $124,999	444	17.83%	1,391	12.39%	119,416	12.33%
$125,000 to $149,999	284	11.41%	1,017	9.06%	96,769	9.99%
$150,000 to $174,999	283	11.37%	941	8.38%	91,779	9.47%
$175,000 to $199,999	129	5.18%	416	3.71%	53,304	5.50%
$200,000 to $249,999	127	5.10%	758	6.75%	69,754	7.20%
$250,000 to $299,999	182	7.31%	532	4.74%	41,779	4.31%
$300,000 to $399,999	53	2.13%	376	3.35%	37,680	3.89%
$400,000 to $499,999	72	2.89%	143	1.27%	13,334	1.38%
$500,000 to $749,999	8	0.32%	103	0.92%	12,784	1.32%
$750,000 to $999,999	0	0.00%	63	0.56%	3,764	0.39%
$1,000,000 or more	23	0.92%	89	0.79%	5,018	0.52%
Median Home Value:	**$120,300**		**$103,900**		**$112,800**	

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25075 and B25077

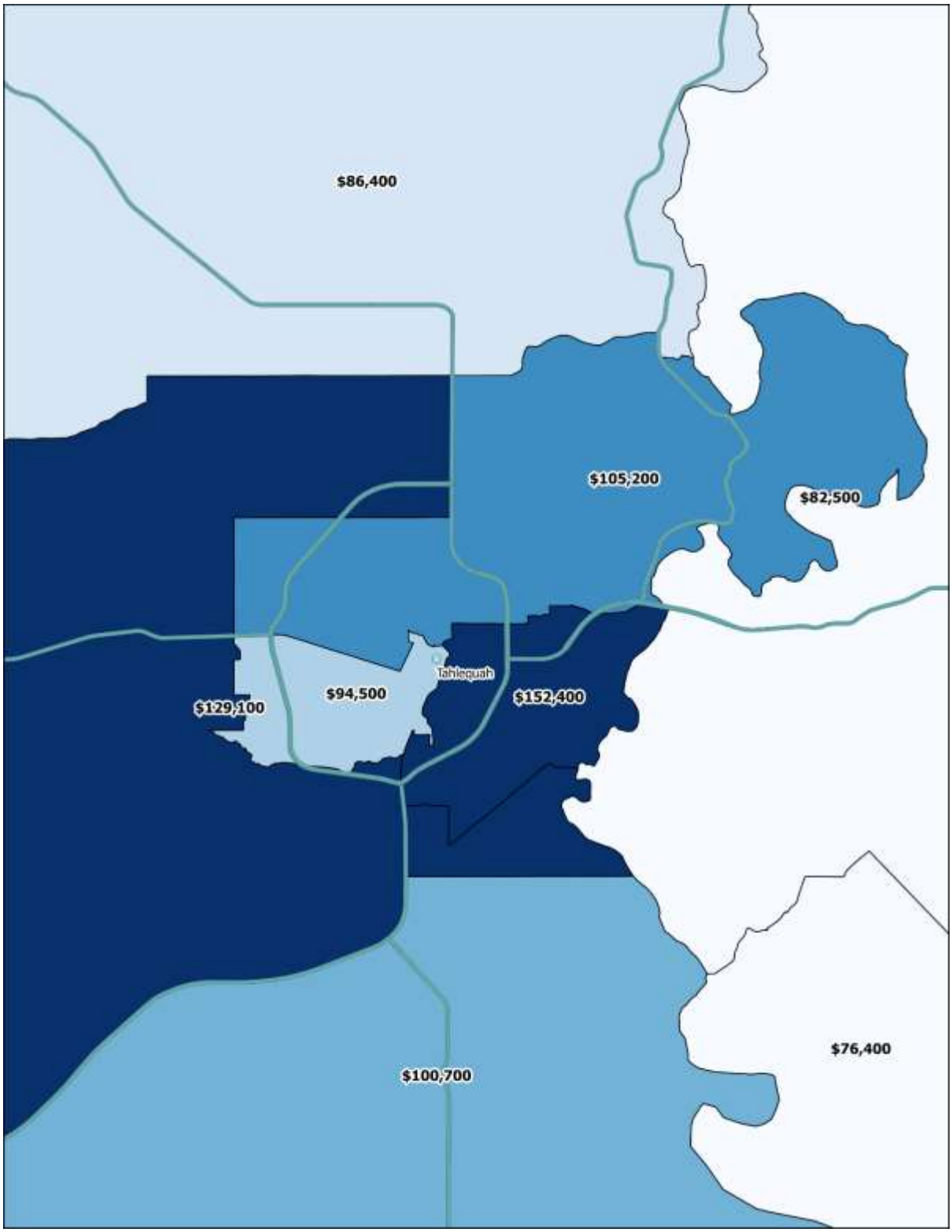
The median value of owner-occupied homes in Cherokee County is $103,900. This is -7.9% lower than the statewide median, which is $112,800. The median home value in Tahlequah is estimated to be $120,300 (higher than both the county and statewide figures).

The geographic distribution of home values in Cherokee County can be visualized by the following map.

Cherokee County Median Home Values by Census Tract



Median Home Values by Census Tract – Tahlequah Detail



Home Values by Year of Construction

The next table presents median home values in Cherokee County by year of construction. Note that missing data fields indicate the Census Bureau had inadequate data to estimate a median value that age bracket.

2013 Median Home Value by Year of Construction

	Tahlequah Median Value	Cherokee County Median Value	State of Oklahoma Median Value
Total Owner-Occupied Units:			
Built 2010 or Later	$117,700	$97,500	$188,900
Built 2000 to 2009	$162,500	$150,400	$178,000
Built 1990 to 1999	$152,400	$105,700	$147,300
Built 1980 to 1989	$104,000	$83,400	$118,300
Built 1970 to 1979	$114,600	$98,600	$111,900
Built 1960 to 1969	$108,800	$97,800	$97,100
Built 1950 to 1959	$80,600	$80,200	$80,300
Built 1940 to 1949	$115,500	$110,900	$67,900
Built 1939 or Earlier	$121,100	$121,900	$74,400

Note: Dashes indicate the Census Bureau had insufficient data to estimate a median value.
Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table 25107

Tahlequah Single Family Sales Activity

The next series of tables presents data regarding single family home sales, for all bedroom types and also broken down by two, three and four bedroom floor plans.

Tahlequah Single Family Sales Activity
Two Bedroom Units

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	24	35	25	38	24
Median List Price	$64,900	$74,900	$49,900	$65,400	$53,000
Median Sale Price	$64,450	$68,500	$43,500	$63,500	$45,631
Sale/List Price Ratio	95.0%	94.3%	93.2%	95.7%	91.9%
Median Square Feet	1,018	1,008	910	994	992
Median Price/SF	$63.16	$65.00	$46.09	$66.64	$51.53
Med. Days on Market	30	34	24	54	44

Source: Tulsa MLS

Tahlequah Single Family Sales Activity
Three Bedroom Units

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	150	179	175	162	128
Median List Price	$109,900	$115,000	$99,900	$112,250	$109,900
Median Sale Price	$105,000	$108,000	$94,000	$106,500	$106,475
Sale/List Price Ratio	95.9%	96.5%	96.4%	96.0%	97.6%
Median Square Feet	1,377	1,440	1,392	1,505	1,454
Median Price/SF	$70.93	$73.01	$68.20	$67.94	$73.13
Med. Days on Market	41	54	42	51	41

Source: Tulsa MLS

Tahlequah Single Family Sales Activity
Four Bedroom Units

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	44	34	48	49	40
Median List Price	$179,500	$160,700	$135,400	$159,900	$178,950
Median Sale Price	$175,450	$155,700	$125,250	$157,500	$173,500
Sale/List Price Ratio	96.1%	96.6%	96.5%	97.7%	97.0%
Median Square Feet	2,187	2,127	1,990	2,124	2,155
Median Price/SF	$72.92	$72.47	$66.60	$69.50	$77.72
Med. Days on Market	43	34	50	37	58

Source: Tulsa MLS

Tahlequah Single Family Sales Activity
All Bedroom Types

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	229	260	257	256	203
Median List Price	$109,900	$114,900	$99,500	$109,900	$112,900
Median Sale Price	$104,000	$106,875	$94,000	$102,250	$109,900
Sale/List Price Ratio	95.9%	96.2%	96.3%	96.5%	97.1%
Median Square Feet	1,452	1,422	1,408	1,517	1,515
Median Price/SF	$68.65	$70.56	$66.77	$67.60	$70.07
Med. Days on Market	40	46	42	50	46

Source: Tulsa MLS

Between 2011 and year-end 2014, the average list has been essentially level. The average sale price was $109,900 in 2015, for an average price per square foot of $70.07. The average sale price to list price ratio was 97.1%, with an average days on market of 46 days.

Foreclosure Rates

The next table presents foreclosure rate data for Cherokee County, compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This data is effective as of May 2014.

Foreclosure Rates

Geography	% of Outstanding Mortgages in Foreclosure, May 2014
Cherokee County	3.5%
State of Oklahoma	2.1%
United States	2.1%
Rank among Counties in Oklahoma*:	6

* Rank among the 64 counties for which foreclosure rates are available

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Community Credit Profiles

According to the data provided, the foreclosure rate in Cherokee County was 3.5% in May 2014. The county ranked 6 out of 64 counties in terms of highest foreclosure rates in Oklahoma. This rate compares with the statewide and nationwide foreclosure rates, both of which were 2.1%. With one of the highest foreclosure rates in Oklahoma, foreclosures have likely had some impact on the local housing market. High rates of foreclosure can depress home prices, lengthen the time it takes to sell a property, and also make it more difficult for potential buyers to acquire financing.

Rental Market

This section will discuss supply and demand factors for the rental market in Cherokee County, based on publicly available sources as well as our own surveys of landlords and rental properties in the area.

Gross Rent Levels

The following table presents data regarding gross rental rates in Cherokee County. Gross rent is the sum of contract rent, plus all utilities such as electricity, gas, water, sewer and trash, as applicable (telephone, cable, and/or internet expenses are not included in these figures).

2013 Rental Units by Gross Rent

	Tahlequah		Cherokee County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Rental Units:	**3,161**		**5,651**		**475,345**	
With cash rent:	2,986		4,947		432,109	
Less than $100	9	0.28%	9	0.16%	2,025	0.43%
$100 to $149	12	0.38%	44	0.78%	2,109	0.44%
$150 to $199	38	1.20%	68	1.20%	4,268	0.90%
$200 to $249	135	4.27%	201	3.56%	8,784	1.85%
$250 to $299	133	4.21%	157	2.78%	8,413	1.77%
$300 to $349	139	4.40%	188	3.33%	9,107	1.92%
$350 to $399	149	4.71%	345	6.11%	10,932	2.30%
$400 to $449	216	6.83%	380	6.72%	15,636	3.29%
$450 to $499	262	8.29%	411	7.27%	24,055	5.06%
$500 to $549	341	10.79%	484	8.56%	31,527	6.63%
$550 to $599	179	5.66%	354	6.26%	33,032	6.95%
$600 to $649	299	9.46%	508	8.99%	34,832	7.33%
$650 to $699	163	5.16%	284	5.03%	32,267	6.79%
$700 to $749	109	3.45%	243	4.30%	30,340	6.38%
$750 to $799	162	5.12%	261	4.62%	27,956	5.88%
$800 to $899	291	9.21%	430	7.61%	45,824	9.64%
$900 to $999	70	2.21%	149	2.64%	34,153	7.18%
$1,000 to $1,249	202	6.39%	258	4.57%	46,884	9.86%
$1,250 to $1,499	18	0.57%	91	1.61%	14,699	3.09%
$1,500 to $1,999	46	1.46%	64	1.13%	10,145	2.13%
$2,000 or more	13	0.41%	18	0.32%	5,121	1.08%
No cash rent	175	5.54%	704	12.46%	43,236	9.10%
Median Gross Rent	**$566**		**$576**		**$699**	

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25063 and B25064

Median gross rent in Cherokee County is estimated to be $576, which is -17.6% less than Oklahoma's median gross rent of $699/month. Median gross rent in Tahlequah is estimated to be $566.

Median Gross Rent by Year of Construction

The next table presents data from the American Community Survey regarding median gross rent by year of housing unit construction. Note that dashes in the table indicate the Census Bureau had insufficient data to provide a median rent figure for that specific data field.

2013 Median Gross Rent by Year of Construction

	Tahlequah Median Rent	Cherokee County Median Rent	State of Oklahoma Median Rent
Total Rental Units:			
Built 2010 or Later	$592	$592	$933
Built 2000 to 2009	$669	$650	$841
Built 1990 to 1999	$538	$552	$715
Built 1980 to 1989	$602	$549	$693
Built 1970 to 1979	$525	$540	$662
Built 1960 to 1969	$618	$599	$689
Built 1950 to 1959	$444	$505	$714
Built 1940 to 1949	$835	$802	$673
Built 1939 or Earlier	$640	$618	$651

Note: Dashes indicate the Census Bureau had insufficient data to estimate a median gross rent.
Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table 25111

Tahlequah Rental Survey Data

The next two tables show the results of our rental survey of Tahlequah. The data is divided between market rate properties, and affordable properties of all types (project-based Section 8, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, USDA Rural Development, etc.)

Tahlequah Rental Properties

Name	Type	Year Built	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Size (SF)	Rate	Rate/SF	Vacancy
Cedar Crest Apartments	Market Rate	1978	2	1	780	$450	$0.577	4.00%
Pleasant View Apartments	Market Rate	1997	1	1	700	$450	$0.643	6.00%
Pleasant View Apartments	Market Rate	1997	2	2	890	$550	$0.618	6.00%
The Pines at Southridge	Market Rate	2003	Eff.	1	650	$399	$0.614	1.00%
The Pines at Southridge	Market Rate	2003	1	1	770	$499	$0.648	1.00%
The Pines at Southridge	Market Rate	2003	2	2	925	$600	$0.649	1.00%
The Pines at Southridge	Market Rate	2003	3	2	1,025	$765	$0.746	1.00%
Gardens at Southridge	Market Rate	2006	2	2	1,468	$1,075	$0.732	0.00%
Wisdom Keepers	LIHTC	N/A	1	1	529	$395	$0.747	0.00%
Wisdom Keepers	LIHTC	N/A	1	1	529	$335	$0.633	0.00%
Wisdom Keepers	LIHTC	N/A	2	1	550	N/A	N/A	0.00%
Mission Village of Tahlequah	LIHTC	2014	2	1	1,085	$485	$0.447	0.00%
Mission Village of Tahlequah	LIHTC	2014	2	1	1,085	$599	$0.552	0.00%
Mission Village of Tahlequah	LIHTC	2014	2	1	1,085	$699	$0.644	0.00%

The previous rent surveys encompass over six hundred rental units in six complexes. These properties are located throughout the community and provide a good indication of the availability and rental structure of multifamily property. Concessions such as free rent or no deposit were not evident in the competitive market survey. These inducements appear to have phased out over the market, and appear only sporadically at individual complexes to induce leasing activity in a particular unit type. Review of historical rental data indicates the comparable rental rates have increased in a predominant

range of $10 to $20 per unit per month annually over the past 36 months. Occupancy levels in the Wagoner area have continued to increase to its present level in the 94-100% range. Rental rates also increased during this same period. The area should continue to show good rental rate and occupancy support due to proximity to the employment centers and limited number of new available units.

Based on the number of units identified as rentals by the 2010 Census, it is reasonable to assume that a significant number of single family residences are rentals as well as smaller complexes (under 20 units) not surveyed by this analyst.

Rental Market Vacancy – Tahlequah

The developments outlined previously report occupancy levels typically above 95%. These occupancy levels are typical of well-maintained and poorly maintained properties alike. The ability of older, physically deteriorating facilities to maintain high occupancy levels reflects the lack of superior alternatives in the Tahlequah market. The overall market vacancy of rental housing units was reported at 11.82% by the Census Bureau as of the most recent American Community Survey, but this figure appears high based on our own survey of housing in the area.

As noted above, the majority of complexes in Tahlequah report occupancy levels above 90%. Although this analyst's survey does not include all rental units in Tahlequah, it represents a reasonable market sample of available units, both affordable and market rate.

Mission Village of Tahlequah

Wisdom Keepers

Gardens at Southridge

The Pines at Southridge

Pleasant View Apartments

Cedar Crest Apartments

Summary of HUD Subsidized Properties

The following tables present data for housing units and households subsidized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for Cherokee County, the State of Oklahoma, and the United States. This data is taken from HUD's "Picture of Subsidized Households" data for 2013, the most recent year available.

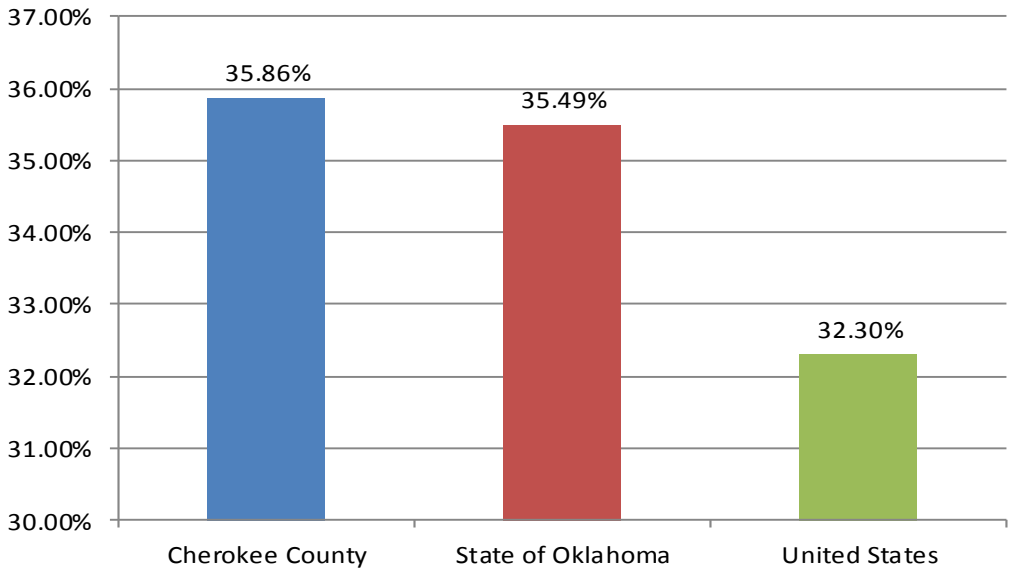
HUD Programs in Cherokee County

Cherokee County	# Units	Occupancy Rate	Avg. Household Income	Tenant Contribution	Federal Contribution	% of Total Rent
Public Housing	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing Choice Vouchers	61	93%	$9,917	$259	$386	40.15%
Mod Rehab	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Section 8 NC/SR	40	95%	$8,716	$206	$361	36.36%
Section 236	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi-Family Other	218	93%	$7,905	$177	$346	33.81%
Summary of All HUD Programs	319	93%	$8,503	$200	$358	35.86%
State of Oklahoma						
Public Housing	13,088	96%	$11,328	$215	$371	36.71%
Housing Choice Vouchers	24,651	93%	$10,766	$283	$470	37.57%
Mod Rehab	158	89%	$7,272	$129	$509	20.17%
Section 8 NC/SR	4,756	93%	$10,730	$242	$465	34.24%
Section 236	428	89%	$8,360	$192	$344	35.82%
Multi-Family Other	7,518	91%	$7,691	$176	$448	28.18%
Summary of All HUD Programs	50,599	94%	$10,360	$242	$440	35.49%
United States						
Public Housing	1,150,867	94%	$13,724	$275	$512	34.91%
Housing Choice Vouchers	2,386,237	92%	$13,138	$346	$701	33.04%
Mod Rehab	19,148	87%	$8,876	$153	$664	18.78%
Section 8 NC/SR	840,900	96%	$12,172	$274	$677	28.80%
Section 236	126,859	93%	$14,347	$211	$578	26.74%
Multi-Family Other	656,456	95%	$11,135	$255	$572	30.80%
Summary of All HUD Programs	5,180,467	94%	$12,892	$304	$637	32.30%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Picture of Subsidized Households - 2013

Among all HUD programs, there are 319 housing units located within Cherokee County, with an overall occupancy rate of 93%. The average household income among households living in these units is $8,503. Total monthly rent for these units averages $557, with the federal contribution averaging $358 (64.14%) and the tenant's contribution averaging $200 (35.86%).

Percentage of Total Rent Paid by Tenant - HUD Subsidized Properties



Source: 2013 HUD Picture of Subsidized Households

The following table presents select demographic variables among the households living in units subsidized by HUD.

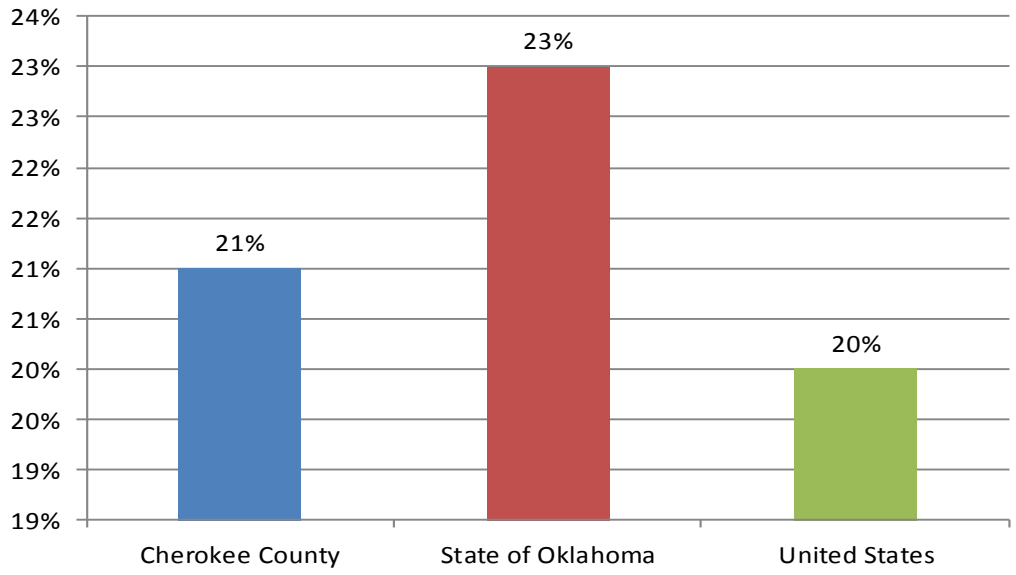
Demographics of Persons in HUD Programs in Cherokee County

Cherokee County	# Units	% Single Mothers	% w/ Disability	% Age 62+	% Age 62+ w/ Disability	% Minority
Public Housing	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing Choice Vouchers	61	36%	35%	32%	83%	34%
Mod Rehab	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Section 8 NC/SR	40	0%	70%	45%	42%	43%
Section 236	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi-Family Other	218	57%	7%	16%	42%	52%
Summary of All HUD Programs	319	37%	21%	27%	51%	46%
State of Oklahoma						
Public Housing	13,088	33%	22%	28%	63%	44%
Housing Choice Vouchers	24,651	46%	25%	17%	77%	60%
Mod Rehab	158	46%	17%	13%	67%	42%
Section 8 NC/SR	4,756	14%	32%	52%	28%	25%
Section 236	428	32%	22%	24%	32%	33%
Multi-Family Other	7,518	42%	12%	22%	25%	47%
Summary of All HUD Programs	50,599	38%	23%	25%	53%	50%
United States						
Public Housing	1,150,867	36%	20%	31%	48%	71%
Housing Choice Vouchers	2,386,237	44%	22%	22%	68%	67%
Mod Rehab	19,148	28%	27%	24%	69%	71%
Section 8 NC/SR	840,900	18%	21%	56%	19%	45%
Section 236	126,859	25%	13%	47%	16%	59%
Multi-Family Other	656,456	31%	13%	44%	16%	63%
Summary of All HUD Programs	5,180,467	36%	20%	33%	40%	64%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Picture of Subsidized Households - 2013

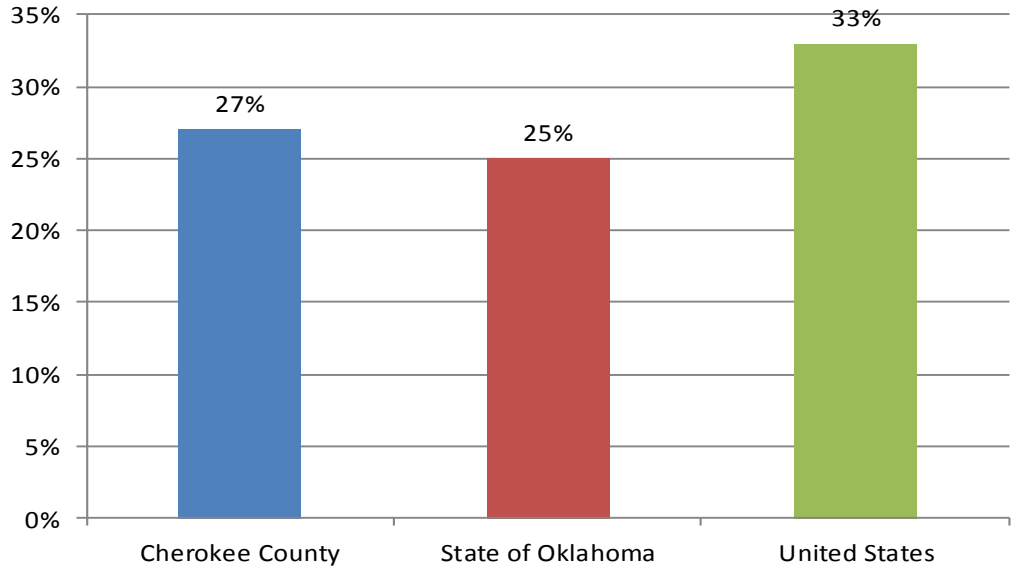
37% of housing units are occupied by single parents with female heads of household. 21% of households have at least one person with a disability. 27% of households have either a householder or spouse age 62 or above. Of the households age 62 or above, 51% have one or more disabilities. Finally, 46% of households are designated as racial or ethnic minorities.

Percentage of Households with Disabilities - HUD Subsidized Properties



Source: 2013 HUD Picture of Subsidized Households

Percentage of Households Age 62+ - HUD Subsidized Properties



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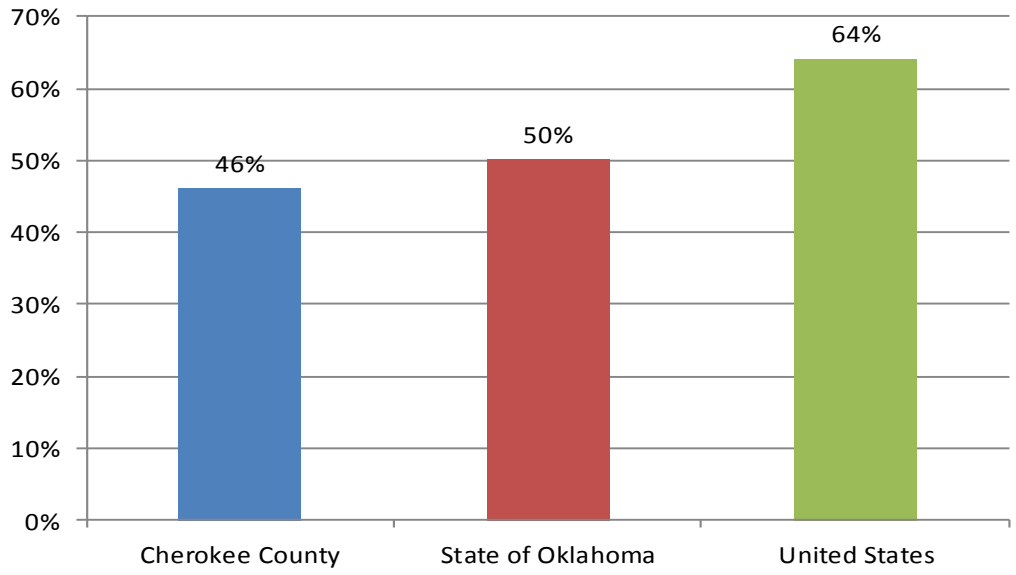
Percentage of Minority Households - HUD Subsidized Properties



Source: 2013 HUD Picture of Subsidized Households

Projected Housing Need

Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

This section will analyze data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) dataset for Cherokee County. This data is typically separated into household income thresholds, defined by HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI). HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) is equivalent to Area Median Income (AMI) for the purposes of this report. This data is considered the best indicator of housing need available which separates need into household income thresholds as defined by HUD.

Cost Burden by Income Threshold

The next table presents CHAS data for Cherokee County regarding housing cost burden as a percentage of household income. Renter costs are considered to be the sum of contract rent and any utilities not paid by the landlord (such as electricity, natural gas, and water, but not including telephone service, cable service, internet service, etc.). Homeowner costs include mortgage debt service (or similar debts such as deeds of trust or contracts for deed), utilities, property taxes and property insurance.

Households are considered to be cost overburdened if their housing costs (renter or owner) are greater than 30% of their gross household income. A household is "severely" overburdened if their housing costs are greater than 50% of their gross household income.

Cherokee County : CHAS - Housing Cost Burden by HAMFI

	Owners		Renters	
Household Income / Cost Burden	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,000**		**1,590**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	285	28.50%	360	22.64%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	135	13.50%	275	17.30%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	400	40.00%	720	45.28%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	180	18.00%	230	14.47%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,355**		**1,250**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	695	51.29%	375	30.00%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	240	17.71%	695	55.60%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	420	31.00%	180	14.40%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**1,670**		**1,000**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	1,210	72.46%	675	67.50%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	360	21.56%	315	31.50%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	95	5.69%	4	0.40%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,000**		**530**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	790	79.00%	500	94.34%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	105	10.50%	20	3.77%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	105	10.50%	10	1.89%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
All Incomes	**11,070**		**5,735**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	8,705	78.64%	3,220	56.15%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	1,145	10.34%	1,335	23.28%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	1,040	9.39%	939	16.37%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	180	1.63%	230	4.01%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 8

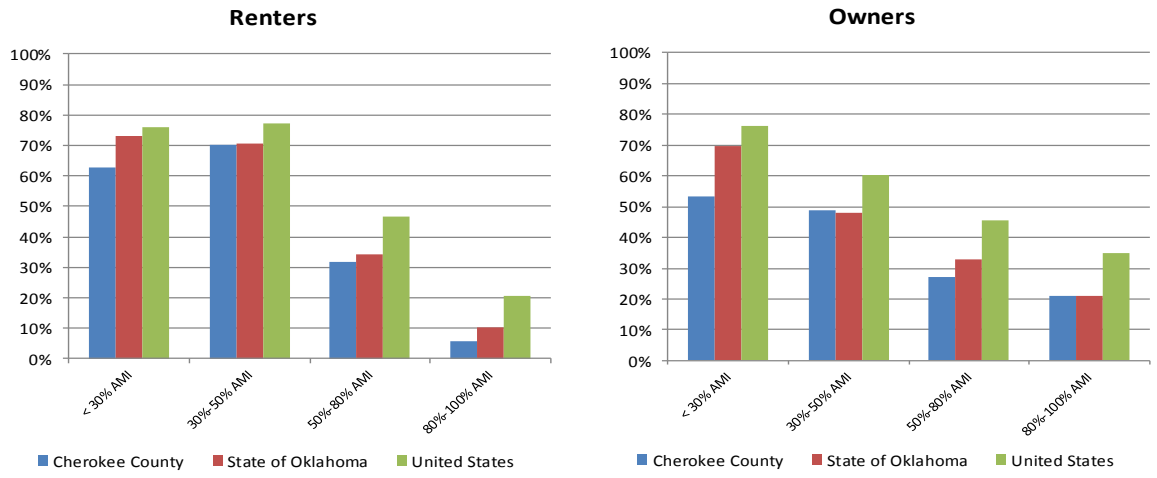
The next table summarizes the data from the previous table for households with cost burden greater than 30% of gross income, followed by a chart comparing these figures for Cherokee County with the State of Oklahoma as a whole, and the United States.

Cherokee County : Households by Income by Cost Burden

	Owners		Renters	
Household Income Threshold	Total	% w/ Cost > 30% Income	Total	% w/ Cost > 30% Income
Income < 30% HAMFI	1,000	53.50%	1,590	62.58%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	1,355	48.71%	1,250	70.00%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	1,670	27.25%	1,000	31.90%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	1,000	21.00%	530	5.66%
All Incomes	11,070	19.74%	5,735	39.65%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 8

Households by Income Threshold: Percentage with Housing Cost Over 30% of Income



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 6

Substandard Conditions / Overcrowding by Income Threshold

The following table summarizes data regarding substandard housing conditions and overcrowding, separated by owner/renter and HAMFI income threshold. Substandard housing conditions are defined by HUD as any housing unit lacking either complete plumbing or a complete kitchen.

A housing unit without "complete plumbing" is any housing unit lacking one or more of the following features (they do not need to all be present in the same room):

1. Hot and cold running water
2. A flush toilet
3. A bathtub or shower

A lack of a complete kitchen is any housing unit lacking any one or more of the three following items:

1. A sink with a faucet
2. A stove or range
3. A refrigerator

Households are considered to be "overcrowded" if the household has more than 1.0 persons per room (note that this definition is "room" including bedrooms, living rooms and kitchens, as opposed to only "bedrooms"), and is "severely overcrowded" if the household has more than 1.5 persons per room.

Cherokee County : CHAS - HAMFI by Substandard Conditions / Overcrowding				
	Owners		Renters	
Household Income / Housing Problem	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,000**		**1,590**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	15	1.50%	70	4.40%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	0	0.00%	20	1.26%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	25	2.50%	40	2.52%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,355**		**1,250**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	45	3.32%	40	3.20%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	15	1.11%	30	2.40%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	4	0.30%	75	6.00%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**1,670**		**1,000**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	75	4.49%	45	4.50%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	10	0.60%	20	2.00%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	15	0.90%	0	0.00%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,000**		**530**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	4	0.40%	0	0.00%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	0	0.00%	10	1.89%
All Incomes	**11,070**		**5,735**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	239	2.16%	165	2.88%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	29	0.26%	70	1.22%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	44	0.40%	125	2.18%

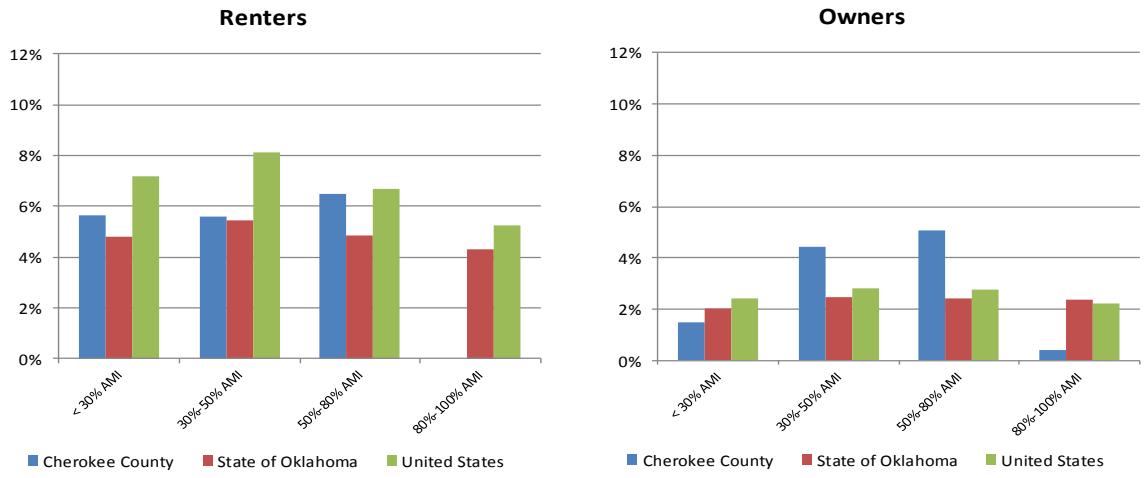
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

The next table summarizes this data for overcrowding (i.e. all households with greater than 1.0 persons per room), with a chart comparing this data between Cherokee County, Oklahoma and the nation.

Cherokee County : Households by Income by Overcrowding				
	Owners		Renters	
Household Income Threshold	Total	% > 1.0 Persons per Room	Total	% > 1.0 Persons per Room
Income < 30% HAMFI	1,000	1.50%	1,590	5.66%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	1,355	4.43%	1,250	5.60%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	1,670	5.09%	1,000	6.50%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	1,000	0.40%	530	0.00%
All Incomes	11,070	2.42%	5,735	4.10%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

Households by Income Threshold: Percentage with More than 1.0 Persons per Room



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

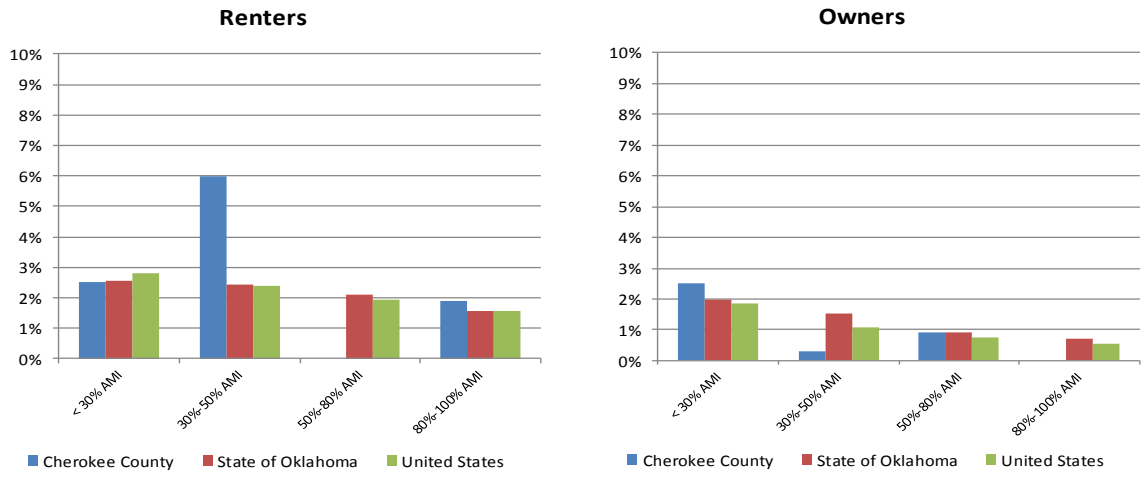
The table following summarizes this data for substandard housing conditions, with a comparison chart between Cherokee County, the state and the nation.

Cherokee County : Households by Income by Substandard Conditions

	Owners		Renters	
Household Size/Type	Total	% Lacking Kitchen or Plumbing	Total	% Lacking Kitchen or Plumbing
Income < 30% HAMFI	1,000	2.50%	1,590	2.52%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	1,355	0.30%	1,250	6.00%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	1,670	0.90%	1,000	0.00%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	1,000	0.00%	530	1.89%
All Incomes	11,070	0.40%	5,735	2.18%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

Households by Income Threshold: Percentage Lacking Complete Plumbing and/or Kitchen



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

Cost Burden by Household Type

The following table provides a breakdown of households by HAMFI, and by household type and size, and by housing cost burden. The categories of household type provided by HUD are:

- Elderly Family: Households with two persons, either or both age 62 or over.
- Small Family: 2 persons, neither age 62 or over, or families with 3 or 4 persons of any age.
- Large Family: families with 5 or more persons.
- Elderly Non-Family (single persons age 62 or over, or unrelated elderly individuals)
- Non-Elderly, Non-Family: all other households.

Cherokee County : CHAS - Housing Cost Burden by Household Type / HAMFI

	Owners			Renters		
Income, Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,000**	**545**	**54.50%**	**1,590**	**999**	**62.83%**
Elderly Family	50	30	60.00%	4	4	100.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	440	225	51.14%	435	280	64.37%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	20	25	125.00%	185	110	59.46%
Elderly Non-Family	305	180	59.02%	145	115	79.31%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	180	85	47.22%	820	490	59.76%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,355**	**655**	**48.34%**	**1,250**	**875**	**70.00%**
Elderly Family	205	75	36.59%	35	30	85.71%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	440	260	59.09%	555	355	63.96%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	90	50	55.56%	25	20	80.00%
Elderly Non-Family	385	135	35.06%	195	110	56.41%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	235	135	57.45%	435	360	82.76%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**1,670**	**460**	**27.54%**	**1,000**	**313**	**31.30%**
Elderly Family	340	40	11.76%	50	4	8.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	570	205	35.96%	370	154	41.62%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	205	55	26.83%	80	15	18.75%
Elderly Non-Family	295	95	32.20%	135	20	14.81%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	255	65	25.49%	365	120	32.88%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,000**	**209**	**20.90%**	**530**	**32**	**6.04%**
Elderly Family	360	70	19.44%	25	0	0.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	430	125	29.07%	280	8	2.86%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	45	10	22.22%	25	0	0.00%
Elderly Non-Family	105	4	3.81%	85	24	28.24%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	65	0	0.00%	115	0	0.00%
All Incomes	**11,070**	**2,197**	**19.85%**	**5,735**	**2,273**	**39.63%**
Elderly Family	2,320	249	10.73%	164	38	23.17%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	5,060	924	18.26%	2,485	822	33.08%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	800	180	22.50%	319	145	45.45%
Elderly Non-Family	1,480	489	33.04%	620	294	47.42%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	1,405	355	25.27%	2,140	974	45.51%

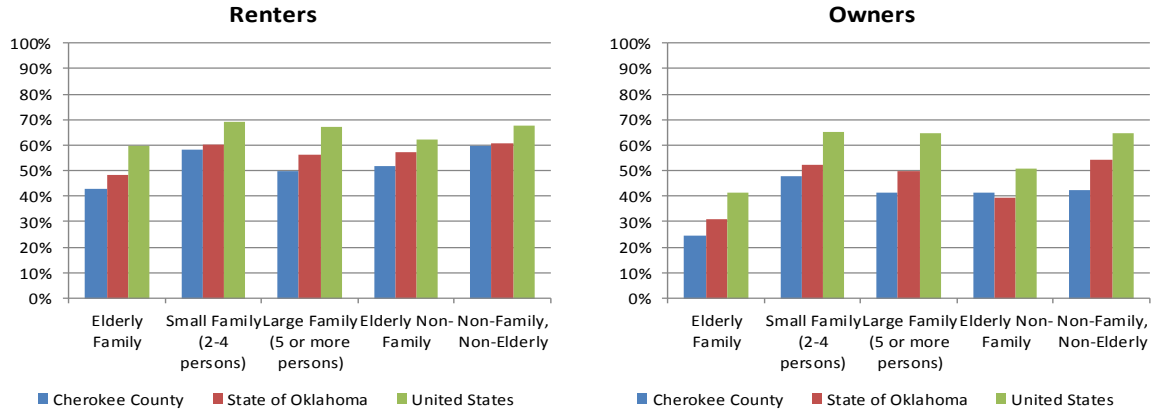
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Cherokee County : Households under 80% AMI by Cost Burden

	Owners			Renters		
Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income
Income < 80% HAMFI	**4,025**	**1,660**	**41.24%**	**3,840**	**2,187**	**56.95%**
Elderly Family	595	145	24.37%	89	38	42.70%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	1,450	690	47.59%	1,360	789	58.01%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	315	130	41.27%	290	145	50.00%
Elderly Non-Family	985	410	41.62%	475	245	51.58%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	670	285	42.54%	1,620	970	59.88%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Households Under 80% of AMI: Percentage Housing Cost Overburdened



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Housing Problems by Household Type

The next set of tables presents data by household type and whether or not the household is experiencing ***any*** housing problems. Housing problems are defined by HUD as any household meeting any of the three following criteria:

1. Housing costs greater than 30% of income (cost-overburdened).
2. Living in a housing unit lacking complete plumbing or a complete kitchen (substandard housing unit).
3. Living in a housing unit with more than 1.0 persons per room (overcrowding).

Cherokee County : CHAS - Housing Problems by Household Type and HAMFI

	Owners			Renters		
Income, Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,000**	**550**	**55.00%**	**1,590**	**1,034**	**65.03%**
Elderly Family	50	30	60.00%	4	4	100.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	440	240	54.55%	435	280	64.37%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	20	20	100.00%	185	125	67.57%
Elderly Non-Family	305	175	57.38%	145	115	79.31%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	180	85	47.22%	820	510	62.20%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,355**	**715**	**52.77%**	**1,250**	**910**	**72.80%**
Elderly Family	205	75	36.59%	35	30	85.71%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	440	275	62.50%	555	390	70.27%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	90	85	94.44%	25	20	80.00%
Elderly Non-Family	385	135	35.06%	195	110	56.41%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	235	145	61.70%	435	360	82.76%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**1,670**	**545**	**32.63%**	**1,000**	**384**	**38.40%**
Elderly Family	340	40	11.76%	50	4	8.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	570	215	37.72%	370	175	47.30%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	205	125	60.98%	80	55	68.75%
Elderly Non-Family	295	95	32.20%	135	20	14.81%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	255	70	27.45%	365	130	35.62%
Income Greater than 80% of HAMFI	**7,050**	**655**	**9.29%**	**1,895**	**129**	**6.81%**
Elderly Family	1,725	105	6.09%	75	0	0.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	3,605	250	6.93%	1,120	75	6.70%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	485	150	30.93%	30	0	0.00%
Elderly Non-Family	495	80	16.16%	145	50	34.48%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	735	70	9.52%	520	4	0.77%
All Incomes	**11,075**	**2,465**	**22.26%**	**5,735**	**2,457**	**42.84%**
Elderly Family	2,320	250	10.78%	164	38	23.17%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	5,055	980	19.39%	2,480	920	37.10%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	800	380	47.50%	320	200	62.50%
Elderly Non-Family	1,480	485	32.77%	620	295	47.58%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	1,405	370	26.33%	2,140	1,004	46.92%

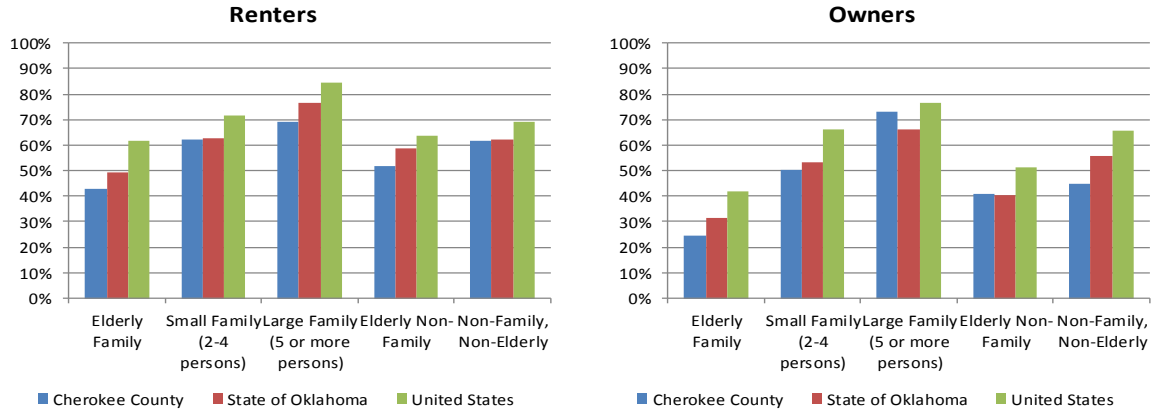
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 16

Cherokee County : Households under 80% AMI by Housing Problems

	Owners			Renters		
Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 80% HAMFI	**4,025**	**1,810**	**44.97%**	**3,840**	**2,328**	**60.63%**
Elderly Family	595	145	24.37%	89	38	42.70%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	1,450	730	50.34%	1,360	845	62.13%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	315	230	73.02%	290	200	68.97%
Elderly Non-Family	985	405	41.12%	475	245	51.58%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	670	300	44.78%	1,620	1,000	61.73%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Households Under 80% of AMI: Percentage with Housing Problems



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Housing Problems by Race / Ethnicity

Data presented in the following tables summarizes housing problems (as previously defined), by HAMFI threshold, and by race/ethnicity, for Cherokee County. Under CFR 91.305(b)(1)(ii)(2), racial or ethnic groups have disproportionate need if “the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group in a category of need is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole.”

Cherokee County : CHAS - Housing Problems by Race / Ethnicity and HAMFI

	Owners			Renters		
Income, Race / Ethnicity	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,000**	**555**	**55.5%**	**1,590**	**1,040**	**65.4%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	630	295	46.8%	830	525	63.3%
Black or African-American alone	0	0	N/A	50	0	0.0%
Asian alone	4	4	100.0%	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	205	135	65.9%	525	385	73.3%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	24	20	83.3%	84	80	95.2%
Other (including multiple races)	135	95	70.4%	105	55	52.4%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,350**	**715**	**53.0%**	**1,250**	**915**	**73.2%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	720	315	43.8%	555	400	72.1%
Black or African-American alone	0	0	N/A	95	80	84.2%
Asian alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	355	215	60.6%	300	175	58.3%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	45	10	22.2%	165	165	100.0%
Other (including multiple races)	235	175	74.5%	140	95	67.9%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**1,670**	**545**	**32.6%**	**995**	**385**	**38.7%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	1,000	325	32.5%	380	130	34.2%
Black or African-American alone	10	0	0.0%	0	0	N/A
Asian alone	0	0	N/A	4	0	0.0%
American Indian alone	470	165	35.1%	395	225	57.0%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	40	0	0.0%	89	4	4.5%
Other (including multiple races)	150	50	33.3%	130	30	23.1%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,005**	**215**	**21.4%**	**530**	**40**	**7.5%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	710	170	23.9%	195	30	15.4%
Black or African-American alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Asian alone	10	10	100.0%	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	180	0	0.0%	240	10	4.2%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	40	20	50.0%	70	0	0.0%
Other (including multiple races)	60	10	16.7%	29	4	13.8%
All Incomes	**11,070**	**2,470**	**22.3%**	**5,730**	**2,470**	**43.1%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	6,905	1,415	20.5%	2,710	1,150	42.4%
Black or African-American alone	65	0	0.0%	145	80	55.2%
Asian alone	29	14	48.3%	14	0	0.0%
American Indian alone	2,495	580	23.2%	1,845	795	43.1%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	289	60	20.8%	453	274	60.5%
Other (including multiple races)	1,280	385	30.1%	579	184	31.8%

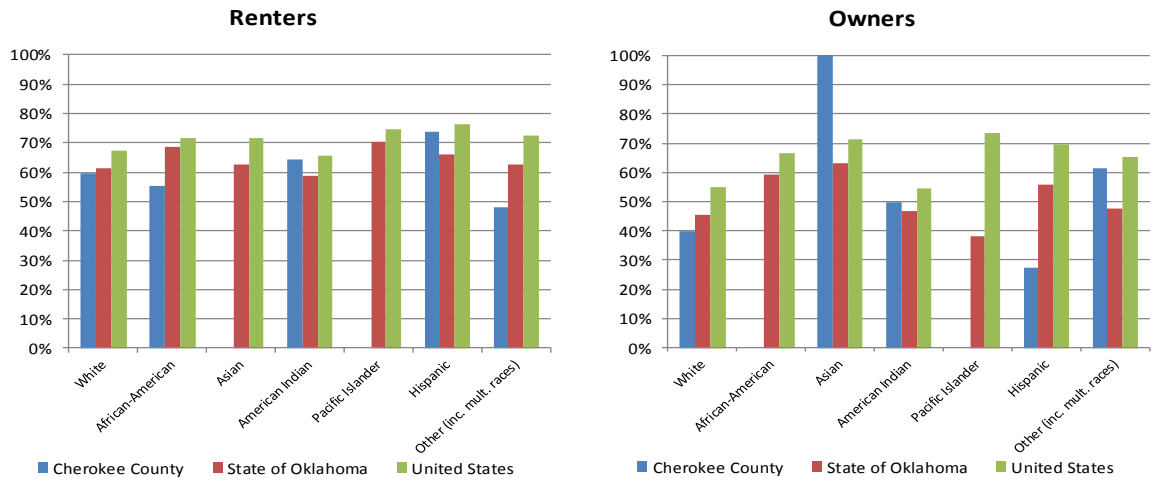
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 1

Cherokee County : Households under 80% AMI by Race/Ethnicity

	Owners			Renters		
Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 80% HAMFI	**4,020**	**1,815**	**45.15%**	**3,835**	**2,340**	**61.02%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	2,350	935	39.79%	1,765	1,055	59.77%
Black or African-American alone	10	0	0.00%	145	80	55.17%
Asian alone	4	4	100.00%	4	0	0.00%
American Indian alone	1,030	515	50.00%	1,220	785	64.34%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	109	30	27.52%	338	249	73.67%
Other (including multiple races)	520	320	61.54%	375	180	48.00%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Households Under 80% of AMI: Percentage with Housing Problems by Race



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

CHAS Conclusions

The previous data notes many areas of need (and severe need) among the existing population of Cherokee County. The greatest needs are among households with incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income. Several other areas of note:

- Among households with incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income, there are 1,870 renter households that are cost overburdened, and 1,195 homeowners that are cost overburdened.
- Among **elderly** households with incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income, there are 259 renter households that are cost overburdened, and 420 homeowners that are cost overburdened.

- 73.67% of Hispanic renters with incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income have one or more housing problems, and 64.34% of Native American renters with incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income have one or more housing problems.

Overall Anticipated Housing Demand

Future demand for housing units in Cherokee County can be estimated from population and household growth. Population estimates are based on known factors such as noted increases in the city employment base and indications from demographic services. In this case we have considered data from both the U.S. Census Bureau and Nielsen SiteReports. The estimates of changes in households and population were presented in a previous section of this report. The anticipated future demand is estimated for Tahlequah as well as Cherokee County as a whole. The calculations are shown in the following tables.

Tahlequah Anticipated Demand

Households in Tahlequah grew at an annually compounded rate of 0.69% from 2000 to 2010. Nielsen SiteReports estimates households have grown 1.13% per year since that time, and that households will grow 0.65% per year through 2020. For these reasons we will rely on the Nielsen SiteReports forecast of 0.65% per year in forecasting future household growth for Tahlequah.

The percentage of owner households was estimated at 44.06% with renter households estimated at 55.94%, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The estimated number of additional units needed to service increasing demand can be estimated by applying this percentage to the anticipated growth in households. It should be noted that this is an estimate of rental and owner requirements and should be relied upon only as a guideline for possible new demand. The calculations are shown below.

Future Housing Demand Estimates for Tahlequah

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Household Estimates		6,464	6,506	6,549	6,592	6,635	6,678
Owner %:	44.06%	2,848	2,867	2,886	2,904	2,923	2,943
Renter %:	55.94%	3,616	3,639	3,663	3,687	3,711	3,735
				Total New Owner Households			**94**
				Total New Renter Households			**120**

Based on an estimated household growth rate of 0.65% per year, Tahlequah would require 94 new housing units for ownership, and 120 units for rent, over the next five years. Annually this equates to 19 units for ownership per year, and 24 units for rent per year.

Cherokee County Anticipated Demand

Households in Cherokee County grew at an annually compounded rate of 0.98% from 2000 to 2010. Nielsen SiteReports estimates households have grown 0.55% per year since that time, and that households will grow 0.59% per year through 2020. For these reasons we will rely on the Nielsen SiteReports forecast of 0.59% per year in forecasting future household growth for Cherokee County.

The percentage of owner households was estimated at 66.51% with renter households estimated at 33.49%, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The estimated number of additional units needed to service increasing demand can be estimated by applying this percentage to the anticipated growth

in households. It should be noted that this is an estimate of rental and owner requirements and should be relied upon only as a guideline for possible new demand. The calculations are shown below.

Future Housing Demand Estimates for Cherokee County							
Year		**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Household Estimates		18,336	18,444	18,552	18,661	18,771	18,881
Owner %:	66.51%	12,196	12,267	12,339	12,412	12,485	12,558
Renter %:	33.49%	6,140	6,176	6,213	6,249	6,286	6,323
				Total New Owner Households			**362**
				Total New Renter Households			**183**

Based on an estimated household growth rate of 0.59% per year, Cherokee County would require 362 new housing units for ownership, and 183 units for rent, over the next five years. Annually this equates to 72 units for ownership per year, and 37 units for rent per year.

Housing Demand – Population Subsets

This section will address 5-year forecasted needs and trends for population special population subsets for Cherokee County. These forecasts are based on the previously forecasted overall trends for the next five years.

Housing Needs by Income Thresholds

The first table will address future housing needs and trends for households in Cherokee County by income threshold: households within incomes below 30%, 50%, 60% and 80% of Area Median Income, by tenure (owner/renter). These forecasts are primarily based on HUD Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy data presented previously. Households with incomes below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) are estimated at 120% of the households at 50% of AMI. Note that these figures are cumulative and should not be added across income thresholds.

Cherokee County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs by Income Threshold

	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Owners	Renters	**Total**
Total New Demand: 2015-2020	100.00%	100.00%	362	183	545
Less than 30% AMI	9.03%	27.72%	33	51	**83**
Less than 50% AMI	21.27%	49.52%	77	90	**167**
Less than 60% AMI	25.53%	59.42%	93	108	**201**
Less than 80% AMI	36.36%	66.96%	132	122	**254**

Elderly Housing Needs

The next table will address future housing needs and trends for households with elderly persons (age 62 and up). Like the previous table, this data is based on the overall trends previously defined, and the 2008-2012 CHAS data previously discussed (specifically CHAS Table 16). It is further broken down by income threshold and tenure.

Cherokee County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs Age 62 and Up

	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Elderly Owners	Elderly Renters	**Elderly Total**
Total New Elderly (62+) Demand: 2015-2020	34.33%	13.67%	124	25	**149**
Elderly less than 30% AMI	3.21%	2.60%	12	5	**16**
Elderly less than 50% AMI	8.54%	6.61%	31	12	**43**
Elderly less than 60% AMI	10.24%	7.93%	37	14	**52**
Elderly less than 80% AMI	14.27%	9.83%	52	18	**70**

Housing Needs for Persons with Disabilities / Special Needs

The following table will address future trends and needs for households with at least one household member with at least one disability as identified by HUD CHAS Table 6 (hearing or vision impairments, ambulatory limitations, cognitive limitations, self-care limitations, or independent living limitations). As with the previous tables, this data is also further broken down by income threshold and tenure.

Cherokee County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs for Persons with Disabilities					
	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Disabled Owners	Disabled Renters	**Disabled Total**
Total New Disabled Demand (2015-2020)	37.65%	31.73%	136	58	**194**
Elderly less than 30% AMI	3.66%	12.73%	13	23	**36**
Elderly less than 50% AMI	8.13%	19.27%	29	35	**65**
Elderly less than 60% AMI	9.75%	23.12%	35	42	**78**
Elderly less than 80% AMI	15.26%	23.98%	55	44	**99**

Housing Needs for Veterans

This section will address housing needs for households with at least one veteran. This data is not available through HUD's Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy, so we have instead relied on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table C21007. This data is further broken down by tenure, poverty status, and disability status.

Cherokee County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs for Veterans					
	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Veteran Owners	Veteran Renters	**Veteral Total**
Total New Demand (2015-2020)	100.00%	100.00%	362	183	545
Total Veteran Demand	11.08%	11.08%	40	20	**60**
Veterans with Disabilities	4.76%	4.76%	17	9	**26**
Veterans Below Poverty	1.08%	1.08%	4	2	**6**
Disabled Veterans Below Poverty	0.60%	0.60%	2	1	**3**

Housing Needs for Working Families

The final table addresses housing needs for working families. Working families are in this case defined as families (households with at least two members related by blood or marriage) with at least one person employed. Like the forecasts for veteran needs, this data cannot be extracted from the HUD CHAS tables, so we have again relied on the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (table B23007 in this instance). The data is further broken down by the presence of children (below the age of 18).

Cherokee County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs for Working Families					
	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Owners	Renters	**Total**
Total New Demand (2015-2020)	100.00%	100.00%	362	183	545
Total Working Families	47.56%	47.56%	172	87	**259**
Working Families with Children Present	22.64%	22.64%	82	41	**123**

Population Subset Conclusions

Based on population and household growth over the next five years, a total of 545 housing units will be needed in Cherokee County over the next five years. Of those units:

- 201 will be needed by households earning less than 60% of Area Median Income

- 52 will be needed by households age 62 and up, earning less than 60% of Area Median Income
- 78 will be needed by households with disabilities / special needs, earning less than 60% of Area Median Income
- 6 will be needed by veterans living below the poverty line
- 123 will be needed by working families with children present

This data suggests a strong need in Cherokee County for housing units that are both affordable and accessible to persons with disabilities / special needs.

Special Topics

Cherokee County Disaster Resiliency Assessment

The purpose of this section is to assess at the county level key components of disaster resiliency. Housing location and quality as well as planning activities can help reduce impacts from disaster events and allow for faster recovery. Disasters can include tornadoes, extreme weather, high winds, as well as man-made events. These events may largely be inevitable, but the ability to reduce damage and casualties as well recovery can be improved with good planning.

C.0 Comprehensive Plans & Hazard Mitigation Plans

There are 5 key cities within the county (Tahlequah, Hulbert, Fort Gibson, Peggs, Oaks). No comprehensive plan was found for Tahlequah (population just under 15,000).

> **Comprehensive plans** are the guiding documents for cities of various sizes to address key aspects of their community from land use, transportation, environment, housing, and economic development.

The other key plan for a city to manage, mitigate and plan for recovery related to disasters is a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** (or Emergency Management Plan). Often low density counties, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is done at the county level, though some cities may augment the county plan with a city plan.

> Cherokee County does not have a current Hazard Mitigation Plan.

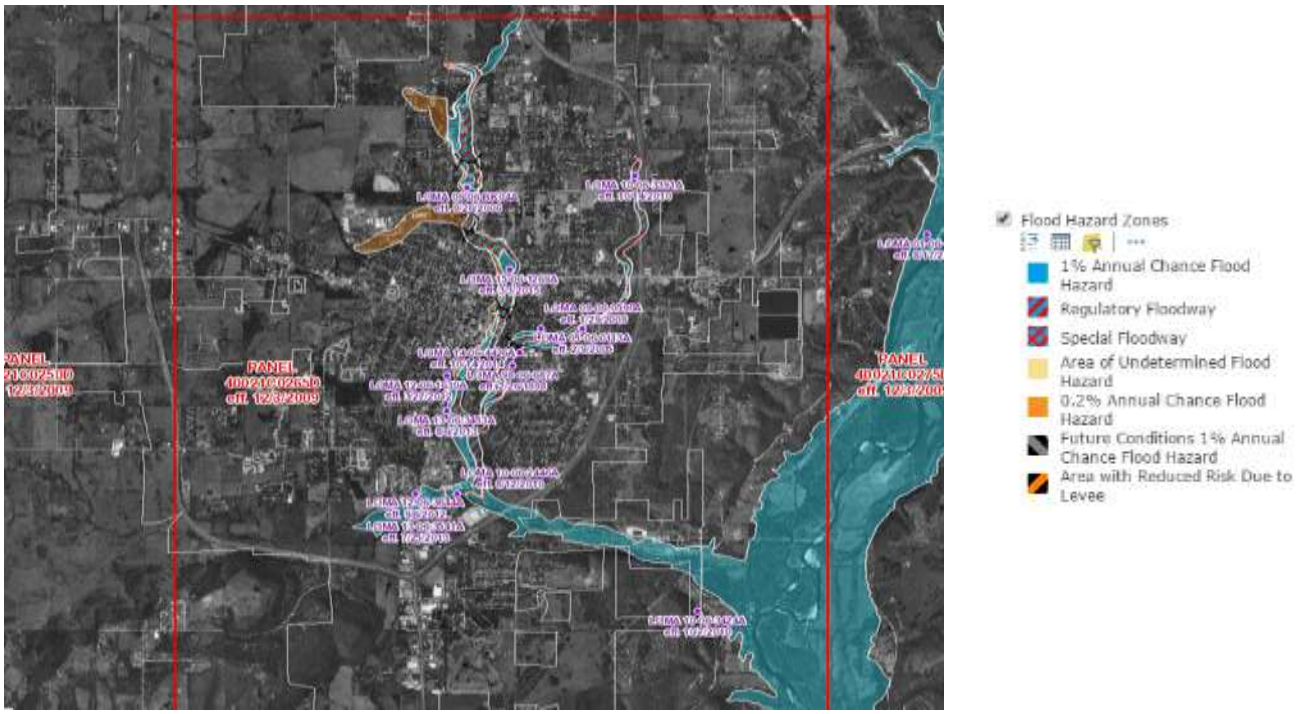
C.2.1.1. Historical Data on Natural Disasters and Other Hazards

Data on historical damages and casualties is typically collected as part of a Hazard Mitigation Plan preparation to determine the appropriate planning measures and actions to take before and after an event.

Flooding

All parts of the county may be subject to flash flooding, freeze-thaw flooding and extreme precipitation that can cause flooding, unrelated to the streams and rivers. Development in the floodplain, however, increases risk of damages and property loss potentially repeatedly

Tahlequah



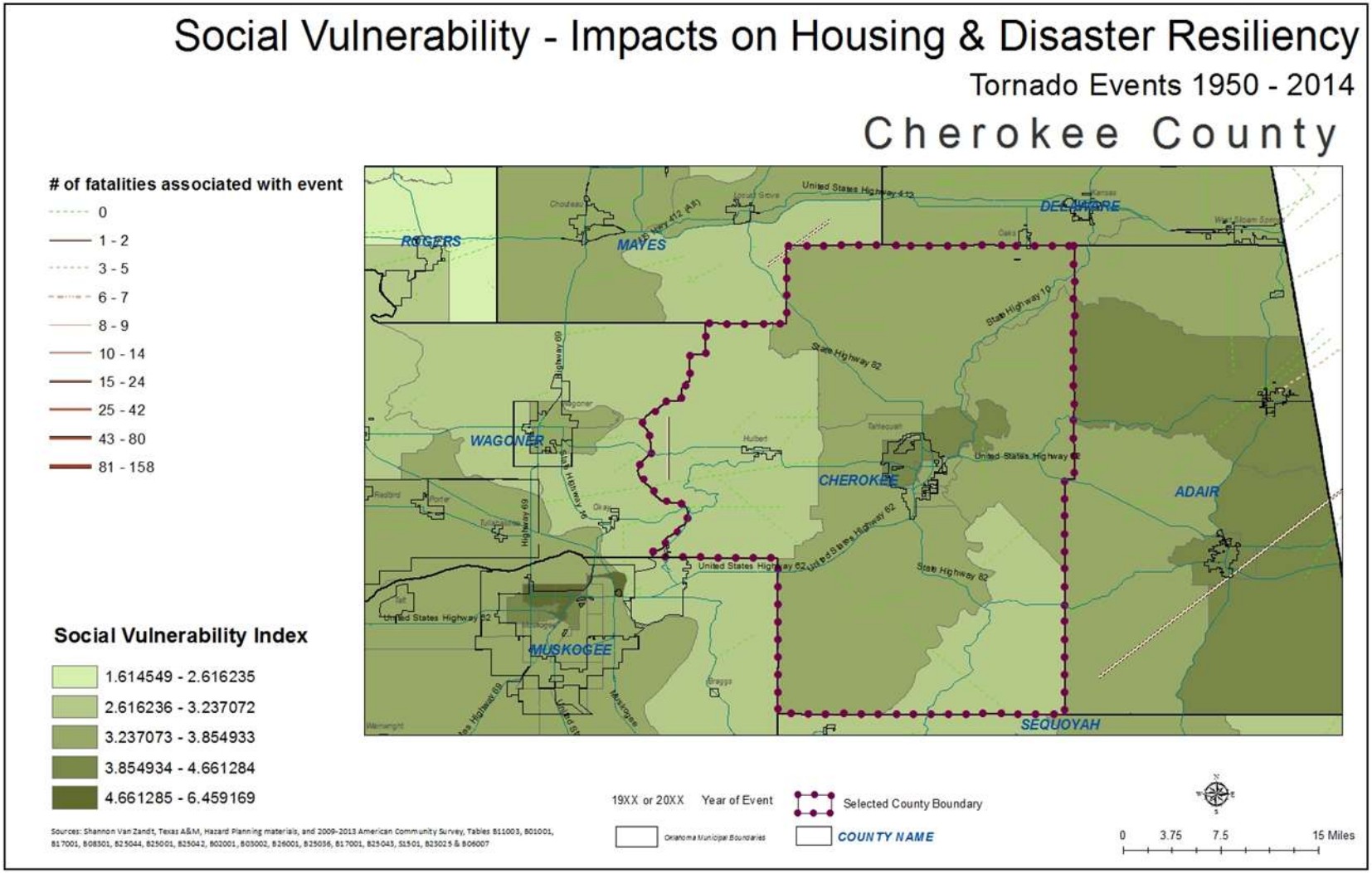
FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/

Hulbert

FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/

NOAA data shows the following historic data on disaster events for the county:

Historic data on tornados between 1950-2014 there are 33 tornados documented. There were 13 injuries that occurred connected to these tornados, with 8 of those injuries happening in the 2006 tornado. There were 2 fatalities connected to tornadoes during this time period, 2 of which occurred in 1999. Property losses between 1950-1996 ranged from $840,501.00 to $8,405,050.00. (The accounting methods used for losses changed in 1996.) The losses estimated between 1996-2014 was $4,810,000.00.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Cherokee County
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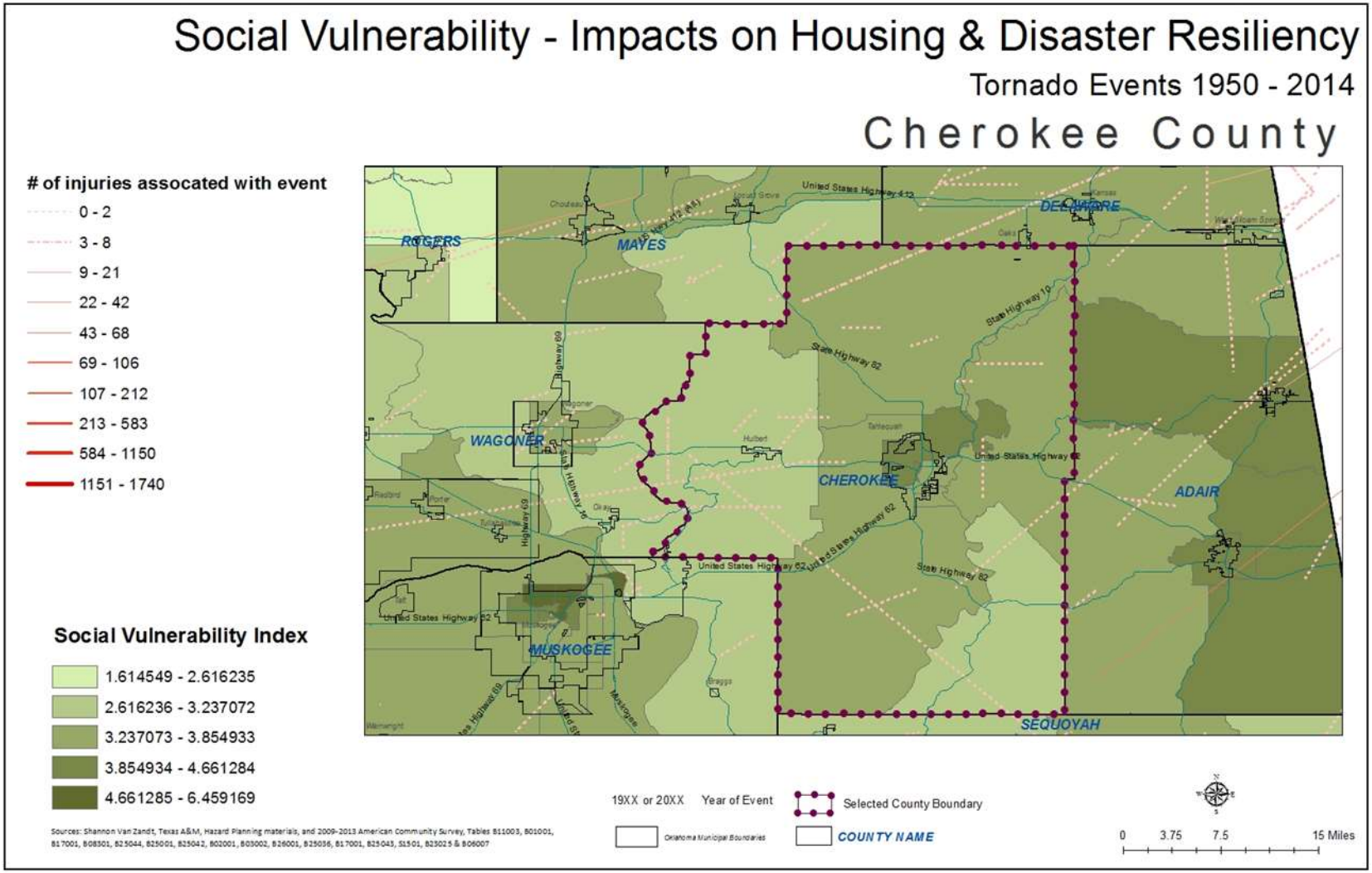
Sources: Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning materials, and 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B11003, B01001, B17001, B08301, B25044, B25001, B25042, B02001, B03002, B26001, B25036, B17001, B25043, S1501, B23025 & B06007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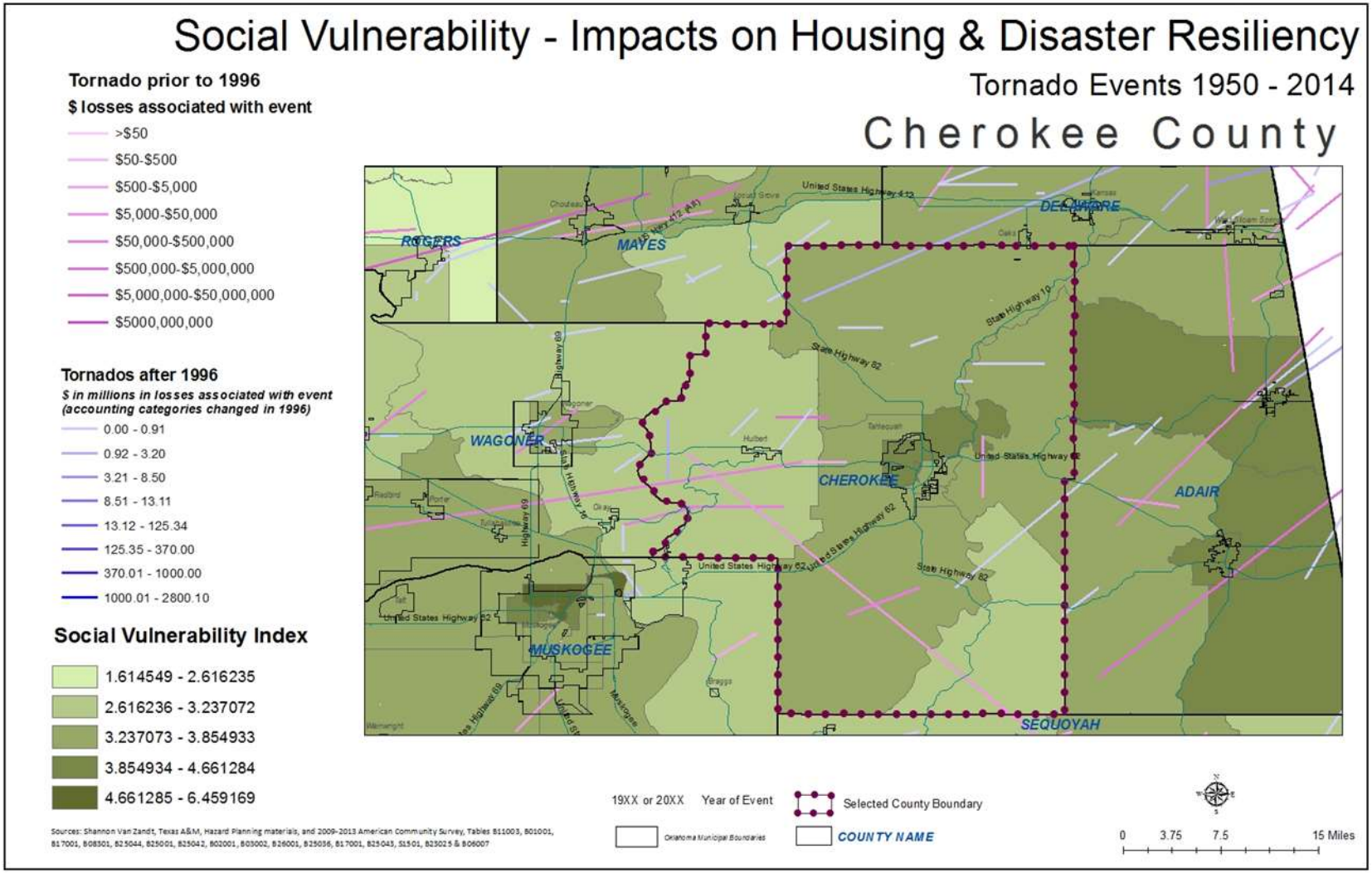
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Tornados after 1996
$ in millions in losses associated with event (accounting categories changed in 1996)
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C.2.1.2; C.2.1.6; C.2.1.7;C.2.1.8 Shelters from Disaster Event

The Cherokee Nation used $77,375 from the tribe's special projects budget to fund the installation of five community storm shelters in southern Cherokee County. The shelters will hold up to 100 people each. (http://nativenewsonline.net/currents/cherokee-nation-donates-77k-for-storm-shelters-in-southern-cherokee-county/)

C.2.1.3 Public Policy and Governance to Build Disaster Resiliency

Information not available.

C.2.1.4 Local Emergency Response Agency Structure

Information not available.

C.2.1.5 Threat & Hazard Warning Systems

The identified Threat & Hazard Warning Systems for Cherokee County include:

- ☐ Sirens
- ☐ Phone notification
- ☐ Emergency Broadcast System
- ☐ Other

59 siren sites but they do not cover the entire county (http://www.cherokeega-ema.org/media.cfm?csi=178)

Social Vulnerability

Based on the research work done by the Texas A&M University Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, an added component is being included in this section. Social vulnerability can place households at a further disadvantage during and after a disaster. This analysis is assessing for the county the levels of social vulnerability based on demographic indicators to highlight 'hotspots' or counties that have higher social vulnerability. That combined with Hazard Mitigation Plans – or lack thereof – can highlight places where additional work is needed to reduce impacts on households.

Social Vulnerability Analysis - Cherokee County

Base Social Vulnerability Indicators (%)		2nd Order	3rd Order
1.) Single Parent Households	15.26%	0.221 (Child Care Needs)	**3.585 Social Vulnerability 'Hotspot' or Area of Concern**
2.) Population Under 5	6.82%		
3.) Population 65 or Above	13.96%	0.263 (Elder Needs)	
4.) Population 65 or Above & Below Poverty Rate	12.32%		
5.) Workers Using Public Transportation	0.24%	0.068 (Transportation Needs)	
6.) Occupied Housing Units w/o Vehicle	6.55%		
7.) Housing Unit Occupancy Rate	78.62%	2.761 (Temporary Shelter and Housing Recovery Needs)	
8.) Rental Occupancy Rate	33.49%		
9.) Non-White Population	50.09%		
10.) Population in Group Quarters	4.64%		
11.) Housing Units Built Prior to 1990	63.58%		
12.) Mobile Homes, RVs, Vans, etc.	22.94%		
13.) Poverty Rate	22.79%		
14.) Housing Units Lacking Telephones	2.36%	0.272 (Civic Capacity Needs)	
15.) Age 25+ With Less Than High School Diploma	14.90%		
16.) Unemployment Rate	7.71%		
17.) Age 5+ Which Cannot Speak English Well or Not At All	2.24%		

Sources: Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning materials, and 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B11003, B01001, B17001, B08301, B25044, B25001, B25042, B02001, B03002, B26001, B25036, B17001, B25043, S1501, B23025 & B06007

Social Vulnerability Index

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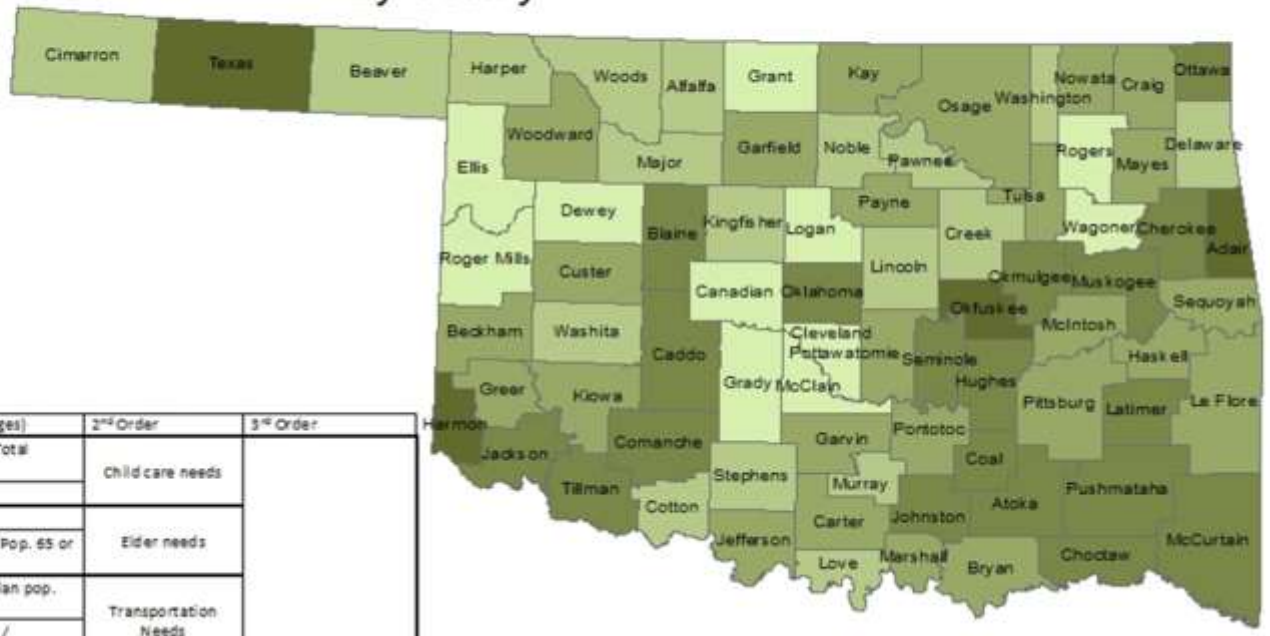

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Base Social Vulnerability Indicators (Percentages)	2nd Order	3rd Order
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2. Population 5 or below/Total Population		
3. Population 65 or above/Total Population	Elder needs	
4. Population 65 or above & below poverty/Pop. 65 or above		
5. Workers using public transportation/Civilian pop. 16+ and employed	Transportation Needs	
6. Occupied housing units without a vehicle / Occupied housing units (Hus)		
7. Occupied housing units / Total housing units	Temporary Shelter and housing Recovery needs	
8. Persons in renter occupied housing units/ Total housing units		
9. Non-white population/Total population		
10. Population in group quarters / Total population		
11. Housing units built 20 years ago / Total housing units		
12. Mobile Homes/ Total housing units		
13. Persons in poverty / Total population		
14. Occupied housing units without a telephone/ Total occupied HU	Civic Capacity needs	
15. Population above 25 with less than high school/ Total pop above 25		
16. Population 16+ in labor force an unemployed/ Pop in Labor force 16+		
17. Population above 5 that speak English not well or not at all / Pop >5		

Source: Shannon VanZandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning materials; 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B11003, B01001, B17001,

Social Vulnerability - Impacts on Housing & Disaster Resiliency

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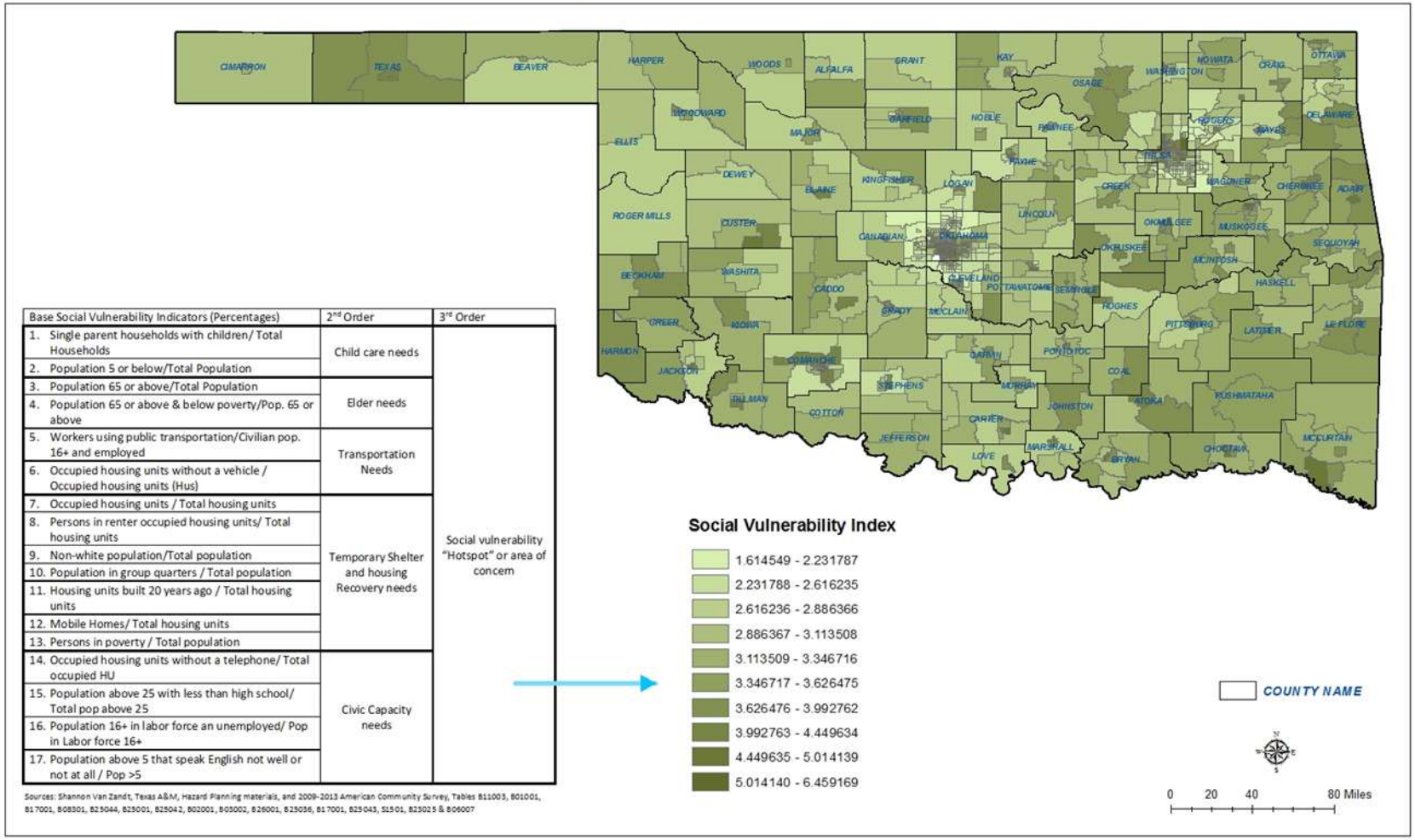

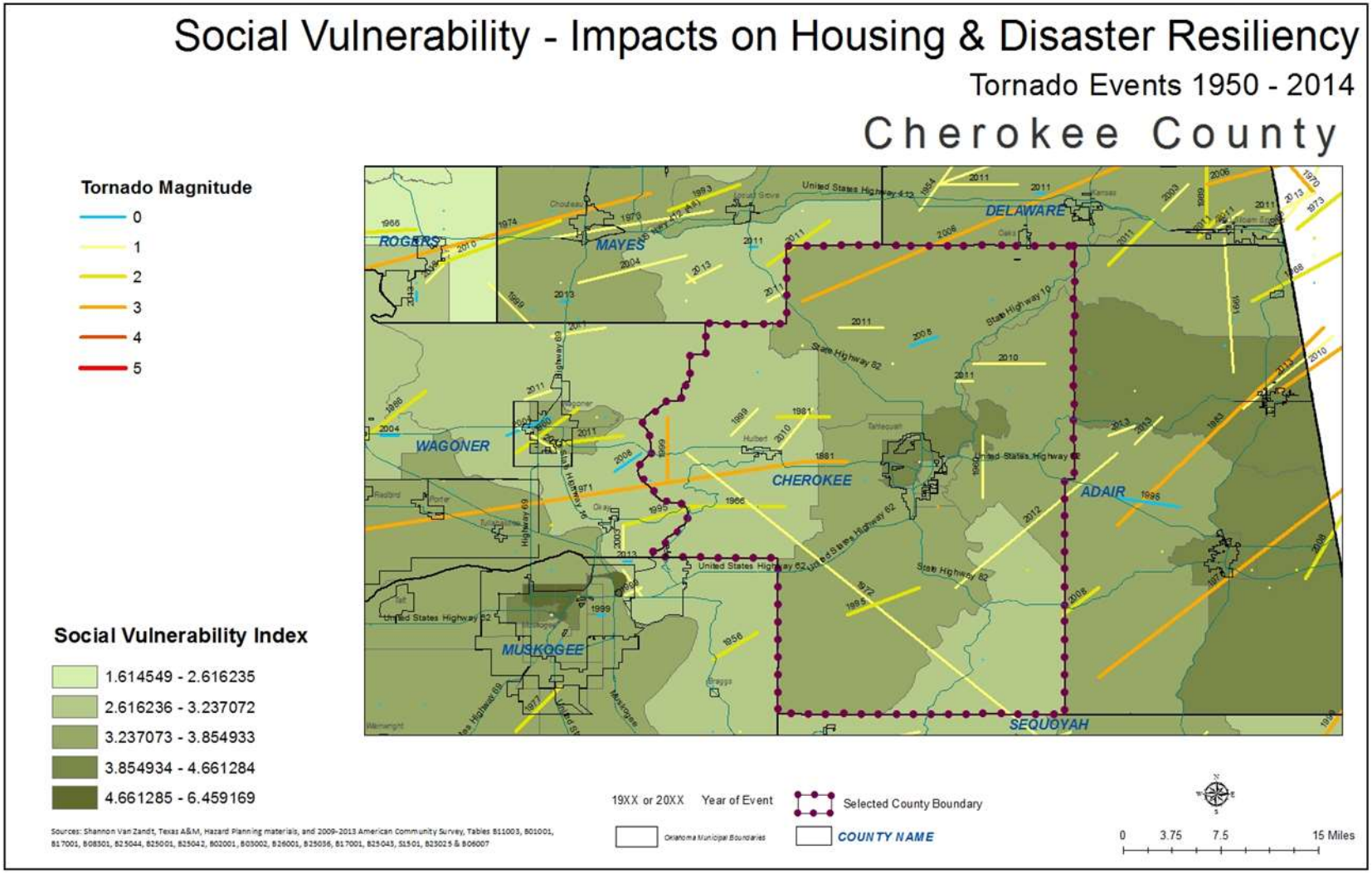
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Social vulnerability combined with the devastating impacts of a natural or man-made disaster can compound a household's ability to recover and in fact can place those individuals at an even great gap or disadvantage prior to the event (Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M).

This county falls above average per this index for social vulnerability when comparing as a county to other counties in the state. There are several census tracts that have elevated social vulnerable scores and therefore attention during an event and as part of recovery should be directed in these areas.

Recommendations for this county:

- Continue to update and maintain the county HMP and include attention to areas within the county that in addition to physical vulnerability may have compounding social vulnerability factors.
- Efforts to strengthen building codes related to tornadoes and natural disasters should be considered.
- Planning for shelters from disaster events for multifamily, HUD and LIHTC units, in addition to all housing in the community should be incorporated with any effort to increase housing.

Homelessness

By Continuum of Care

Oklahoma is comprised of eight Continuums of Care (CoC). These entities manage the provision of services to the homeless, among other functions. By definition, CoCs involve nonprofit homeless providers; victim service providers; faith-based organizations; governments; businesses; advocates; public housing agencies; school districts; social service providers; mental health agencies; hospitals; universities; affordable housing developers; law enforcement and other organizations that serve the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless (Continuum of Care Network pamphlet, 2015). These entities are governed by a community plan that helps them deliver services to the homeless and/or to prevent a return to the homeless. CoCs provide a variety of services aimed at outreach, engagement and assessment, including emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, and permanent housing, among others (Continuum of Care Network pamphlet, 2015).

The data below describes the characteristics of those receiving or eligible for the CoC in which Cherokee County is located. This data is collected by the CoCs on last day of January each year and reported on an annual basis. It is currently the best source of data available at the State level of understanding the demographics of these populations.

OK 505 Northeast Oklahoma

OK 505 represents the northeast region of Oklahoma, including Craig, Ottawa, Delaware, Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah, Washington, Nowata, Rogers, Mayes, and Wagoner counties. There is a disproportionately high number of homeless households comprised of children in this CoC (24 out of 300). Eight of these 24 child only households are unsheltered. This area also has a high incidence of homeless victims of domestic violence (168). This group, for the most part, appears to be finding shelter. However, of the homeless veterans (51), the majority are unsheltered (30). The population of homeless substance abusers is also significant in this CoC (122). They, too, are finding shelter with only 10 reported instances of the failure to find shelter.

This CoC has invested in the creation of a significant number of temporary and permanent units of shelter for homeless individuals and family. There are 449 units of temporary housing available to individual and families in this region year around. An additional 90 units of permanent housing are available to homeless families and individuals. There exists a need for more units of rapid rehousing for veterans given the current population of unsheltered vets.

OK 505 Northeast OK	Emergency Shelter(sheltered)	Transitional Housing(sheltered)	Unsheltered	Total
Households without children	155	33	47	235
Households with at least 1 adult & 1 child	29	3	9	41
Households with only children	16	0	8	24
total homeless households	200	36	64	300
Persons in households without children	156	33	47	236
persons age 18-24	32	3	19	54
persons over age 24	124	30	28	182
Persons in households with at least 1 adult & 1 child	87	8	28	123
children under age 18	55	4	17	76
persons age 18-24	6	0	0	6
persons over 24	26	4	11	41
persons in households with only 1 children	16	0	8	24
Total homeless persons	259	41	83	383
Subpopulations	**Sheltered**		**Unsheltered**	**Total**
Chronically Homeless	81		22	103
Chronically Homeless Individuals	61		12	73
Chronically Homeless Persons in Families	20		10	30
Severely Mentally Ill	33		16	49
Chronic Substance Abuse	112		10	122
Veterans	21		30	51
HIV/AIDS	0		0	0
Victims of Domestic Violence	159		9	168

CoC Number: OK-505

CoC Name: Northeast Oklahoma CoC

Summary of all beds reported by Continuum of Care:

							Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
	Family Units[1]	Family Beds[1]	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Total Yr-Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Chronic Beds[2]	Veteran Beds[3]	Youth Beds[3]
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	**55**	**167**	**256**	**26**	**449**	**0**	**0**	**n/a**	**0**	**26**
Emergency Shelter	52	159	219	26	404	0	0	n/a	0	26
Transitional Housing	3	8	37	0	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Permanent Housing	**9**	**30**	**65**	**0**	**95**	**n/a**	**n/a**	**n/a**	**14**	**0**
Permanent Supportive Housing*	7	22	53	0	75	n/a	n/a	53	8	0
Rapid Re-Housing	1	5	5	0	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	0
Other Permanent Housing**	1	3	7	0	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Grand Total	**64**	**197**	**321**	**26**	**544**	**0**	**0**	**53**	**14**	**26**

CoC beds reported by Program Type:

Emergency Shelter for Families[1]

									Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
Provider Name	Facility Name	Family Units[1]	Family Beds[1]	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Chronic Beds[2]	Veteran Beds[3]	Youth Beds[3]
Hope House	Hope House	5	18	0	0	0	0	18	n/a	0	0
Total		**5**	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**18**	**n/a**	**0**	**0**

COC Conclusion

Each of the CoC's represents a unique area. It's important to note that the Point In Time data serves as a baseline. It is likely that the homeless population is much larger than counted. Generally, the State's homeless population is over the age of 24. In some areas of the State, there is a disproportionately high rate of homeless youth. More detailed exploration is necessary to understand the reasons which led them to this State and the needs of homeless youth. Domestic violence victims comprise a significant portion of the homeless population in the State. In some areas, the presence of social service providers for this subpopulation has reduced homeless rates. The same is true with respect to homeless veterans. As anticipated, the majority of the homeless population across the state can be classified as: mentally ill, chronically homeless, and chronic substance abusers. The needs of these difficult to house homeless must remain a priority across the State.

A Snap Shot of Homelessness in the State

Point in Time data was last collected on January 29, 2015 across the State. On that date, counts revealed a homeless populations of more than 3,000 residents. The majority of those counted (2,603 individuals) were classified as households without children. The majority of this group lives in emergency shelters (1,652) or transitional housing (376) with 575 classified as unsheltered.

The number of households with children is seemingly small totaling 343. The vast majority of those in this classification live at emergency shelters (201) or transitional housing (104) with only 38 classified as unsheltered. Homeless service providers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa emphasized that this group was likely undercounted across the State because they are less visible than other categories of homeless. They emphasized that emergency shelters, as presently designed, do not meet the needs of families with children in terms of both privacy and safety.

The Point in Time data reveals less than 100 households comprised of only children. Of these 74 counted households, 35 live in emergency shelters and 39 are unsheltered. This population is likely significantly undercounted as youth who are homeless typically seek to avoid identification for fear of being returned to their homes. These young people often have specific needs for supportive services that are difficult to deliver because the population remains unseen. Homeless advocates in the State hold up Tulsa as a good example of the State for serving homeless youth. OKC's Be the Change is also a leader in identifying and providing needed service to homeless youth in the metropolitan region. The problem of homeless youth is not just isolated to large urban areas. Mid-sized and smaller cities also look for innovative ways to service. Cities like El Reno and Enid have their own drop in centers for homeless youth. Social networks in smaller cities fill similar functions.

Oklahoma City public schools also tracks homeless students within the district. There are homeless students attending 78 elementary and middle schools in Oklahoma City. This data suggests that the majority of the city's homeless students are African American or Hispanic. There are 664 homeless African American students, 724 homeless Hispanic students, and 254 homeless Caucasian students. There are ten high schools in OKC that have reported having homeless students. Douglass and Capitol Hill high schools have the highest homeless student populations. Douglass has 50 homeless African American students. Capitol Hill has 49 homeless Hispanic students. The majority of these students can be classified as "couch homeless" or doubled up, meaning that they are finding

shelter with extended family members, friends, and other non-relatives for a brief amount of time due to hardship.

The majority of Oklahoma's homeless population is over 24 years old. This classification system is not particularly useful in helping to assess the number and needs of the elderly population, which is reported to be a substantial subset of this population.

The Point in Time data categorizes the homeless population into two categories: Hispanic/Latino and Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino. The lion's share of homeless in Oklahoma are Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino (3,528). In Oklahoma City, 62% of the homeless served are classified a Caucasian. Twenty-five percent of the homeless population is African American. Seven percent of the homeless in OKC identify as Native American. Less than one percent of those identified as homeless in OKC are Asian. By contrast, a relative small fraction of the State's homeless population is Hispanic/Latino. The Point in Time data identified a relatively small Hispanic homeless population, including less than 250 individuals. This follows OKC counts that identify 7% of the city's homeless population as Hispanic. Homeless advocates in OKC indicate that social networks, including churches and extended families, keep the number of homeless in the Hispanic population proportionately lower than their Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino counterparts. However, these individual likely classify as "couch homeless" and are in a continued state of being vulnerable to becoming homeless.

The PIT data indicates that are more homeless males (2,237) than females (1,535). This follows national trends. Care should be taken when interpreting this data, as women are less likely to participate in Point in Time counts. There is a growing population of homeless in Oklahoma that identifies as transgender. PIT data identified 5 individuals identifying as transgender. This population is likely much higher and will continue to grow due to family and national attitudes about this population. Transgender populations may require special housing accommodations, especially in the emergency shelter context, to provide for their social and emotional needs.

Another group of homeless individuals that merits special consideration in the distribution of resources is those identified as having special needs. This classification includes persons with "physical, mental or behavioral disabilities, persons with HIV/AIS and/or persons with alcohol or drug addictions. The Point in Time data estimates that there are nearly 1300 homeless persons with special needs in OKC alone.

The Point in Time data is coarse and does not do an effectively track homeless populations with specific needs, such as those persons who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS. This special population of homeless is likely growing in Oklahoma. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health there were an estimated 5,375 cases of persons living with HIV/AIDS by the end of 2013. There were a total of 437 newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases in 2013 for the state of Oklahoma. The vast majority of populations living with HIV/AIDS (nearly 72%) reside in urban areas. In OKC alone, the Point in Time data identified at least 25 homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS. This is likely an undercount. Based on this information and anecdotal data from homeless service providers, special effort must be made to understand the housing, medical, and supportive services needs of homeless persons living with HIV/AIDs.

Shelter is crucial for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS in the management of this illness. However, traditional shelter setting(s) may not be suitable to house this population. Those with suppressed immune systems are vulnerable to the spread of infectious diseases which may be present in open shelters. In addition, shelter personally may not be properly trained in handling AIDS related issues. For these reasons, as well as resources made available by the federal government, homeless persons living with HIV/AIDs are often given housing choice vouchers, created by HOPWA, so that they secure housing on the private market. This can be challenging in constrained rental markets like Norman, for example, where affordable housing options are limited. It is estimated that more than 60 individuals living in OKC with HIV/AIDs are homeless because they have been unable to find a landlord that will accept their housing choice voucher.

State Name: Oklahoma

Point-in Time Date: 1/29/2015

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Households without children[1]	1,652	376	575	2,603
Households with at least one adult and one child[2]	201	104	38	343
Households with only children[3]	35	0	39	74
Total Homeless Households	**1,888**	**480**	**652**	**3,020**

Summary of persons in each household type:

Persons in households without children[1]	**1,676**	**397**	**623**	**2,696**
Persons Age 18 to 24	214	61	110	385
Persons Over Age 24	1,462	336	513	2,311
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child[2]	**595**	**293**	**108**	**996**
Children Under Age 18	373	176	57	606
Persons Age 18 to 24	40	29	13	82
Persons Over Age 24	182	88	38	308
Persons in households with only children[3]	**38**	**0**	**47**	**85**
Total Homeless Persons	**2,309**	**690**	**778**	**3,777**

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Hispanic / Latino	154	43	52	249
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	2,155	647	726	3,528
Total	**2,309**	**690**	**778**	**3,777**

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	1,004	272	259	1,535
Male	1,302	416	519	2,237
Transgender	3	2	0	5
Total	**2,309**	**690**	**778**	**3,777**

Rural Areas

Homelessness in the rural areas of the State is much more difficult to calculate. Given the population density of the State, the majority of services that serve the homeless are concentrated in urban and semi-urban areas. Even if beds are available, many rural homeless lack knowledge about the services or a means to travel to receive the same. As a part of this study, OU students were dispatched into the 77 counties in the State to, among other issues, attempt to understand the degree to which there is rural homelessness in the State. Their qualitative inquiries yielded very little data, in part, because rural homeless is difficult to identify and often ignored. For the purposes of this report, a literature review was prepared on the topic of rural homelessness in the United States. The goals of this academic review is to assist policymakers and service providers in the State in uncovering the dimensions of this illusive population.

In the U.S., the rural homeless population is predominantly Caucasian. This population is comprised of single mothers, widowed wives and husbands, divorced and separated men and women, and young people. A study examining rural homelessness in Ohio found that nearly 40% of those who classify as homeless were divorced, separated, or widowed (First, Richard J., John C. Rife, and Beverly G. Toomey, 1994, pg. 101). Ohio's rural homeless were also relatively young. Close to 80% of homeless population in this study was between the ages of 18 and 39 years old (First et al, 1994, pg. 101). Rural homelessness is often less visible than urban homelessness because these populations commonly take shelter are at a friend's house, in their vehicles, or on abandoned properties. These populations can also be found on "…campgrounds or in hollows, desert canyons, farmers' fields, state parks, and highway rest areas" (Milbourne and Cloke, 2006, pg. 17).

The causes of rural homelessness mirror, in most ways, the plight of the urban homeless. The study of homelessness in rural Ohio revealed family problems and substance abuse issues as primary causes of rural homelessness. The incidence of homelessness resulting from situations of domestic violence is high in rural areas (Cummins et al, 1998). Substance abuse issues are a common cause for homelessness in rural America. The literature reveals that this population tends to be homeless because they have isolated themselves from family and people who want to help (First et al, 1994). In the case of both domestic violence and substance abuse, it is often difficult for these individuals to find shelter and the supportive services they require in rural areas where options are limited, if available at all. The thought of moving to an urban area to find both shelter and supportive services is sometimes not considered at all by these vulnerable populations.

Rural areas are also more prone to the kind of poverty that puts individuals and families at risk for homelessness. The number of people living at or below the poverty line in rural places is higher than anywhere else in the United States (Moore, 2001). The statement "rural homelessness is a microcosm of national economic and political developments" cannot be truer for American rural communities (Vissing, 1996, pg. 103). The disinvestment of small towns and their inability to attract long-term sustainable business development, cripples a small town's economy. In effect, this is a main contributor for why poverty is such a common theme for rural communities. As a result, the State should carefully consider its investments in rural Oklahoma. While there is a need for shelter in these places, the construction of this housing type should be weighed with long term opportunities for employment in the area.

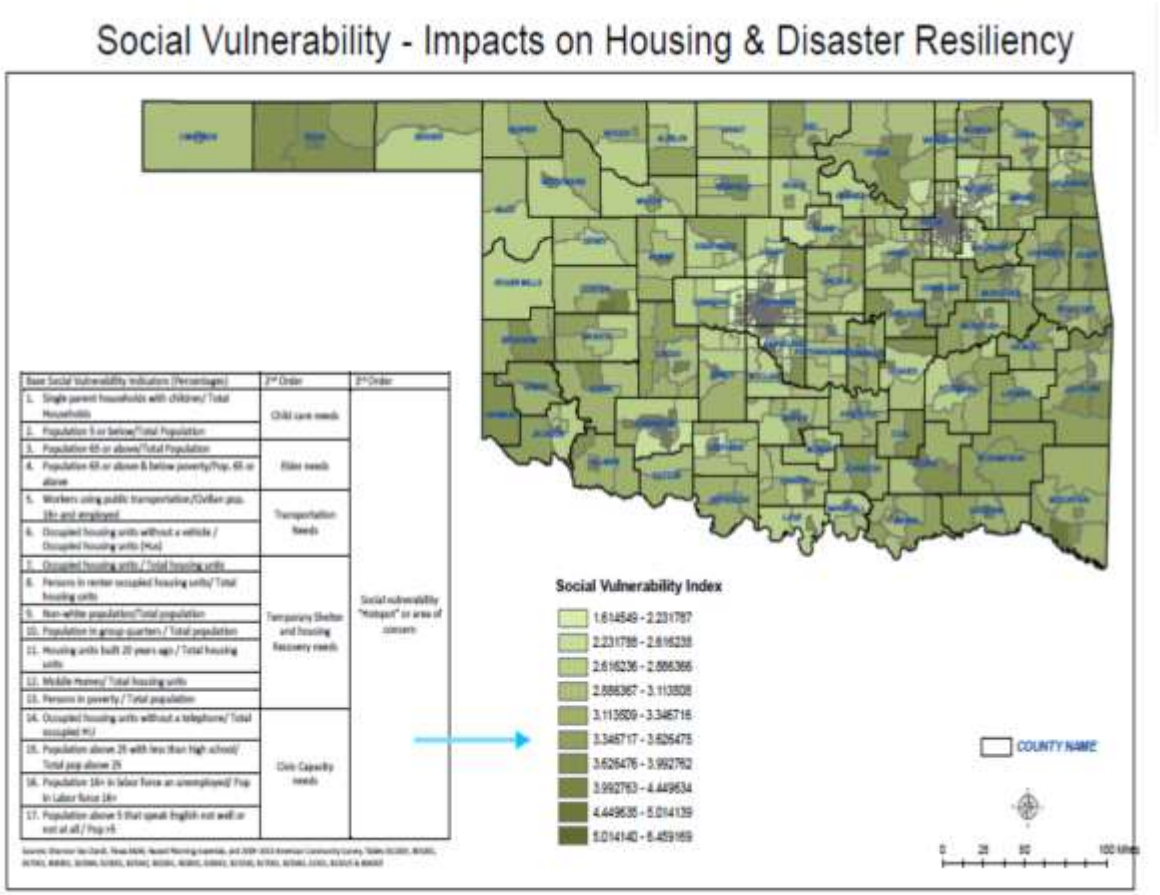
It is not surprising that rural areas typically lack both emergency shelters and temporary housing options. Services that provide temporary housing and provide relief and support services for those who cannot find food are virtually nonexistent in rural communities across the United States (Moore, 2001). Sheltering the homeless is undercapitalized in rural areas because communities do not see a concentration of homeless individuals (Vissing, 1996, pg. 146). As a result, the homeless must satisfice where they are. For instance, for families who are homeless, some of them use a friend's house to store clothes or to seek shelter, while some receive assistance from churches (Cummins et al, 1998). Others migrate to urban areas where services are available and more accessible (Rollinson, Paul A., and John T. Pardeck, 2006).

The absence of affordable housing in rural areas is a root cause of homelessness (Levinson, David, and Marcy Ross, 2007). In fact, it was noticed that many of the people were receiving monetary assistance or previously had some money saved up to spend on housing, but these measures were not enough to keep them afloat (First et al, 1994, pg. 101). Housing costs rise in rural areas typically rise as a result of competition for a limited amount of housing stock. In some rural areas, low income families are spending 70% of their household incomes on housing, sometimes substandard housing (Vissing, 1996, pg. 124). As Levinson et al explain, "housing costs are lower but so are incomes, with the result of placing a heavier rent burden in the community" (Levinson, David, and Marcy Ross, 2007, pg. 45). Renters in rural communities, as a result, are far more susceptible to becoming homeless than their urban or suburban counterparts because they do not have the financial safety net sometimes associated with homeownership (Fitchen, 1991, pg. 193).

While this brief review of the literature describes the state of homelessness across rural America, many of the lessons learned are easily translated to an Oklahoma context. The condition and supply of affordable housing units is relatively poor in many rural portions of the State. Rent burden, as more fully characterized in the Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) section of this report, is high. This leaves families living and working in relatively weak economies vulnerable to homelessness. Once homeless, supportive services in these areas are relatively limited, especially for the chronically homeless, those with substance abuse problems, and victims of domestic violence. Services available to these populations in urban areas may not be attractive to individuals and families who are accustomed to life in rural communities. Where practicable, more consideration must be given to providing supportive services and temporary and permanent housing to homeless populations wishing to remain in rural areas.

At Risk For Homelessness

Poverty is the primary factor that places Oklahoma families at risk of being homeless. There are many factors experienced by those living in poverty which leave residents more or less vulnerable to homelessness. For the purposes of this study, a social vulnerability index has been constructed to measure the likelihood or risk that residents living in poverty might find themselves homeless. This index includes factors such as single headed households, concentration of young and elderly residents, the reliance on public transportation, private vehicle availability, racial composition, housing type, presence or absence of a telephone in the household, amongst other factors. This index is additive and seeks to understand the collective impact of these factors in estimating the vulnerability of a local population. While employed in more significant detail in the section of this report focusing on disaster resiliency, this tool is useful in identifying areas of the State where populations may be most vulnerable to homelessness. The index utilized in this section is different from the one crafted in the Disaster Resiliency chapter of this report in that it estimates social vulnerability at the county level, rather than by census tract. The decision to study vulnerability to homelessness at the county level was made to help policymakers understand, more generally, where resources and economic interventions are most necessary to stave off the potential effects of homelessness. This maps presents vulnerability to homelessness on the county level, depicting the most vulnerable counties in dark green.



The Oklahoma families most likely at risk are those living in public and subsidized housing. They live below the poverty line. Even those who are employed, remain vulnerable to homeless because an unexpected expense, like a medical emergency, threatens their ability to pay for their share of rent owed or utilities. A missed payment can easily lead to eviction and homeless.

Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma service providers have been vested with more than 24,000 housing choice vouchers. Their spatial distribution is outlined below. Of significance is the size of the waiting lists for public housing units and housing choice vouchers in cities across the State. These individuals are the most vulnerable to being homeless.

		Authorized Vouchers	Public Housing Waiting List	Voucher waiting list
Ada	OK024	110	Unknown	Unknown
Bristow	OK033	87	Unknown	Unknown
Broken Bow	OK006	217	Unknown	Unknown
Fort Gibson	OK118	44	Unknown	Unknown
Henryetta	OK142	115	Unknown	Unknown
Hugo	OK044	178	14	56
Lawton	OK005	92	Unknown	Unknown
McAlester	OK062	73	118	36
Miami	OK027	243	126	179
Muskogee	OK099	843	Unknown	230
Norman	OK139	1,185	Unknown	313
Oklahoma City	OK002	4,219	830	8021
Oklahoma HFA	OK901	10,708	Unknown	11,155
Ponca City	OK111	134	70	148
Seminole	OK032	189	53	44
Shawnee	OK095	497	320	623
Stillwater	OK146	656	550	420
Stilwell	OK067	29	Unknown	Unknown
Tecumseh	OK148	31	90	171
Tulsa	OK073	4,808	4951	5859
Wewoka	OK096	154	Unknown	
Oklahoma		24,612		

Findings and Recommendations

There remains a significant homeless population in the urban and rural areas of Oklahoma. This population is very likely significantly undercounted in the Point In Time data. Local homeless advocates and service providers are highly aware of this undercount and are using innovative tools to find and serve the homeless. One example of these extra efforts to identify homeless populations is the data being collected by schools about the number of youth who are homeless or "couch" homeless. In this study, the research team also considered those families living at the economic margins and makes the case for the need for funding to support the housing needs of those that live a pay check or two from being homeless.

Those living with HIV/AIDS tend to underreport their status and needs. Given the cost of medical care these individuals face, the need for permanent and stable housing is critical. Housing providers must work to ensure that there are enough units for this undercounted population. Working with county health care providers, OHFA is much more likely to accurately estimate the size and needs of this population of homeless and potentially homeless persons. Special care must be taken to ascertain the barriers these individuals face when using vouchers to secure housing in the marketplace.

Victims of domestic violence require housing and supportive services across the State. CoCs with high supportive services tend to better accommodate the housing needs of these population. Cleveland County provides a good model for the State. However, many homeless victims of domestic violence live in rural areas that are underserved. Efforts must be undertaken to work with social services providers, schools, churches, and the police to help identify these individuals and to lead them to available housing and supportive services.

While not mentioned in the PIT data, estimates must be prepared to calculate the number and needs of homeless populations with felonies. In particular, there has been a rise nationally in the number of homeless sex offenders. Zoning regulations and discrimination from the private market has pushed many registered sex offenders to the periphery of many communities. This population must not be forgotten by policymakers.

The size of the homeless veteran population is decreasing as a result of national initiatives to end homelessness for veterans in Oklahoma. The needs of homeless veterans appear to be highest in areas of the State near VA facilities. Permanent housing should be constructed at a higher rate in these areas to meet demand. Care should be taken to make certain that the housing constructed is built to meet the psychological needs of veterans, particularly those suffering from PTSD.

Rural homelessness, in general, is a challenge to assess and characterize. The rate of homelessness in rural areas is most likely much higher than annual counts demonstrate. The majority of rural homeless likely find shelter out of public view. Some may shelter in their cars, in undeveloped areas or in the homes of those who allow them to stay. They are not likely to find their way to urban areas given their lack of transportation options and preferences for rural living. Programs that are developed to provide housing for the rural homeless must be developed to allow sheltering in place where possible.

Waiting lists for public housing and section 8 vouchers are high across the State. This is not uncommon to Oklahoma. However, when we are considering the size of the population that is at risk to homelessness, these waiting lists are an important factor to consider. Resources should be spent in a manner which is preventative so that these individuals' and families' needs are met before they become homeless.

The absence of affordable housing alternatives across some parts of the State is the largest threat to homelessness. In markets that are constrained by an aging housing stock or those that are rapidly growing, individuals and families who live on the economic margins are at risk for becoming homeless. Communities must work to ensure that zoning regulations promote the development of housing types serving all income levels, including the construction of affordable housing to meet the needs of the presently homeless and those at risk for becoming the same. Funding distributions should be targeted to communities with the highest needs who are willing to do what is necessary to meet the needs of the homeless and those at risk for the same.

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Fair Housing

Summary

Fair housing addresses discrimination in the provision of housing as well as discrimination in access to opportunities provided by the location of affordable housing. Recent actions by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the United States Supreme Court focus our attention on localized access to opportunity.

These findings are intended to aid the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) determine the location of new affordable housing in relation to vulnerable populations and explore ways to expand the opportunities available to help communities of existing affordable housing achieve self-sufficiency.

Key Findings:

- 70% of affordable housing units are located in census tracts marked by poverty
- 62% of affordable housing is located in census tracts where a majority of the residents are not white
- 13% of affordable housing units have no access to transit services and 56% have access to limited service, on-demand transit
- 2.6% of affordable housing units have limited access to a hospital
- 7.8% of affordable housing units are located in food deserts

Recommendations:

Continued efforts to improve the quality of life for affordable housing residents and reduce discrimination associated with affordable housing will likely need to include strategies that integrate new affordable housing as well as support existing communities of affordable housing. This will likely include public policies and funding designed to integrate low-income and workforce housing into a more diverse set of communities. Additionally, those living existing affordable housing communities need increased opportunities to stay in place, become self-sufficient, and participate in determining the future of their neighborhood. OHFA may consider partnering with other state, non-profit, and for-profit agencies to explore strategies for helping communities thrive economically, socially, and environmentally.

What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing addresses discrimination in the provision of housing as well as discrimination in access to opportunities provided by the location of affordable housing. On one hand, this protects the ability of individuals to obtain housing regardless of personal characteristics such as race, skin color, national origin, gender, familial status, or disability. It also focuses attention on more subtle forms of discrimination that cluster low-income housing in ways that inhibit the ability of communities to access services and amenities that support self-sufficiency and autonomy.

Recent actions by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the United States Supreme Court focus our attention on localized access to opportunity. In 2014, HUD released the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule for public comment. The draft rule

"directs HUD's program participants to take significant actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, achieve truly balanced and integrated living patterns, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination" (HUD 2015). In 2015, the United States Supreme Court provided legal support for actions taken to remedy patterns that impede the upward mobility and opportunity of low-income individuals and communities. In the case of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project the court reiterated the need to address disparate impacts in considering the location of affordable housing and reinforced the importance of AFFH (Bostic 2015). Housing discrimination from this perspective is not only felt by individual residents, it can also be the result of actions that work to limit the opportunities to improve the quality of life in local communities.

Approach

In Oklahoma, a combination of federal and state programs work to support the opportunities provided to individuals and families who rest safely and comfortably in an apartment or home. Here we use publicly available data for units that are part of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program, the Rural Rental Housing Loans, or OHFA administered programs such as Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit (AHTC), the HOME investment partnership program, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and multi-family bonds. Collectively, these programs represent state efforts to assist individuals who are unable to afford housing.

Indicators of disparate impact vary but seem to contingent upon the contextual characteristics of a particular neighborhood. In an effort to help communities investigate and understand community level disparate impacts, HUD created a Fair Housing Assessment Tool (http://www.huduser.gov/portal/affht_pt.html#affh). The assessment tool includes measures on indicators of disparate impacts based on the clustering of potentially vulnerable populations, including:

- Race/Ethnicity of Residents
- National Origin of Residents
- English Proficiency of Residents
- Job Accessibility
- Transit Accessibility
- Level of Poverty
- Environmental Exposure (e.g. pollution, crime, food, health care, etc.)
- Disability

This report uses the Fair Housing Assessment Tool in conjunction with readily available data to initiate a more thorough investigation of the potential for disparate impacts in the state. The findings are intended to aid the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency regarding future location of new fair housing in relation to vulnerable populations and the future opportunities available to help communities of existing affordable housing achieve self-sufficiency.

Data

Data for this report are compiled from a variety of sources including the United States Census, the University of Oklahoma Center for Spatial Analysis, and primary data collected as part of ongoing research efforts at the University of Oklahoma. Data are aggregated into census tracts and reported statewide as well as by county (see Appendix 1).

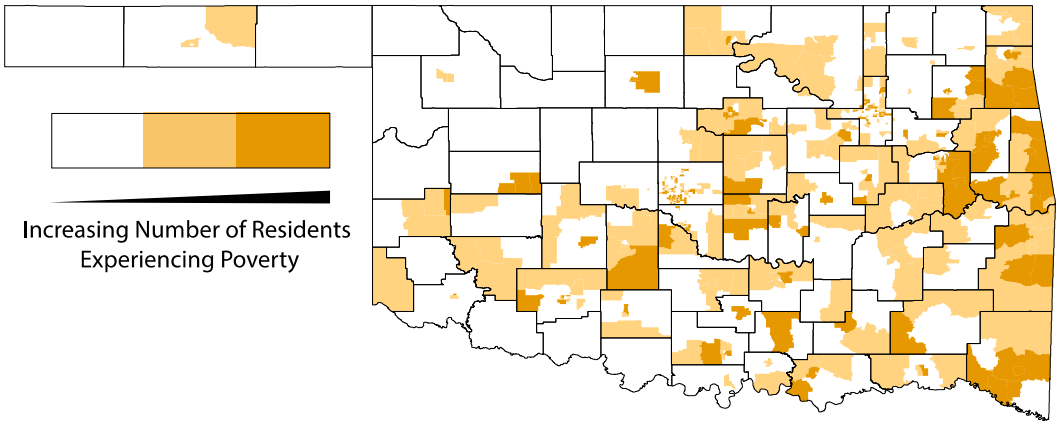
1. Urban/Rural

A majority of the affordable housing in Oklahoma is situated in rural communities. Urban communities including Edmond, Lawton, Norman, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa are home to just over 1/3 of the affordable housing units in the state.

	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated an Urban Setting		Situated in a Rural Setting
OHFA	35,292		11,699 (33.1%)		23,593 (66.9%)
515	5,384		0		5,384 (100%)
LIHTC	23,537		8,255 (35.1%)		15,282 (64.9%)
Total	64,213		19,954 (31.1%)		44,259 (68.9%)

2. Poverty

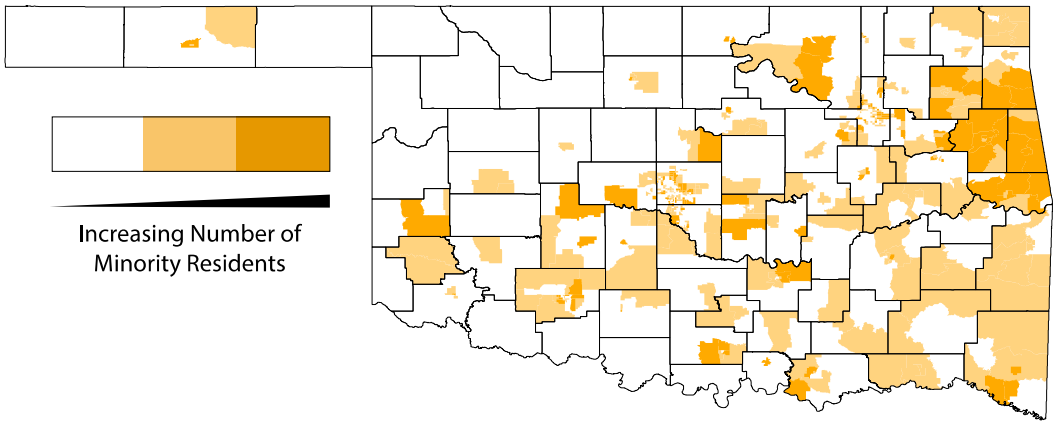
Approximately 70% of affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where the number of residents living in poverty is above the state average. About half of these units are located in areas of extreme poverty, where the number of individuals who are economically vulnerable exceeds 994, more than one standard deviation (411) from the mean (583).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated in Poverty		Situated in Extreme Poverty
OHFA	35,292		12,295 (34.8%)		12,464 (35.3%)
515	5,384		2,093 (38.9%)		1,839 (34.2%)
LIHTC	23,537		7,483 (31.8%)		8,924 (38.0%)
Total	64,213		21,796 (33.9%)		23,227 (36.2%)

3. Non-white Enclaves

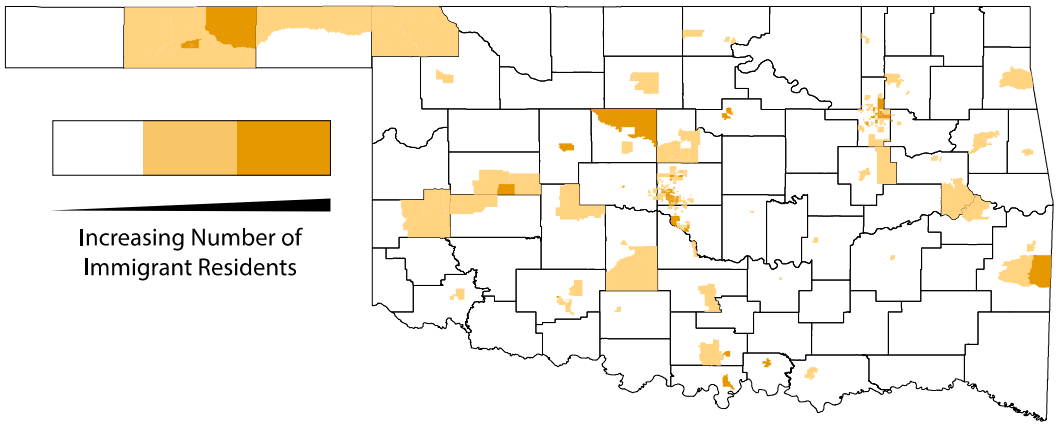
Just over 60% of affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where a majority of the residents are non-white. With just fewer than 24% of the total affordable housing units in census tracts heavily populated with residents who are not white – identified as census tracts where the number of non-white residents is more than 1,595 - one standard deviation (653) greater than the mean (542).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated in Majority Non-White Community		Situated in Heavily Non-White Community
OHFA	35,292		12,814 (36.3%)		7,907 (22.4%)
515	5,384		2,229 (41.4%)		1,288 (23.9%)
LIHTC	23,537		10,285 (43.7%)		5,677 (24.1%)
Total	64,213		25,328 (39.4%)		14,872 (23.2%)

4. Immigrant Enclaves

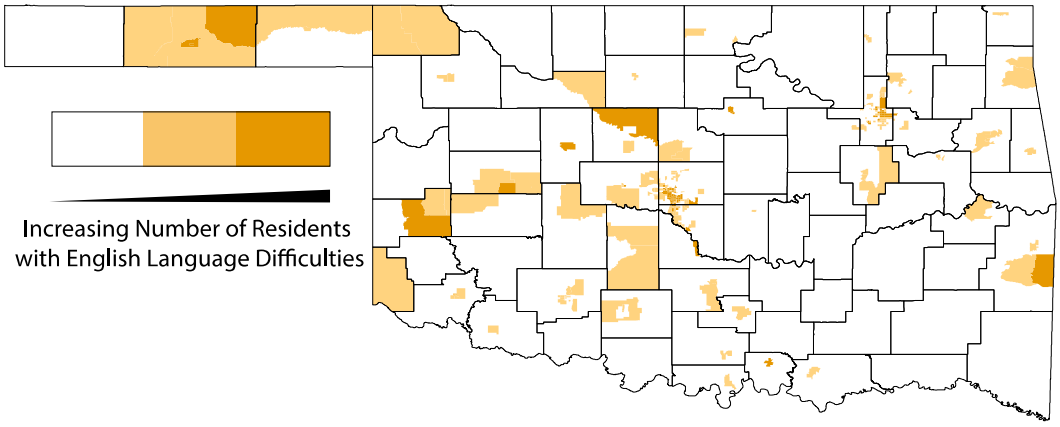
One-third of affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where more than the average number of residents are immigrants. About half of these units are located in areas dense with immigrants, where the number of individuals who are not citizen exceeds 349, more than one standard deviation (219) from the mean (130).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated in Immigrant Enclave		Situated in Heavily Immigrant Enclave
OHFA	35,292		8,114 (23.0%)		3,358 (9.5%)
515	5,384		1,017 (18.9%)		159 (3.0%)
LIHTC	23,537		5,457 (23.2%)		3,364 (14.3%)
Total	64,213		14,588 (22.7%)		6,881 (10.7%)

5. Limited English Proficiency

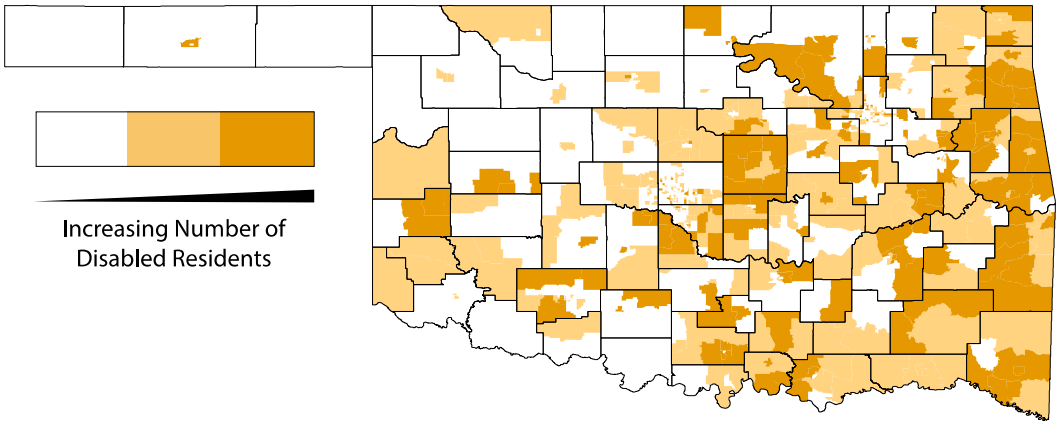
Almost 17,000 existing affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where more residents than average do not speak English very well. A little more than half of these units are located in areas dense with individuals with limited English proficiency, where the number of individuals who speak English less than very well exceeds 380, more than one standard deviation (240) from the mean (140).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Community with more than average number of Limited English Speakers		Community dense with limited English Speakers
OHFA	35,292		6,250 (17.7%)		3,122 (8.8%)
515	5,384		799 (14.8%)		240 (4.5%)
LIHTC	23,537		4,034 (17.1%)		3,475 (14.8%)
Total	64,213		11,083 (17.3%)		6,837 (10.6%)

6. Disability

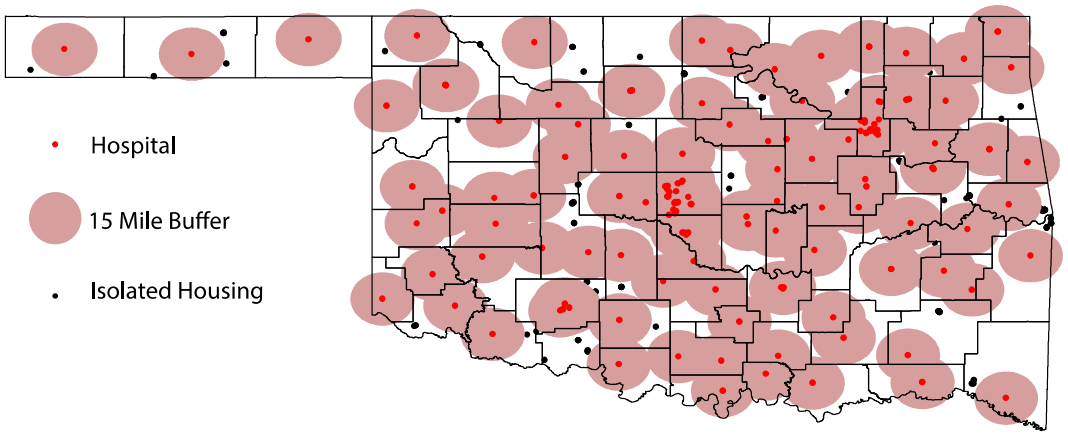
Almost 60% of existing affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where more residents than average have a disability. A little more than half of these units are located in areas dense with individuals with a disability, where the number of individuals who are disabled is greater than 831, more than one standard deviation (289) from the mean (542).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Community with more than average number of Disabled Residents		Community dense with Disabled Residents
OHFA	35,292		10,098 (28.6%)		10,722 (30.4%)
515	5,384		1,686 (31.3%)		2,594 (48.8%)
LIHTC	23,537		7,074 (30.1%)		6,289 (26.7%)
Total	64,213		18,858 (29.4%)		19,605 (30.5%)

7. Hospitals

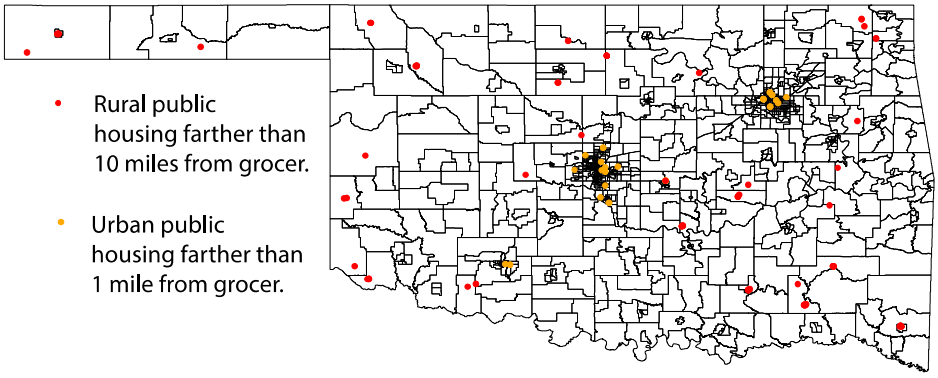
There are no affordable housing units more than 30 miles from a hospital. Approximately 2.6% of affordable housing units are farther than 15 miles from the nearest hospital. As indicated by the larger percentage of Rural Rental Housing Loan units, most of these are located in rural areas.



	Total Affordable Housing Units		More than 15 miles to nearest hospital		More than 30 miles to nearest hospital
OHFA	35,292		628 (1.8%)		0
515	5,384		500 (9.3%)		0
LIHTC	23,537		532 (2.3%)		0
Total	64,213		1,660 (2.6%)		0

8. Grocery Stores

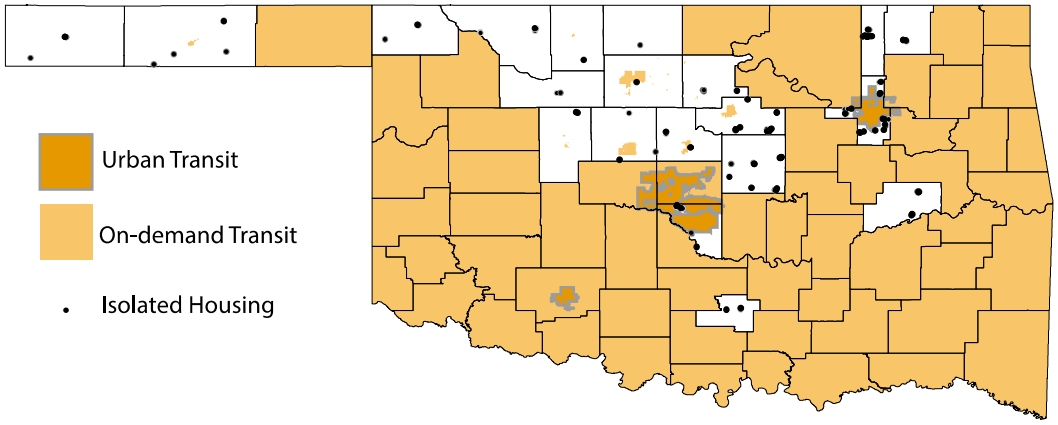
Approximately 7.8% of affordable housing units are in areas that are classified as food deserts. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, food deserts exist in urban environments further than 1 mile from a grocery store and in rural environments further than 10 miles from a grocery store (https://apps.ams.usda.gov/fooddeserts/foodDeserts.aspx).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Urban > 1 Mile from nearest Grocer		Rural > 10 miles to nearest Grocer
OHFA	35,292		1,493 (4.2%)		1,097 (3.1%)
515	5,384		0		466 (8.7%)
LIHTC	23,537		1,175 (5.0%)		769 (3.3%)
Total	64,213		2,668 (4.2%)		2,332 (3.6%)

9. Transit

A little over 69% of affordable housing in Oklahoma is located in a census tract with limited or no access to transit services. This includes 8,367 affordable housing units in areas that lack public transit services all together as well as 36,363 units that are situated in areas that have on-demand transportation services that often have limited operation times and may only serve elderly and disabled populations or those going to a medical appointment.



	Total Affordable Housing Units		No Transit		Urban Transit		On-Demand Transit
OHFA	35,292		4,035 (11.4%)		11,265 (31.9%)		19,992 (56.6%)
515	5,384		767 (14.2%)		0		4,617 (85.8%)
LIHTC	23,537		3,565 (15.1%)		8,217 (34.9%)		11,755 (49.9%)
Total	64,213		8,367 (13.0%)		19,482 (30.3%)		36,363 (56.6%)

What does this mean for Oklahoma?

This report suggests a number of possible ways forward for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency as it continues to support quality low-income and workforce housing for residents of the state. Across a number of indicators of opportunity, affordable housing in the state clusters in ways that raise concerns about the opportunities available to affordable housing residents in comparison to other residents.

Continued efforts to improve the quality of life for affordable housing residents and reduce discrimination associated with affordable housing will likely need to include strategies that integrate new affordable housing as well as support existing communities of affordable housing. This will likely include public policies and funding designed to integrate low-income and workforce housing into a more diverse set of communities. Additionally, those living existing affordable housing communities need increased opportunities to stay in place, become self-sufficient, and participate in determining the future of their neighborhood. OHFA may consider partnering with other state, non-profit, and for-profit agencies to explore strategies for helping communities thrive economically, socially, and environmentally.

Moving ahead, Oklahoma should be wary of a narrowly focused vision focused solely on the problems of existing affordable housing and the integration of these residents into other communities. The relocation of residents harkens back to the physical and social destruction brought about by urban renewal. Such an approach pits efforts to enhance existing affordable housing through community development against efforts to build a more integrated and diverse society (Goetz 2015). Rather, Oklahoma has the opportunity to work closely with local municipalities to improve the conditions of current affordable housing communities while simultaneously advancing integration of low-income and workforce housing through the construction in new settings.

For future new development, a number of case studies and emerging scholarship on the importance of neighborhood effects provide guidance on possible ways forward for Oklahoma. For instance, in El Paso, Texas a public private partnership between the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso and private developers led to the development of a mixed income housing development. Eastside Crossings (http://www.hacep.org/about-us/eastside-crossings) provides 74 traditional affordable housing units, 79 affordable housing units, and 45 market rate units in partnership with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Housing Authority of El Paso 2015). In Sacramento, partnership between private developers and the Capital Area Redevelopment Authority resulted in the adaptive reuse of a building listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings into affordable Housing (Vellinga 2015). Located in a dense, walkable, transit-oriented community, the Warehouse Artist Lofts (http://www.rstreetwal.com) are home to 116 units, 86 of which are affordable and 13,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

For existing affordable housing, strategies exist to help enhance localized opportunities and build a culture of community participation around housing. Across the nation, there is a need to refocus the discussion away from the deficits found in many communities to look for closely at opportunities (Lens 2015) and to think about the consequences of physical, social, and economic isolation (Clarke, Morenoff, Debbink, Golberstein, Elliott, & Lantz, 2014.).

The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency may need to collaborate more closely with other governmental agencies to develop comprehensive strategies that not only improve existing housing but also work toward enhancing access to food, recreation, amenities, jobs, and quality schools. By doing so, OHFA could help build the social and physical resiliency of these communities so that residents would be empowered to choose for themselves whether or not they want to stay and be part of their existing community or move elsewhere in search of a better quality of life. A set of tools for doing some of this work is available through Policy Link (http://www.policylink.org/equity-tools/equitable-development-toolkit/about-toolkit). For those who are relocated due to circumstances that make staying in place impossible, intensive case management may be required to ensure that these residents avoid pitfalls and thrive in a new environment (Theodos, Popkin, Guernsey, & Getsinger, 2010). But evidence continues to suggest that stability, particularly in the lives of children, is an essential part of ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to succeed and thrive (HUD 2014).

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- Disability: ACS_13_5YR_S1810 > HC02_EST_VC01 > with a disability; estimate; total civilian noninstitutionalized population

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- Hospital locations as of 2008 derived from Oklahoma State Department of Health, Health Care Information Division.

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Appendix 1: County affordable housing Summaries

County	Total Units	Units at Risk for Poverty	Units in mostly Non-white Enclaves	Units in Community of Immigrants	Units in Limited English Neighborhood	Units nearer Elevated Number of Disabled	Units farther than 15 miles to Hospital	Units located in a Food Desert	Units that lack readily available Transit
Adair	676	676	676	0	0	177	0	0	0
Alfalfa	93	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	23
Atoka	145	121	0	0	0	0	24	145	24
Beaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beckham	343	87	228	0	228	315	0	28	0
Blaine	169	0	0	127	127	0	24	0	42
Bryan	1,005	538	501	0	0	501	0	0	0
Caddo	658	292	387	0	0	292	95	0	0
Canadian	1,655	0	248	0	0	0	48	24	0
Carter	1,040	373	938	189	0	972	24	24	24
Cherokee	1,359	986	412	0	0	436	0	13	0
Choctaw	433	312	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cimarron	69	0	0	0	0	0	8	69	69
Cleveland	2,389	1,080	194	758	648	601	0	214	718
Coal	71	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0
Comanche	1,214	200	182	0	0	225	123	151	24
Cotton	114	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	0
Craig	290	0	0	0	0	157	0	72	0
Creek	1,359	163	163	0	0	670	0	0	0
Custer	255	78	0	0	0	172	0	0	0
Delaware	712	695	285	0	0	712	28	0	0
Dewey	75	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
Ellis	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garfield	824	683	127	0	0	0	0	52	50

County	Total Units	Units at Risk for Poverty	Units in mostly Non-white Enclaves	Units in Immigrant Enclaves	Units in Limited English Neighborhood	Units nearer Elevated Number of Disabled	Units farther than 15 miles to Hospital	Units located in a Food Desert	Units that lack readily available Transit
Garvin	557	0	0	0	0	265	0	0	0
Grady	758	71	0	0	0	621	71	0	0
Grant	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8
Greer	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harmon	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Harper	50	0	0	0	0	0	14	36	50
Haskell	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes	341	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0
Jackson	322	18	18	0	18	0	30	30	0
Jefferson	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston	517	493	0	0	0	493	0	0	0
Kay	1,001	196	168	0	0	344	0	0	0
Kingfisher	153	0	0	8	8	0	8	8	40
Kiowa	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latimer	220	0	0	0	0	220	0	0	0
Le Flore	1,050	204	0	0	0	573	166	0	0
Lincoln	705	143	0	0	0	705	42	0	705
Logan	629	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	158
Love	62	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0
Major	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
Marshall	134	0	109	109	109	109	0	0	0
Mayes	546	382	218	0	0	382	0	0	0
McClain	346	55	0	0	47	299	0	0	0
McCurtain	767	767	746	0	0	767	57	315	0
McIntosh	488	0	0	0	0	169	0	0	488

County	Total Units	Units at Risk for Poverty	Units in mostly Non-white Enclaves	Units in Community of Immigrants	Units in Limited English Neighborhood	Units nearer Elevated Number of Disabled	Units farther than 15 miles to Hospital	Units located in a Food Desert	Units that lack readily available Transit
Murray	224	95	0	0	0	224	0	0	224
Muskogee	1,572	642	59	0	0	44	48	0	0
Noble	387	0	0	0	0	0	42	30	345
Nowata	229	0	0	0	0	185	0	0	229
Okfuskee	214	169	0	0	0	213	0	1	0
Oklahoma	11,497	3,920	3,518	2,445	2,641	456	0	1,202	25
Okmulgee	663	303	227	0	0	127	0	0	0
Osage	1,544	538	700	0	0	1,391	42	0	0
Ottawa	409	0	0	0	0	96	0	84	0
Pawnee	65	0	0	0	0	0	37	20	0
Payne	1,797	1,209	0	120	120	648	0	0	971
Pittsburg	1,268	0	50	0	0	284	16	16	0
Pontotoc	810	311	286	0	0	336	0	0	0
Pottawatomi	1,715	1,009	587	0	0	954	0	284	0
Pushmataha	381	234	0	0	0	381	147	381	0
Roger Mills	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Rogers	973	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0
Seminole	426	76	75	0	0	75	0	123	0
Sequoyah	1,449	922	922	0	0	726	243	0	0
Stephens	841	0	0	0	0	310	12	0	0
Texas	816	0	372	782	782	372	60	6	75
Tillman	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulsa	9,868	4,750	1,807	2,281	2,109	1,419	0	1,441	2,220
Wagoner	1,094	691	461	0	0	701	0	0	0
Washington	1,262	0	108	0	0	108	0	0	1,262
Washita	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Woods	65	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	65
Woodward	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0

Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Findings / Health and Well-being

Lead is known to be highly toxic particularly to young children 5 years of age and under. Excessive exposure results in reduced intelligence, impaired hearing, reduced stature and a host of other negative health effects. It is well documented that a common source of lead exposure for children is lead-based paint in older housing along with the dust and soil it generates. Children are exposed to lead-based paint most commonly by directly eating paint chips or indirectly by ingesting lead-contaminated house dust or soil through normal hand-to-mouth contact.

For purposes of this analysis, the federal definition of "lead-based paint hazard" at 24 CFR Part 35.86 was applied. Under this definition, lead-based paint hazard is defined as, "…any condition that causes exposure to lead from lead-contaminated dust, lead-contaminated soil, or lead-contaminated paint that is deteriorated or present in accessible surfaces, friction surfaces, or impact surfaces that would result in adverse human health effects as established by the appropriate Federal agency."

It is noteworthy estimates presented can only be stated as dwellings that "potentially" have LBP hazards because there are no real-time surveys or studies of residential structures built prior to 1978. However, there have been previous estimations provided in the state's Consolidated Plan.

Statewide Findings

Using methodology which will be discussed later in this section, we have estimated the number of housing units in Oklahoma with lead-based paint hazards as defined in 24 CFR Part 35.86. Our estimates are shown in the following table.

Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Oklahoma

	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	1,432,730	
Total Housing Units with Lead-Based Paint Hazards	240,229	16.8%
Owner-Occupied Units w/LBP Hazards	159,861	66.5%
Renter-Occupied Units w/LBP Hazards	80,368	33.5%
Housing Units w/LBP Hazards Occupied by Low-to-Moderate Income Households	113,931	47.4%
Housing Units w/LBP Hazards with Children < 6 Years of Age Present	37,426	15.6%
Housing Units w/LBP Hazards Occupied by LMI Households and Children < 6 Years of Age Present	19,761	52.8%

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Tables 12 & 13

As shown, we estimate that there are 240,229 housing units in Oklahoma containing lead-based paint hazards, representing 16.8% of Oklahoma's total housing stock. 66.5% of those units are owner-occupied, while 33.5% are renter-occupied. Of the 240,229 housing units containing lead-based paint hazards, 113,931 units, or 47.4%, are occupied by households with low-to-moderate incomes as defined by HUD. Among all housing units with lead-based paint hazards, 37,426 units have children under the age of six present, and 52.8% of those units, or 19,761 units total, are households with low-to-moderate incomes. Exhibits 2 through 6, found at the end of this section, graphically summarize our statewide findings at a county level.

Disaster Resiliency/ Economy and Society, Infrastructure and Environment

While communities strive to address lead-based paint hazards through education and removal when detected in connection with federally funded local housing rehabilitation initiatives, hazard detection and mitigation may have special considerations in terms of disaster resiliency.

Many disasters are accompanied by widespread damage to residential structures often times scattering building material debris across the landscape necessitating removal by heavy equipment and disposal in landfills. When building materials contaminated with lead-based paint become part of non-contaminated debris disposal, it presents an environmental hazard that can span well beyond recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Leadership and Strategy

Given the albeit large but finite number of potential housing units with lead hazards, the state and local communities may wish to consider initiatives aimed at reducing and/or eventually eliminating residential lead-based paint hazards, particularly in housing occupied by low and moderate income households with young children present. One such initiative could be the use of the state's various federal and state housing programs' competitive funding selection criteria. By designing rating criteria that specifically awards points to applicants that purposefully seek out properties within counties known to have higher percentages of lead hazards, housing developers along with those engaged in rehabilitation may be incentivized to engage in hazard mitigation.

State and local governments may wish to capitalize on the results of this study by using the data to support competitive applications to the Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka's Affordable Housing Program funding for owner occupied rehabilitation which, among other competitive rating criteria, awards points for the "Abatement of Hazardous Environmental Conditions". Similarly, this report's data may be used to document hazards and need in applications for competitive health care grants offered at the federal level.

Similar to initiatives undertaken by USHUD, the state may want to consider undertaking a real-time sample survey of homes built prior to 1978 across the state's community sizes and counties to more accurately ascertain the extent of the hazard and/or conducting real-time surveys of LBP Risk Assessors licensed by the ODEQ.

Survey of Previous Lead-based Paint Studies

Using a combination of US Census Bureau and US Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data and age of housing stock built prior to 1980, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce's, "State of Oklahoma Five-Year E-Consolidated Plan FY 2014 – 2018" estimated 59% of the owner occupied and 65% of the renter occupied housing had the potential of containing lead-based paint. To address lead paint hazards, the Consolidated Plan recommended assessment of hazard presence be conducted at the point dwelling rehabilitation is undertaken and that nonprofits advise persons receiving federal rehabilitating assistance regarding the dangers of lead exposure.

At the national level, between 1998 and 2000, USHUD Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control staff and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences conducted a real-time

random sampling of 831 permanently occupied housing units (multifamily, single family and mobile homes) taken from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The results indicated an estimated 38 million (39% of the 96 million total housing units) of the nation's housing units had lead-based paint hazards. Of that total, 24 million had significant lead hazards with 1.2 million of those units occupied by low income families. It was further estimate that 35% of all low income housing had lead-based paint hazards. The study also noted the prevalence of lead-based paint increases with age of housing. However, most painted surfaces, even in older homes don't have lead paint. Geography was found to be related to the incidence of lead-based paint with the Northeast and Midwest having 2 times the prevalence of lead paint than the South and West. Finally, the study recommends "public-private sector resources be directed units posing the greatest risk" as a preventive measure to avoid lead poisoning.

In April 2011, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control updated its 1998-2000 nationwide report in its publication, "American Healthy Homes Survey, Lead and Arsenic Findings". This report, conducted from June 2005 through March 2006, estimated 37.1 million homes (34.9%) out of a total of 106 million total housing units have lead-based paint somewhere in the building. Of the 65.6 million homes built before 1978, 34.4 million (52%) have lead-based paint. The study reaffirmed the previous finding that the prevalence of lead-based paint is higher in the Northeast and Midwest parts of the United States than South and West. It also confirmed earlier finding that the incidence of lead-based paint increases with age of housing with 86% of the homes built prior to 1940 containing lead. An estimated 3.6 million homes with children less than 6 years of age have lead-based paint hazards of which 1.1 million are low income households. Of the 16.8 million homes with children under the age of 6, 5.7 million (34%) have lead-based paint, about the same incidence of lead-based paint in all homes.

In June 2006, the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OCLPPP) received a 5-year project grant "Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Focusing in High Risk Groups". That program focused on communities evidencing high numbers of children 6-72 months of age who are at high risk for lead poisoning.

In order to more effectively target high-risk areas and populations, the OCLPPP identified 21 high-risk target area (HRTA) zip codes (see Exhibit #1) located within Oklahoma, Tulsa, Muskogee, Jackson, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Kay, Garfield, and Hughes counties. These 21 zip codes were narrowed from a list of 57 zip codes out of the state's approximately 700 zip codes that with populations of 5,000 or more persons; greater than or equal to 22% of housing stock built prior to 1950; and, greater than or equal to 18% of children under the age of 6 years living below the poverty level.

The 57 zip codes were further compared and evaluated based on selected characteristics such as EBLL cases and proportion of minority population. Zip codes with higher EBLL prevalence and/or minority populations (Hispanic/African American/American Indian) were ranked higher and given the designation as HRTA zip codes.

Cherokee County Findings

The number of housing units in Cherokee County containing lead-based paint hazards can be estimated by applying the percentages of housing units with such hazards reported by the American

Healthy Homes Survey, to the number of occupied homes in Cherokee County, by year of construction. The following table presents the percentage of housing units in the Census Bureau South Region based on the AHHS findings.

Housing Units in the South Census Region with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Year of Construction				
Year of Construction	No. of Housing Units (000s)	Units w/ LBP Hazards (000s)	Percent of Units w/ LBP Hazards	
1978-2005	18,625	664	3.6%	
1960-1977	11,724	1,311	11.2%	
1940-1959	5,575	2,145	38.5%	
1939 or Earlier	3,072	1,947	63.4%	
Total	**38,996**	**6,067**	**15.6%**	
Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, American Healthy Homes Survey, Table 5-1				

These percentages can then be applied to the number of housing units in Cherokee County, by year of construction and by tenure (owner-occupied versus renter-occupied), as reported by HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data for Cherokee County.

Total Housing Units in Cherokee County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Tenure				
Total Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards	
1978 or Later	6,118	3.57%	218	
1960-1977	3,357	11.18%	375	
1940-1959	1,185	38.48%	456	
1939 or Earlier	425	63.38%	269	
Total	**11,085**	**11.90%**	**1,319**	
Total Renter-Occupied Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards	
1978 or Later	2,426	3.57%	86	
1960-1977	2,210	11.18%	247	
1940-1959	475	38.48%	183	
1939 or Earlier	300	63.38%	190	
Total	**5,410**	**13.06%**	**706**	
Total Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards	
1978 or Later	8,544	3.57%	305	
1960-1977	5,567	11.18%	622	
1940-1959	1,660	38.48%	639	
1939 or Earlier	725	63.38%	459	
Total	**16,495**	**12.28%**	**2,025**	
Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 12				

Finally, we can use the same methodology to estimate the number of housing units in Cherokee County with lead-based paint hazards, occupied by households with low-to-moderate incomes, by tenure:

Housing Units in Cherokee County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Tenure, Occupied by Low-Income Families			
Owner-Occupied Housing Units < 50% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,255	3.57%	45
1960-1977	675	11.18%	75
1940-1959	395	38.48%	152
1939 or Earlier	165	63.38%	105
Total	**2,490**	**15.13%**	**377**
Renter-Occupied Housing Units < 50% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,290	3.57%	46
1960-1977	1,125	11.18%	126
1940-1959	255	38.48%	98
1939 or Earlier	130	63.38%	82
Total	**2,800**	**12.58%**	**352**
Total Housing Units < 50% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	2,545	3.57%	91
1960-1977	1,800	11.18%	201
1940-1959	650	38.48%	250
1939 or Earlier	295	63.38%	187
Total	**5,290**	**13.78%**	**729**
Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 12			

Housing Units in Cherokee County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Tenure, Occupied by Moderate-Income Families			
Owner-Occupied Housing Units 50%-80% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	724	3.57%	26
1960-1977	531	11.18%	59
1940-1959	295	38.48%	114
1939 or Earlier	20	63.38%	13
Total	**1,570**	**13.46%**	**211**
Renter-Occupied Housing Units 50%-80% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	463	3.57%	16
1960-1977	473	11.18%	53
1940-1959	80	38.48%	31
1939 or Earlier	35	63.38%	22
Total	**1,050**	**11.65%**	**122**
Total Housing Units 50%-80% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,187	3.57%	42
1960-1977	1,004	11.18%	112
1940-1959	375	38.48%	144
1939 or Earlier	55	63.38%	35
Total	**2,620**	**12.73%**	**334**
Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 12			

To conclude, we estimate that there are a total of 2,025 homes in Cherokee County containing lead-based paint hazards, 1,319 owner-occupied and 706 renter-occupied. Of the 2,025 homes in the county estimated to have lead-based paint hazards, 729 are estimated to be occupied by households with low-incomes (incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income), and 334 are estimated to be occupied by households with moderate incomes (between 50% and 80% of Area Median Income), for a total of 1,063 housing units in Cherokee County with lead-based paint hazards occupied by households with low or moderate incomes.

Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Homes with Children Present

Using the same methodology, we can estimate the number of housing units in Cherokee County occupied by households with children under the age of six present. For this analysis we apply the lead-based paint hazards percentages from the American Healthy Homes Survey to the data in HUD CHAS Table 13, which details housing units by year of construction, household income, and presence of children under the age of six. The data is presented in the following table:

Housing Units in Cherokee County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards with Children under Age 6 Present Occupied by Low or Moderate-Income Families

Housing Units < 50% AMI w/ Children under 6 Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	472	3.57%	17
1940-1977	508	19.98%	102
1939 or Earlier	24	63.38%	15
Total	**1,004**	**13.30%**	**134**
Housing Units 50%-80% AMI w/ Children under 6 Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	218	3.57%	8
1940-1977	347	19.98%	69
1939 or Earlier	10	63.38%	6
Total	**575**	**14.50%**	**83**
Total LMI Housing Units w/ Children Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	690	3.57%	25
1940-1977	855	19.98%	171
1939 or Earlier	34	63.38%	22
Total	**1,579**	**13.74%**	**217**
Total Housing Units w/ Children Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,379	3.57%	49
1940-1977	1,121	19.98%	224
1939 or Earlier	124	63.38%	79
Total	**2,624**	**13.40%**	**352**

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 13

As shown, we estimate there are 352 housing units in Cherokee County with lead-based paint hazards and children under the age of six present, and that 217 of those housing units are occupied by families with low to moderate incomes.

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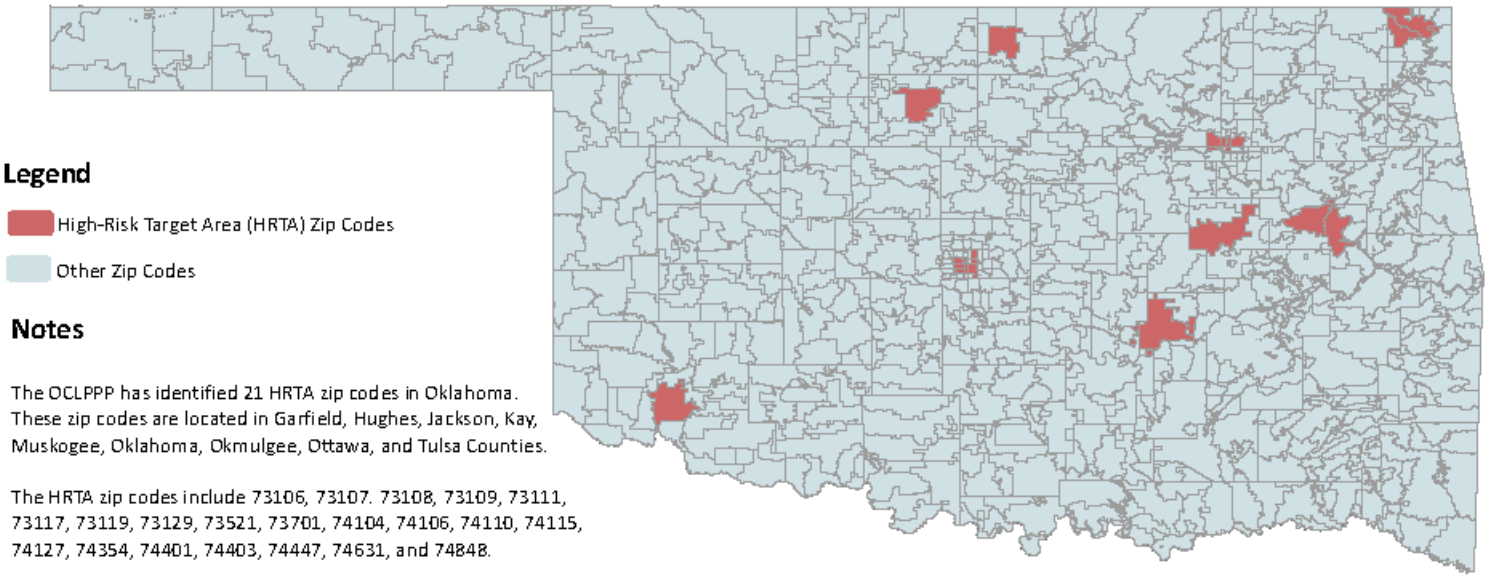
Exhibit #1

Map 2: High-RiskTarget Areas (HRTA) Zip Codes for Childhood Lead Poisoning



Legend

High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes

Other Zip Codes

Notes

The OCLPPP has identified 21 HRTA zip codes in Oklahoma. These zip codes are located in Garfield, Hughes, Jackson, Kay, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Ottawa, and Tulsa Counties.

The HRTA zip codes include 73106, 73107. 73108, 73109, 73111, 73117, 73119, 73129, 73521, 73701, 74104, 74106, 74110, 74115, 74127, 74354, 74401, 74403, 74447, 74631, and 74848.

The HRTA zip codes are identified using the following criteria:

1- Zip codes having the highest proportion of pre-1950 housing;
2- Zip codes having the highest proportion of children under six years of age living in poverty;
3- Zip codes having high elevated blood lead level (EBLL) prevelence rate; and
4- Zip codes having the highest proportion of minority populations.

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Screening and Special Services
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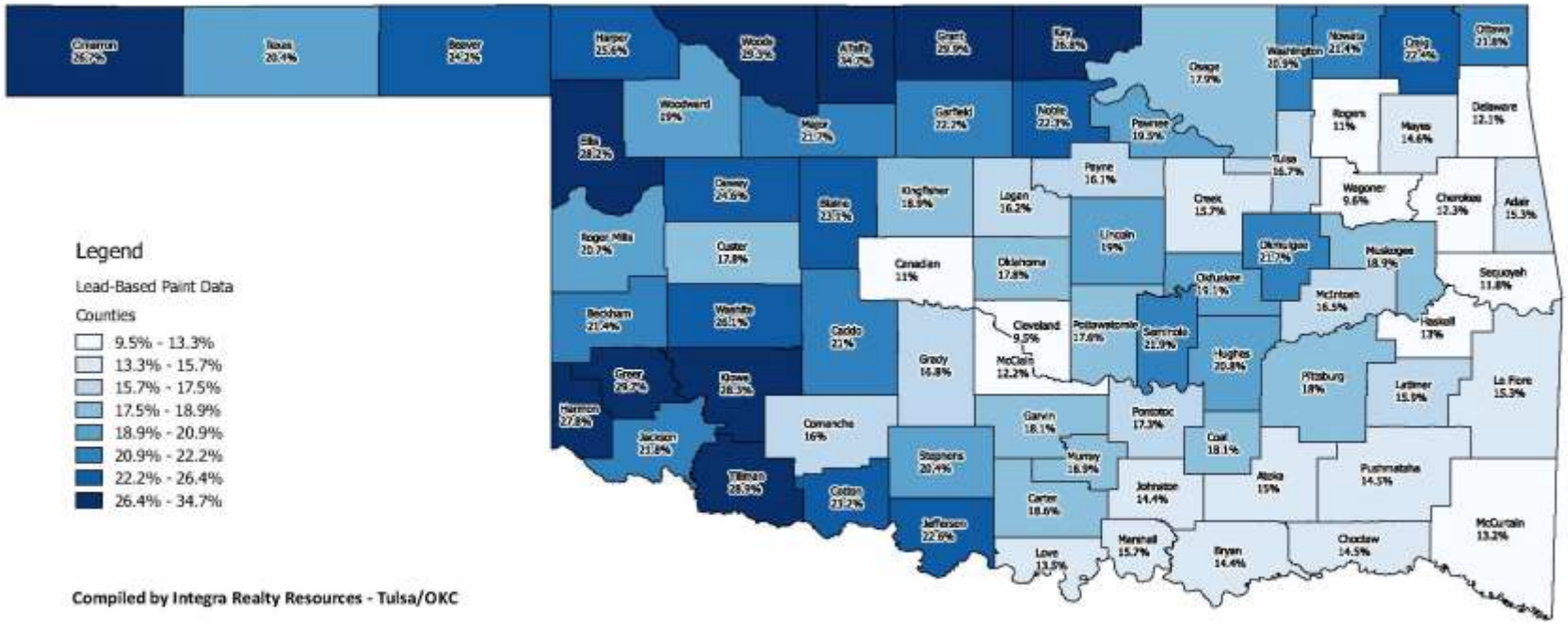
Exhibit #2

Percentage of Housing Units Containing Lead-Based Paint Hazards



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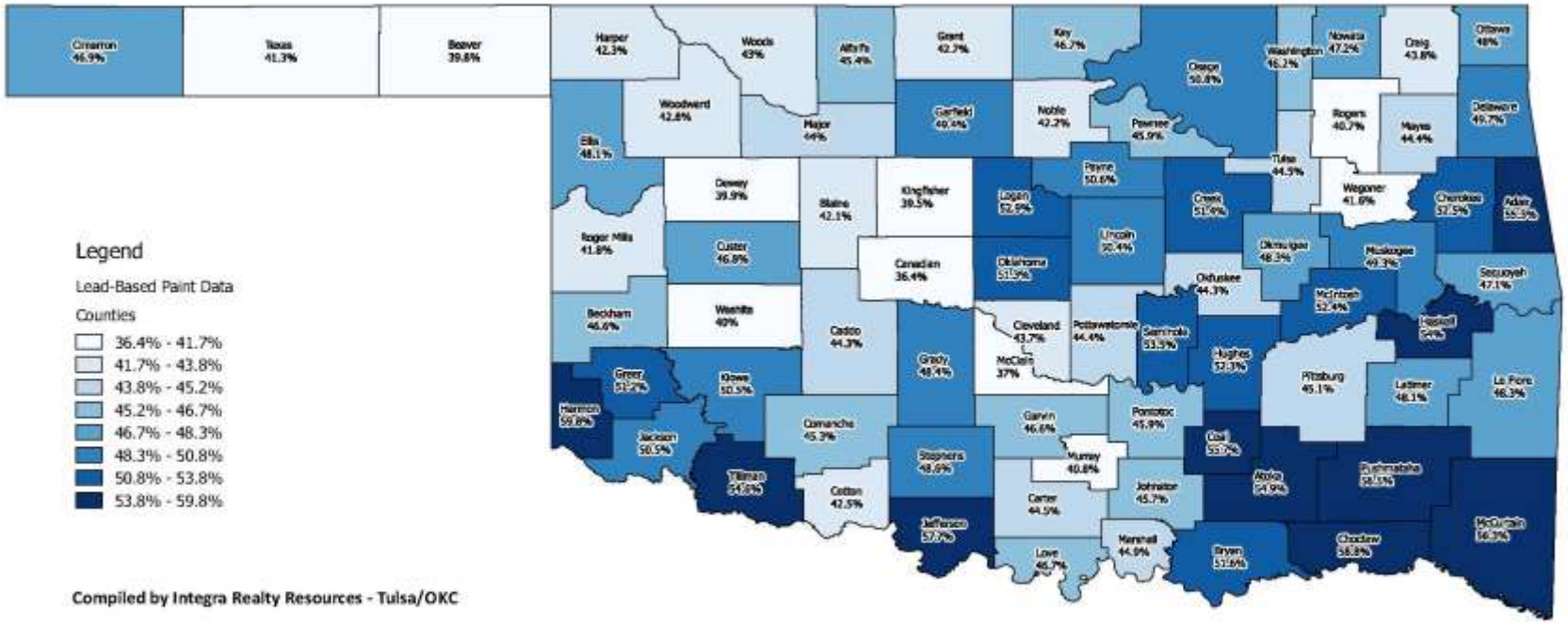
Percentage of Housing Units Containing Lead-Based Paint Hazards Occupied by Low to Moderate Income Households



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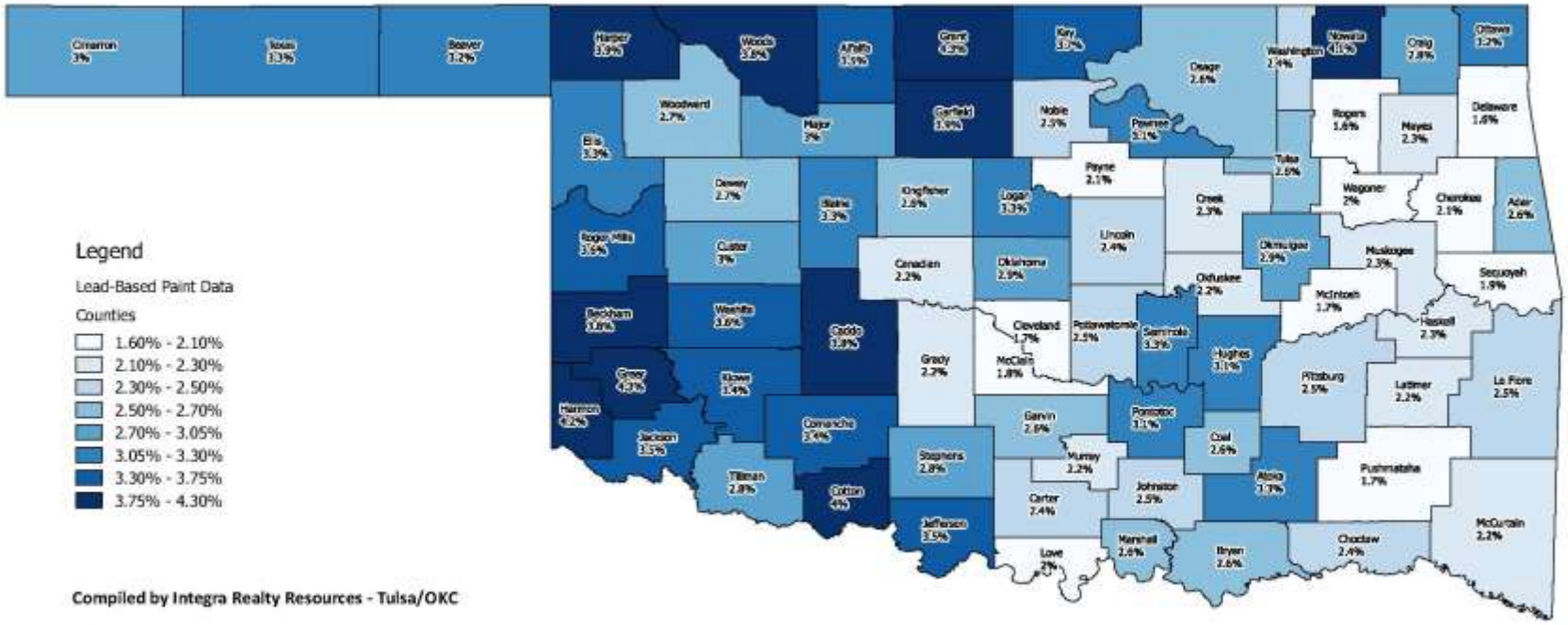

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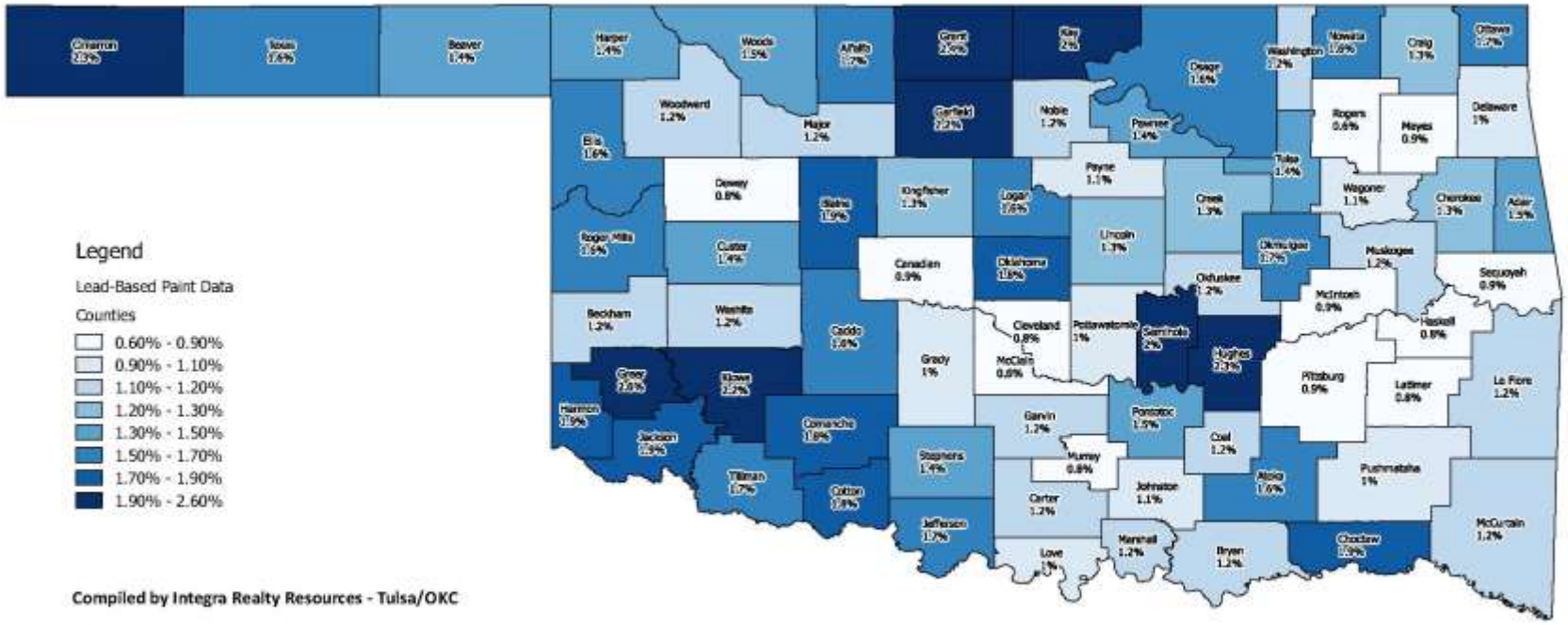

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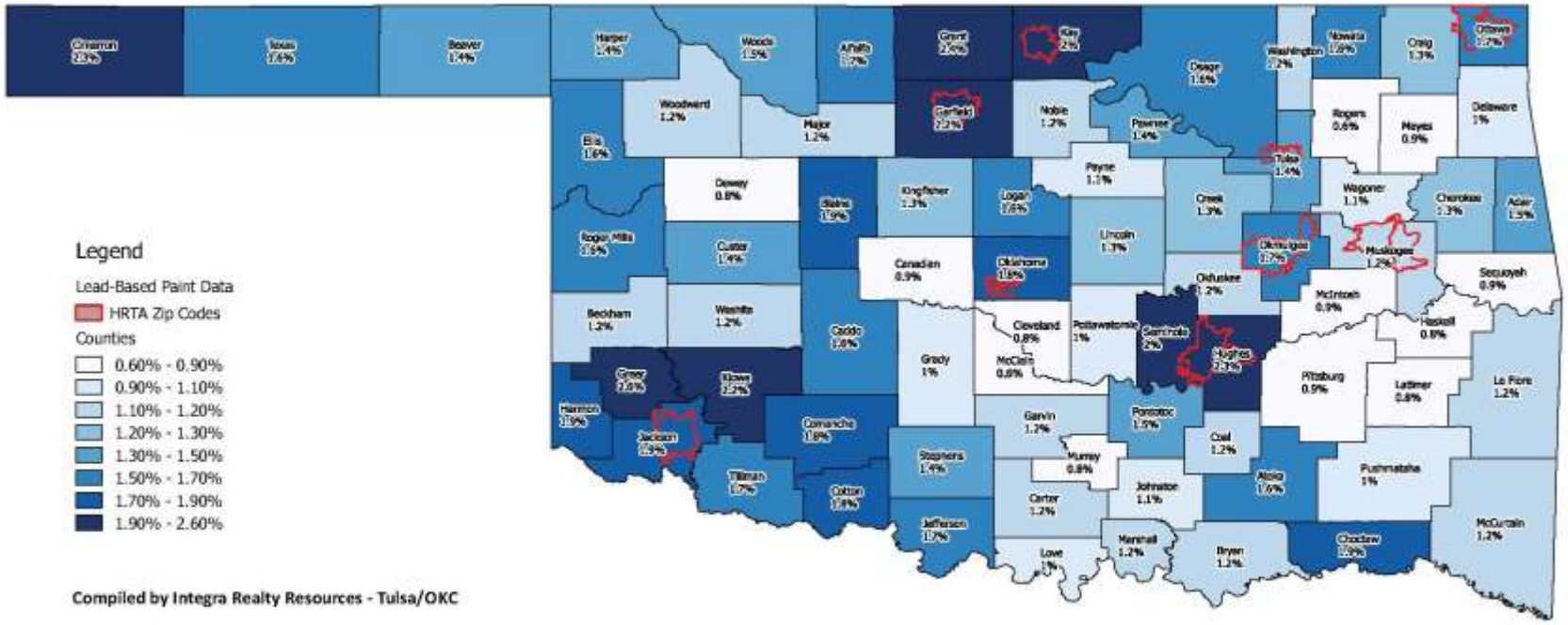
Exhibit #6

Percentage of Housing Units Occupied by Low to Moderate Income Households Containing Lead-Based Paint Hazards with Children Age 6 or Younger Present
High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes Highlighted in Red



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Conclusions

The previous analysis has attempted to describe the state of the residential housing market in Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Where possible, information regarding the population centers of the county was included to assess need on a community level. Much of the information is based on demographic information from local authorities and national information services. However, personal interviews were performed with property owners and managers, real estate professionals, and community officials in an effort to substantiate information from the national organizations and understand current market conditions. Several important issues regarding housing have become apparent through this analysis and are identified below.

Cherokee County has undergone steady growth during the past several years in population and economy. Since 2010, the county population has increased at an annual rate of 0.52%. Growth has occurred throughout the county, but the population of Tahlequah has increased at a faster rate. Moderate population growth is forecasted over the next five years. The Cherokee Nation plans to expand the W.W. Hastings Hospital by 450,000 square feet, which should spur significant job growth in the near future.

New housing development has occurred in recent years. A notable affordable housing project was Mission Village of Tahlequah, an affordable housing development for seniors. Its 24 units were leased within approximately three months.

In terms of disaster resiliency we note that 34 tornadoes have impacted the county between 1959 and 2014, with 13 injuries and two fatalities combined, and that flooding is a notable issue in Tahlequah and Hulbert.

Cherokee County is located within the Northeast Oklahoma Continuum of Care (CoC), which provides services to the area's homeless populations among other functions. Throughout the entire Northeast Oklahoma CoC, there are an estimated 383 homeless persons, 300 of which are estimated to be sheltered. This Continuum of Care has a disproportionately high number of homeless households entirely comprised of children under the age of 18, and a high incidence of homeless victims of domestic violence. We also note that the majority of homeless veterans in this region are unsheltered.

In terms of fair housing issues, many affordable housing units are located in areas at risk for poverty, in primarily non-white enclaves, and in areas with high numbers of persons with one or more disabilities. Finally, 13 affordable housing units are located in a food desert.

Due to the age of the county's housing stock, lead-based paint hazards are an issue, with an estimated 2,025 occupied housing units with such hazards, and 352 of those units occupied by low-to-moderate income households with children under the age of 6 present.

Based on projected household growth, Cherokee County will need 545 housing units over the next five years, 362 for ownership and 183 rental units. 201 of these 545 units will need to be affordable to households earning less than 60% of Area Median Income, and based on the percentage of persons with disabilities in the county, 194 should be available to persons with one or more disabilities of any type.

In summary, it is apparent that new housing in several categories is required in Cherokee County. As the population continues to grow in Cherokee County as a whole, this demand will continue to increase. It is the opinion of this analyst that a significant need exists for rental housing in all price ranges. Additionally, single-family ownership property is needed in the price ranges typically below $175,000.

Addendum A

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Senior Managing Director of Integra Realty Resources - Tulsa/OKC, a full service valuation and consulting firm. Actively engaged in real estate valuation and consulting assignments since 1984, Mr. Ard has performed appraisal services consisting of narrative and summary real estate appraisals, ad valorem tax protests, consulting, litigation support services, market and feasibility studies, reviews, market study analyses and appraisals in connection with allocation of tax credits, brokerage services for commercial and residential transactions, property management, and expert litigation testimony. All types of real property are encompassed -apartments, ranches, theaters, hotel/motel, multi-purpose and resort properties, golf courses, high-rise and garden office buildings, manufacturing facilities, warehousing and distribution centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, banks, shopping centers and malls, residential subdivisions, industrial parks, and sports arenas. Valuations and market studies have been prepared on proposed, partially completed, renovated and existing structures. Appraisals have been made for condemnation purposes, estates, mortgage financing, equity participation and due diligence support. Clients served include corporations, law firms, financial institutions, investment firms and public/private agencies.

Professional Activities & Affiliations

Central Oklahoma Chapter, Appraisal Institute (Past Chapter President)
National Association of Realtors
Urban Land Institute
National Council of Affordable Housing Market Analysts
Appraisal Institute National Committees
Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Tulsa Preservation Commission
Tulsa Local Development Act Review Committee
Appraisal Institute, Member (MAI)

Licenses

Oklahoma, Oklahoma General Appraiser License, 11245CGA, Expires April 2018

Education

B.S.B.A. Degree, Marketing, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1984)

Successfully completed numerous real estate related courses and seminars sponsored by the Appraisal Institute, accredited universities and others.

Currently certified by the Appraisal Institute's voluntary program of continuing education for its designated members.

Qualified Before Courts & Administrative Bodies

District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma
District Court of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma
District Court of Garfield County, Oklahoma
Tulsa County Board of Equalization

Owen S. Ard, MAI

Qualified Before Courts & Administrative Bodies (Cont'd)

Kansas Board of Tax Appeals
United States Federal Bankruptcy Court, Tulsa, Oklahoma
United States Federal Bankruptcy Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota
United States Federal Bankruptcy Court, Jackson, Mississippi

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Experience

Senior Director with Integra Realty Resources - Oklahoma, a full service valuation and consulting firm. Actively engaged in real estate valuation and consulting assignments since May 2002, Mr. Puckett has performed appraisal services consisting of narrative and summary real estate appraisals. All types of real property are encompassed-apartments, garden office buildings, manufacturing and warehouse industrial buildings, mobile home parks, restaurants and retail structures. Valuations and market studies have been prepared on proposed and existing structures. Appraisals have been made for estates, mortgage financing, equity participation and due diligence support. Prior to his employ at Integra Realty Resources - Oklahoma, Mr. Puckett was an employee of the University of Oklahoma Center for Business and Economic Development, working as a data analyst for the All County Affordable Housing Study commissioned by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Responsibilities included demographic, economic and real estate data collection from federal, state and local sources, as well as interviews of regional planning district, county and municipal officials, real estate market experts and local economic development experts. Mr. Puckett was responsible for site visits of 23 of the 77 Oklahoma counties, and personally authored 18 of the final reports. As an employee of IRR-Oklahoma, Mr. Puckett also performed the site visits and authored the final reports for four of the nine entitlement cities: Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Shawnee and Lawton. Mr. Puckett has also completed numerous housing market studies for use in applications for Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas, and has performed market studies and appraisals for use in H.U.D.'s Multifamily Accelerated Processing (M.A.P.) program. Clients served include corporations, financial institutions, investment firms and public/private agencies.

Professional Activities & Affiliations

Appraisal Institute-Candidate for Designation

Licenses

Oklahoma, Oklahoma General Appraiser License, 12795CGA, Expires December 2016

Education

University of Oklahoma, Norman – Bachelor of Arts (Economics)

Successfully completed the following Appraisal Institute courses and seminars:

- Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, 15-Hour
- Introduction to Income Capitalization Seminar
- Basic Income Capitalization 310
- Advanced Income Capitalization 510
- Highest and Best Use and Market Analysis 520
- Advanced Sales Comparison and Cost Approaches 530
- Report Writing and Valuation Analysis 540
- Advanced Concepts and Case Studies
- Real Estate Finance Statistics and Valuation Modeling
- Business Practices and Ethics 420

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Corporate Profile

Integra Realty Resources, Inc. offers the most comprehensive property valuation and counseling coverage in North America with over 60 independently owned and operated offices located throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Integra was created for the purpose of combining the intimate knowledge of well-established local firms with the powerful resources and capabilities of a national company. Integra offers integrated technology, national data and information systems, as well as standardized valuation models and report formats for ease of client review and analysis. Integra's local offices have an average of 25 years of service in the local market, and virtually all are headed by a Senior Managing Director who is an MAI member of the Appraisal Institute.

A listing of IRR's local offices and their Senior Managing Directors follows:

ATLANTA, GA - Sherry L. Watkins., MAI, FRICS
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CHARLOTTE, NC - Fitzhugh L. Stout, MAI, CRE, FRICS
CHICAGO, IL - Eric L. Enloe, MAI, FRICS
CINCINNATI, OH - Gary S. Wright, MAI, FRICS, SRA
CLEVELAND, OH - Douglas P. Sloan, MAI
COLUMBIA, SC - Michael B. Dodds, MAI, CCIM
COLUMBUS, OH - Bruce A. Daubner, MAI, FRICS
DALLAS, TX - Mark R. Lamb, MAI, CPA, FRICS
DAYTON, OH - Gary S. Wright, MAI, FRICS, SRA
DENVER, CO - Brad A. Weiman, MAI, FRICS
DETROIT, MI - Anthony Sanna, MAI, CRE, FRICS
FORT WORTH, TX - Gregory B. Cook, SR/WA
GREENSBORO, NC - Nancy Tritt, MAI, SRA, FRICS
GREENVILLE, SC - Michael B. Dodds, MAI, CCIM
HARTFORD, CT - Mark F. Bates, MAI, CRE, FRICS
HOUSTON, TX - David R. Dominy, MAI, CRE, FRICS
INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Michael C. Lady, MAI, SRA, CCIM, FRICS
JACKSON, MS - John R. Praytor, MAI
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KANSAS CITY, MO/KS - Kenneth Jaggers, MAI, FRICS
LAS VEGAS, NV - Charles E. Jack IV, MAI
LOS ANGELES, CA - John G. Ellis, MAI, CRE, FRICS
LOS ANGELES, CA - Matthew J. Swanson, MAI
LOUISVILLE, KY - Stacey Nicholas, MAI, MRICS
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MIAMI/PALM BEACH, FL- Anthony M. Graziano, MAI, CRE, FRICS
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RALEIGH, NC - Chris R. Morris, MAI, FRICS
RICHMOND, VA - Kenneth L. Brown, MAI, CCIM, FRICS
SACRAMENTO, CA - Scott Beebe, MAI, FRICS
ST. LOUIS, MO - P. Ryan McDonald, MAI, FRICS
SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Darrin W. Liddell, MAI, FRICS, CCIM
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Jan Kleczewski, MAI, FRICS
SARASOTA, FL - Carlton J. Lloyd, MAI, FRICS
SAVANNAH, GA - J. Carl Schultz, Jr., MAI, FRICS, CRE, SRA
SEATTLE, WA - Allen N. Safer, MAI, MRICS
SYRACUSE, NY - William J. Kimball, MAI, FRICS
TAMPA, FL - Bradford L. Johnson, MAI, MRICS
TULSA, OK - Owen S. Ard, MAI
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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 2004.

J.D./M.U.P. Law and Urban Planning, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2000.

B.S. Urban Affairs and Theatre Arts, Bradley University, Peoria, IL, 1996.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:
The legal aspects of land use, affordable housing, historic preservation and aesthetics regulation at the federal, state, and local level.

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Associate Professor and Director of Regional and City Planning, University of Oklahoma (07/12-present)

Assistant Professor with a Joint Appointment in Planning and Law, University of Florida (01/08-6/12)

Director of the Center for Building Better Communities, University of Florida (05/11-06/12)

Assistant Professor and Minor Program Coordinator, Texas A&M University (01/05-12/07)

Lecturer, Rutgers University Blounstein Institute (01/06-present)

Lecturer, Texas A&M University (01/04-12/04)

Adjunct Professor, Florida State University (01/03-12/03)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Florida State University (05/02-12/03)

Legal Intern, 1000 Friends of Florida (05/02-12/03)

Associate, Holland & Knight LLP (05/00-08/01)

AWARDS:

Student Planning Award for the Pinellas County Post Disaster Ordinance Drafting Project from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Fall, 2011.

Award for Service as the University Liaison to the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Fall, 2010.

Teacher of the year award by the UF Student Planning Association, April, 2010.

Best paper in the real estate valuation category by the Appraisal Institute with Kimberly Geideman and Shan Gao, Fall, 2009.

Excellence in Teach Award by the College of Architecture of Texas A & M University, September, 2005.

Student Planning Award by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, Fall, 2007.

Early Dissertation Research Grant to Study the Effects of Intergenerational Planning on Relocation Grief from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, November, 2003.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Principles and Practice of Urban Planning (graduate level, at the University of Oklahoma)

Land Use Controls (graduate level, at the University of Oklahoma)

Sociology of Housing (graduate level, at the University of Oklahoma with Dean Charles Graham)

Growth Management Powers II (graduate-law course, at the University of Florida)

Growth Management Powers I (graduate-law course, at the University of Florida)

Affordable Housing Law (graduate-law course, at the University of Florida)

Planning History and Theory (graduate level, at the University of Florida and Texas A&M University)

Land Use Planning Law (law school, at the University of Florida College of Law)

Land Development Law (graduate level, at Texas A&M University)

Historic Preservation Law (graduate level, at Texas A&M University)

Introduction to Urban Planning (undergraduate level, at Texas A&M University and Florida State University)

Attorney-Client Communications (undergraduate level, at Florida State University)

Legal Communications (undergraduate level, at Florida State University)

Environmental Law (continuing education, at Rutgers University)

Historic Preservation Law (continuing education, at Rutgers University)

Ordinance Drafting (continuing education, at Rutgers University)

PUBLICATIONS:

Refereed Journal Articles

K. Frank, J. Macedo, and **D. Jourdan**, Fostering Rural Adaptive Capacity for Sea Level Rise Planning Using Methods of Community Engagement (pending review- special edition of the Journal of the Community Development Society).

D. Jourdan and S. Pilat, Preserving Public Housing: Federal, State and Local Efforts to Preserve the Social and Architectural Forms Associated with Housing for the Poor in the *Journal of Preservation Education and Research* (*forthcoming*).

Ozor, B., K. Frank, and **D. Jourdan,** Confronting Wicked Problems with Games: How Role-Play Informs Planning for Sea Level Rise in Northeast Florida (pending review).

Jourdan, D., A. Ray, and L. Thompson**,** Relocating from Subsidized Housing in Florida: Are Residents Moving to Opportunity in *Journal of Housing and Community Development Law (forthcoming).*

Jourdan, D., K. Hurd, W. Gene Hawkins, and K. Winson Geideman, Evidence Based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom in *The Urban Lawyer,* 45:2, Spring 2014, 327-348.

Jourdan, D. S. Van Zandt, and E. Tarleton, Coming home: Resident satisfaction regarding return to a revitalized HOPE VI community in *Cities available at:* http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264275113000322, 2013.

Jourdan, D., A Response to Mandelker's Free Speech Law for On Premise Signs in *Planning and Environmental Law, 65:4, 2013, 4-10.*

Land Development Law (graduate level, at Texas A&M University)

Historic Preservation Law (graduate level, at Texas A&M University)

Introduction to Urban Planning (undergraduate level, at Texas A&M University and Florida State University)

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Jourdan, D., Reducing Pre-Relocation Grief with Participation in a HOPE VI Grant Application Process, in *International Journal of Public Participation, Vol. 2:No. 2*, 2008, pp. 75-92.

Jourdan, D., Mending Fences: Resolving Neighbor Disputes With Squatters Settlements in Belize, in *PACE Institute for Environmental and Regional Studies Proceedings*, Vol. 4, 2004, pp. 135-149.

White, S. M. and **D. Jourdan**, Neotraditional Development: A Legal Analysis, in *Land Use Law and Zoning Digest* (1999).

Books

Jourdan, D. and E. Strauss. Planner's Guide to Land Use Law: Planning for Wicked Problems, NY: Routledge (under contract).

Book Chapters and Entries

Jamal, T. and **D. Jourdan**. Interdisciplinary Tourism Education in Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: theory and practice. *Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching in Higher Education: theory and practice*. Dr Balasubramanyam Chandramohan and Dr Stephen Fallows (eds.), London: Routledge Falmer. (2008).

D. Jourdan. Grounding Theory: Developing New Theory on Intergenerational Participation in Qualitative Methods for Housing Research. *Qualitative Housing Research Methods*. Paul Maquin (ed.), London: Elsevier. (2008).

Non-Refereed Publications

Jourdan, D., Hawkins, G., Winson-Geideman, K., and R. Abrams. The Model Sign Code. International Sign Association (December, 2008).

Winson-Geideman, K., **D. Jourdan** and S. Gao. The Effects of Adaptive Reuse by the Savannah College of Art & Design on Property Value and Community Change in Savannah, Georgia. *Lincoln Land Institute Working Papers* (December, 2006).

Jourdan, D. Bomb Proof Schools. *Plan Canada*. (Fall, 2006).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Final Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2012)

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Van Zandt, S., **Jourdan, D.**, Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Baseline Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2007).

Van Zandt, S., **Jourdan, D.,** Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Need and Demand for Affordable Housing in the Brazos Valley. Report to Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation. (June 2006).

SPONSORED RESEARCH:

Co-PI, Tribal Climate Change and Extreme Event Response Studies to Identify Vulnerabilities, South Central Climate Science Center, 2014-2015.

PI, Oklahoma City, Sustainability Audit, May 2013-present.

PI, Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, The Lost Properties and Moving To Opportunity, October 2010 – Present.

Investigator and Collaboration Lead, Planning for Sea Level Rise: A Pilot Study to Evaluate and Improve the Development and Delivery of Habitat Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptive Conservation Designs to Coastal Decision Makers, National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative, 2011-2014.

Co-PI, Rural Coastal Region Adaptation Planning for Sea Level Rise, Florida Sea Grant, 2012-14.

Co-PI, Development of Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Procedures and Tools Using NOAA Sea Level Rise Impacts Viewer, Gulf of Mexico Regional Research Competition, 2012-14.

Co-PI, Impact of Parking Supply and Demand Management on Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Congestion, Transit Performance and Sustainable Land Use, Florida Department of Transportation, January 2010 – October 2011.

A Parameterized Climate Change Projection Model for Hurricane Flooding, Wave Action, Economic Damages, and Population Dynamics, sponsored by NOAA, September 2009-September 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

HOPE VI Community Services Study for the Redevelopment of Magnolia Gardens in Beaumont, Texas, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Beaumont Public Housing Authority, January 2007-December 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Preserve America Grant for an Intergenerational Oral History for Hearne, Texas, sponsored by the National Parks Service, January 2007-December 2007, Role, Investigator.

A Hedonic Model of the Effects of Adaptive Reuse on Community Change in Savannah, Georgia, sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Role, Investigator.

Legal Analysis and Policy Formulation Regarding the Use of Regional Rural Landbanking to Enhance the Development of Affordable Housing Opportunities in Brazos Valley Texas, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, January 2007-August 2007, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Market Study of the Barriers to the Provision of Affordable Housing in Brazos Valley Texas, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, January 2006-August 2006, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Comparative Analysis of the Effects of the Location of Big Box Retail on Housing Prices in Urban and Suburban Areas, sponsored by Texas A&M College of Architecture, December 2005-December 2006, Role, Principal Investigator.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS:

Professional Services

Chair of the Academic Advisory Council for Sign Research and Education (August 2014-present)

Chair of the Planner Outreach Subcommittee for the International Sign Association (January 2014-present)

Appointed to the Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Board (April 2010-2011)

University Liaison to the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (September 2007-September 2010)

Fellow to the Center for Children and Families at the Levin College of Law (May 2007-2012)

Member of the Law School Honor Code Committee (2009-2010)

Member of the ICCHP Committee (2009-2010)

Member of DCP Faculty Council (2009-2012)

Member of UF Historic Buildings and Structures Committee (2009-2010)

UF Commencement Marshall (2008-2010)

Ad Hoc Member of the Amicus Committee for the American Planning Association
Fellow for the Center for Heritage Conservation at Texas A&M University (2005-2007).

Professional Affiliations

American Planning Association

Oklahoma Chapter of the APA

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

Member of the Illinois Bar

Served as a manuscript and grant proposal reviewer for the following:
Journal of the Community Development Society
Journal of Planning History
US-China Law Review
UF Journal of Law and Public Policy
Journal of Planning Education and Research
National Science Foundation

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

International Conferences-Refereed Presentations

Jourdan, D., K. Hurd, H. G. Hawkins, and K. Winson-Geideman. Evidence-based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom. Presented at the AESOP-ACSP Conference in Dublin, Ireland, July 2013.

Nolon, J., Call, C., Murtaza, A, and **Jourdan, D.** Property Rights, Political Drama, and Smart Growth: The Challenges of Sustainable Development in 2011. Presented at the National Conference of the American Bar Association in Toronto, August 2011.

Jourdan, D., Wal-Mart in the Garden District- Does the Arbitrary and Capricious Standard of Review Lessen the Right of Citizens to Participate. Presented at the

International Association of Planning Law and Property Rights, Aalborg, Denmark, February, 2008.

Jourdan, D. and VanZandt, S, Creating Regional Landbanks to Meet Rural Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the Joint International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), Chicago, IL, July 2008.

Jourdan, D., Should Children Have the Right to Speak for Themselves: The legal rights of youth to participate in national level policymaking. Presented at the International Conference on the Rights of Children, Ghent, Belgium (2006).

Jourdan, D., Grounding Theory: Developing New Theory on Intergenerational Participation. Presented at the Joint International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), Mexico City, Mexico (2006).

Jourdan, D., Planning to Reduce Worry. Presented at the Making Cities Livable Conference, Venice, Italy (2005).

National Conferences

Jourdan, D. Community Aesthetics and Sign Regulations: How far can a city go to prescribe aesthetics?" Presented at the National Signage Research and Education Conference in Cincinnati, OK, October, 2013.

Jourdan, D. and J. Kellaris, Collaborating with City Officials on Urban Signage, Presented at the International Sign Expo, in Las Vegas, NV, April, 2012.

Jourdan, D. Evidence-Based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom. Presented at the National Signage Research and Education Conference in Cincinnati, OK, October, 2012.

Jourdan, D., Ray, A., and Thompson, L. Relocating from Subsidized Housing in Florida: Are Residents Moving to Opportunity? Urban Affairs Association, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2012.

Frank, K., **Jourdan, D.,** Easley, G., and F. Eddleton. Leveraging community historical identity for climate change adaptation planning. Society for American City and Regional Planning History Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 17-20, 2011.

Frank, K., **Jourdan, D.,** and Obonyo, E. Sea level rise adaptation planning for rural coastal areas in Florida. Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences: Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation (ICARUS II). May 5-8, Ann Arbor, MI, 2011.

Steiner, R., **Jourdan, D.,** Blanco, A., Mackey, J., Hanley, G., Sucar, V., and Shmaltsuyev, M., Understanding the Connection between Parking Management and Transit Usage: A Case Study of Miami and Fort Lauderdale Central Business Districts. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. Minneapolis. Oct. 13 – 16, 2011.

Steiner, R., Blanco, A. and **Jourdan, D.,** Impact of Parking Supply And Demand Management on Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Congestion. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. Minneapolis. Oct. 5 – 10, 2010.

Jourdan, D. Coming Home: The Relocation Effects of Expedited HOPE VI Revitalization Processes. Presented at the Urban Affairs Association, New Orleans, LA, 2011.

Zhao, J. and **Jourdan, D.** Zoning Variance Administration in Practice: Influencing Factors and Trends. Presented at the ACSP Conference in Minneapolis, MN, November, 2010.

Jourdan, D., Valuing Grief: A Proposal to Compensate Relocated Public Housing Residents for Intangibles. Presented at the ACSP Conference, Washington, D.C., October, 2009.

Jourdan, D., Garvin, E. and Stroud, N. Potential Legal Challenges to Form Based Codes: the Miami 21 Test Case. Presented at the IMLA Conference, Miami, FL, October, 2009.

Jourdan, D., Creating Regional Landbanks to Meet Rural Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the Joint ACSP/AESOP Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2008.

VanZandt, S. and **Jourdan, D.** Landbanking to Meet Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the National Conference of the American Planning Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April, 2008.

Jourdan, D. and Wieters, M. Serious Play: Constructing Learning to Promote Meaningful Dialogue in the Planning Classroom. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Fort Worth, TX, 2006.

Geideman, K. and **Jourdan, D.** Preserving Who's Neighborhood: The Effects of Adaptive Reuse by the Savannah College of Art & Design on Property Value and Community Change in Savannah, Georgia. Presented at the Lincoln Land Institute, Cambridge, MA, 2006.

Jourdan, D., Sentencing Goldilocks. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2005.

Jourdan, D., Public Housing: Is it Worth Preserving?"Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2005.

Jourdan, D., Grieving for a Lost Home?: A Case Study of How Participation in an Intergenerational Planning Process Lessened the Pre-Relocation Grief Effects of Experienced by the Youth and Adult Residents of the McDaniel Glenn Public Housing Community in Atlanta. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National, Portland, OR, 2004.

Jourdan, D., Mending Fences: Resolving Neighbor Disputes With Squatter Settlements in Belize. Presented at Pace University, NYC, April 2004.

Jourdan, D., Increasing Youth Participation in the Planning Process. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2002.

National Conferences – Invited Discussant and/or Moderator

Jourdan, D. Institute for Quality Communities Placemaking Conference in Norman, OK (2013) on the topic of "Healthy, Walkable Communities."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Washington D.C. (2009) on the topic of "Comparative Jurisprudence Relating to Takings and Due Process Law."

Jourdan, D. Joint ACSP/AESOP Conference, Chicago, IL, (2008) on the topic of "Comparative Legal Jurisprudence on Property Rights."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Fort Worth, TX (2006) on the topic of "Researching Wal-Mart."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Kansas City, MO (2005) on the topic of "Research Wal-Mart."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Portland, OR (2004) on the topic of "What Planners Should Know About the Law."

Jourdan, D. Sustainable Campus Planning, Annual Conference of the ACSP in Baltimore, MD (2002).

State Conferences –Presentations by Invitation

Jourdan, D. The New Urbanism: Optimizing Imagination, Creativity, Innovation, and Human Flourishing, Presented at the State Creativity Forum in Oklahoma City, OK, November, 2013.

Jourdan, D. So You Want to Take on Your Sign Code, Presented at the State Conference of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association in Tahlequah, OK, October, 2013.

Steiner, R., Blanco, A., and **Jourdan, D.** Parking as a Smart Growth Strategy, Presented at the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference September 2011.

Silver, C. and **Jourdan, D**. Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development, Presented at the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference, September, 2011.

Jourdan, D. The Land Use Revolution: The Tea Party's Influence on Planning Process. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Utah Land Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2011.

Jourdan, D., Measuring the Winds of Change: the Introduction of Qualitative Research Methods in Planning Processes. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, Corpus Christi, TX (2006).

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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University of Oklahoma, Regional & City Planning, 830 Van Vleet Oval - Gould Hall RM 162
Norman, OK 73019, kmeghanwieters@ou.edu

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University
Ph.D in Urban Regional Science **2003 – August 2009**
Dissertation: "Integrating Walking for Transportation and Physical Activity for Sedentary Office Workers in Texas"

University of Texas at Austin
Masters of Science in Community & Regional Planning **1993-1995**
Thesis: "Building a Community: Transit Options in the Land Development Code and Land Development Process"

Trinity University
Bachelors of Arts **1989-1993**
Majors: Philosophy, International Studies (concentration on Latin America), Minor: Spanish

TEACHING

Assistant Professor - University of Oklahoma **Fall 2009 – to present**

- RCPL 5813 Environmental Planning Methods
- RCPL 5513 Subdivision Planning
- RCPL 5493 Transportation and Land Use Planning
- RCPL 5013 History and Theory of Urban Planning
- RCPL 5823 Rural and Regional Planning
- RCPL 5990 Public Health & Built Environment

PREVIOUS RESEARCH POSITIONS & PRACTICE

Texas A&M University **August 2006**
Graduate Assistant **May 2009**

Texas Transportation Institute **August 2003 –**
Graduate Research Assistant **August 2006**

City of Austin - Transportation, Planning & Sustainability Department **August 1998 –**
Principal Planner / Senior Planner **August 2003**

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority **April 1994 –**
Land Use/Transportation Planner **August 1998**

PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Wieters, K M. Office Workers Stuck at their Desks: Built Environment Implications on Walk Trips. Under review – *Health & Place*, April 2014.

Wieters, K M. Advantages of Online Methods in Planning Research: Capturing Walking Habits in Different Built Environments. Under Review -- *Sage Open*, February 2014

Wieters, K M, Kim, J-H, Lee, C. "Assessment of Wearable Global Positioning System Units for Physical Activity Research", *Journal of Physical Activity & Health, September 2012 (published)*

Zietsman, J., Villa, J.C., Forrest, T. L., and Storey, J. M. (2005) "Mexican Truck Idling Emissions at the El Paso - Ciudad Juarez Border Location" *Report 473700-00033.* Prepared for Southwest Region University Transportation Center.

Zietsman, J., Bubbosh, P., Li, L., Bochner, B., Villa, J. (2005)"National Deployment Strategy for Truck Stop Electrification". Prepared for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Zietsman, J., Bynum, J., Wieters, K., and Bochner, B. (2005) "Reducing School Bus Emissions in Texas". Prepared for Texas Department of Transportation. Proceedings of the 2005 Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium.

Wieters, K. and J. Borowiec. (2004)"An Examination of Methods for Increasing On-Airport Revenue". Prepared for Texas Department of Transportation: Aviation Division.

Hard, Ed. et al. (2003) "TxDOT Involvement in the Local Development Process", Report 4429-1.

CONFERENCE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Wieters, K, M Wiens, T.O. Bowman. Walkability: A Tool for Promoting Health, Better Planning and Building Community. Presentation at "Planning Oklahoma Together" OKAPA Conference, Tahlequah, OK, October 2013.

Gibson, H and K. Wieters, Talking Green in Red States. Kansas APA Conference, Manhattan, KS October 2013

Wieters, K. Teaching, Learning and Implementing Walkability in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma Service Learning Conference, "The Art of Teaching through Science of Service", Friday November 22, 2013

Wieters, K, D Hess, P Firth. Invited panelist for Pedestrian and Bicycle University Education, Transportation Research Board 82nd Annual Meeting, January 13-17, 2013.

Wieters, K, J Fees, and B McCann. Why should we care about those silly pedestrians and bicyclists? Barriers to Adoption of Complete Streets Ordinances in Cowboy Country. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Cincinnati, OH, 2012

Wieters, K. Office workers -- Sedentary by Practice: How can we integrate physical activity as part of daily routines at work. Oklahoma Public Health Association Conference, Health Equity Caucus, April 2012

Wieters, K M, L Fithian, T McCuen, and C Barrett. Teaching How to Manage Competing Interests: Planners, Architects and Construction Science Students Developing a Subdivision Together. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Salt Lake City, UT; 2011.

Wieters K M. Methodology in assessing walking behavior for office workers using online survey methods. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Minneapolis, MN; 2010.

Lee C, Wieters M, Giusti C, Lord D. The Environment and Obesity among Latino Adults: A case study exploring the roles of built environments in promoting physical activity and reducing obesity among colonia residents. Inter-University Program for Latino Research. University of Notre Dame; 2010.

Wieters KM, Kim J-H, Lee C. A walk to grab a cup of coffee: Assessment of available research instruments for measuring physical activity. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference Chicago, Il; 2008.

Jourdan, D., Wieters, K. "Serious Play: Constructing Learning To Promote Meaningful Dialogue In The Planning Classroom". Co-Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Milwaukee, WS; 2006.

INVITED LECTURES

University of Oklahoma
Department of Geography & Sustainability, Spring Colloquium
"Walking & Biking: Active Transportation and the Built Environment" January 2014

Kansas State University – Big 12 Fellowship

- The messiness of random sampling spatially Oct. 21, 2013
- Watershed Functions & Impacts from Development Oct. 21, 2013
- Creating an audit tool and operationalizing data Oct. 23,2013
- Bicycle Facility Design & Planning Oct. 23,2013
- Observational Methods Oct. 23, 2013
- Pedestrian Planning and Design: How does the environment we live in impact our lives? Oct. 2013
- Office workers – Sedentary by Practice: How can we integrate physical activity as part of daily routines at work – Formal presentation to faculty and students Oct. 2013

Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology College of Public Health,
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

- Planning, Built Environment, and Public Health: How does the environment we live in impact our lives? March 11, 2013

GRANT FUNDING

Received Ed Cline Faculty Development Award ($1450), Spring 2014
Received Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Program Award ($2500) June 2013
Received College of Architecture IT recipient ($3450) July 2013
Sooner Parents Mini-Grant Funding ($500) for student mentoring –prepared and submitted to assist RCPL Student Planning Association July 2013
Received Junior Faculty Research ($7,000) for summer research on rural planning and physical activity opportunities. University of Oklahoma, Summer 2012
Robert Wood Johnson Active Living Research Dissertation Grant ($25,000), Texas A&M University, 2007

SERVICE

University-Level Service

- Advisory Committee Course Management Systems (ACCMS) Spring 2013

College-Level Service

- Graduate Liaison for Regional & City Planning Division (Fall 2013 – present)
- Graduate Research & Curriculum Committee (Fall 2013 – present)
- RCPL orientation (Fall 2010- present)
- Search committee for new RCPL hires, new LA hire (Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
- IT Committee (member since 2012), Chair (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)
- Model Shop Committee (member since 2012-Fall 2013)
- RCPL website (2011- present)
- GHGI committee (Gould Hall Green Initiative) (Fall 2011)
- Co-hosting and arranging guest seminar: Dr. Chanam Lee – "The Built Environment and Disparities in Physical Activity", December 2012.

SERVICE

State-level / City-Level Service

- President – Health Equity Caucus, subgroup of Oklahoma Public Health Association
- APA/AICP member
- Bicycle Advisory Committee, City of Norman – Committee member (Spring 2013 – 2016)

National-Level Service

- Secretary/Treasurer of Faculty Women's Interest Group (FWIG), committee under Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).
- CDC Weight of the Nation Conference planning, Built Environment & Transportation Subcommittee
- Reviewer for Journal of Physical Activity and Health

Bryce C. Lowery, PhD

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Academic Experience

Assistant Professor 2014 - present
College of Architecture – Division of Regional and City Planning
University of Oklahoma – Norman, OK

Education

Doctor of Philosophy – Policy, Planning, and Development 2014
Sol Price School of Public Policy
University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA

Dissertation: *Social Construction of the Experience Economy:*
The spatial ecology of outdoor advertising in Los Angeles
Jack Dyckman Award - Best Dissertation in Planning & Development

Committee: David Sloane, PhD
Tridib Banerjee, PhD
Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, PhD (Sociology)

Master of Landscape Architecture 2008
College of Environmental Design
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona, CA

Master of Science – Environmental Policy and Behavior 2000
School of Natural Resources and Environment
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts – Economics and Environmental Studies 1996
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences
University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA

Publications

The Prospects and Problems of Integrating Sketch Maps with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to Understand Environmental Perception: A case study of mapping youth fear in Los Angeles gang neighborhoods 2014
Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design 41(2): 251-271.
Curtis, J.W., E. Shiau, B. Lowery, D. Sloane, K. Hennigan and A. Curtis

The Prevalence of Harmful Content on Outdoor Advertising in Los Angeles: Land use, community characteristics, and the spatial inequality of a public health nuisance 2014
American Journal of Public Health 104(4): 658–664.
Lowery, B.C. and D.C. Sloane

Presentations

From Regional Center to Sign District: Regulating outdoor advertising in Los Angeles, 1881-2012
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Philadelphia, PA – November 1, 2014
with David Sloane

Do Farmers' Markets Improve the Availability of Healthy Foods for All Communities?
A case study of 19 markets in Los Angeles.
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Philadelphia, PA – October 30, 2014
with Denise Payan, LaVonna Blair Lewis and David Sloane

If You See Something, Say Something:
Community response (and non-response) to outdoor advertising regulation in Los Angeles
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture – Austin, TX – March 29, 2013

The Spatial Ecology of Outdoor Advertising in Los Angeles:
The unjust impact of the commercial landscape
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Cincinnati, OH – November 3, 2012
with David Sloane

Employing Social Network Analysis to Understand the Formation of Sustainable Social Capital
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture - Tucson, AZ – January 15, 2009

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor 2014-present
University of Oklahoma – College of Architecture
Subdivision and Site Planning (graduate)
Computer Mapping and GIS in Planning (graduate)
Comprehensive Planning Studio (graduate)

Lecturer 2014
University of California, Irvine – School of Social Ecology
Design and Planning Graphics (graduate)

Teaching Assistant 2008-2013
University of Southern California - Sol Price School of Public Policy
Citizenship and Public Ethics (undergraduate)
History of Planning and Development (undergraduate)
Planning History and Urban Form (graduate)
Smart Growth and Urban Sprawl (graduate)
Urban Context for Policy and Planning (undergraduate)
Urban Planning and Development (undergraduate)
Urban Planning and Social Policy (graduate - online)

Graduate Student Instructor 1999-2000
University of Michigan - School of Natural Resources and Environment
Introduction to Environmental Policy (undergraduate)
Introduction to Natural Resource Management (undergraduate)

Other Experience

Research Assistant 2009 - 2014
Sol Price School of Public Policy - University of Southern California

Editorial Assistant – Terry L. Cooper 2011 - 2012
The Responsible Administrator:
An Approach to Ethics for the Administrative Role, 6th Edition. 2012.

Research Associate 2005 - 2006
Lodestar Management/Research Inc. (now Harder+Company)

Project Coordinator 2004 - 2005
Perinatal Advisory Council of Los Angeles County

Community Researcher 2002 - 2004
Children's Planning Council - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Assistant Director 2000 - 2002
Health DATA Program - UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Curriculum Coordinator 2000
UCLA Labor, Occupational, Safety and Health Program

Research Coordinator 1996 - 1998
The Wild Thornberry's Television Series
Klasky-Csupo Incorporated/Nickelodeon Studios

Activities and Service

Committee Member
University of Oklahoma
Anna Siprikova – Master of City and Regional Planning Thesis 2014 - present

Reviewer
American Journal of Public Health
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture

Member
American Planning Association
American Public Health Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association of American Geographers
Environmental Design Research Association

Member 2014 - present
Creating/Making Facilities Coordination Team
University of Oklahoma – College of Architecture

Member 2013
Billboard and Visual Landscape Visioning Group
City of Los Angeles

Area Chairperson 2010 - 2012
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council – Area 2: Cahuenga Pass
City of Los Angeles

Vice-Chairperson 2010 - 2012
Appointee 2008 - 2012
Cahuenga/Ventura Corridor Specific Plan Review Board
City of Los Angeles - Council District 4

President 2011 - 2012
Member 2000 - 2012
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners' Association

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Executive Manager with extensive experience in public sector resource design, management and evaluation. Knowledge and skills include: structuring and design of state and local service programs and initiatives, developing written proposals for project financing, identifying community economic development resources and training.

EXPERIENCE

DeBruler, Inc.

Vice President, Oklahoma City, August 2001 to Present

Provide services including:

- ✓ Researching public and private resources and preparing applications for financial assistance in response to client requests for economic and community development projects.
- ✓ Technical assistance to nonprofits and units of local government regarding federal and state resources and structuring project-beneficial partnerships; preparing strategic and business plans for public and private sector entities.
- ✓ Group facilitation services.
- ✓ Technical training for nonprofits and units of local government regarding federal and state financial assistance programs. Conducting organizational assessments and developing capacity building curriculums.

Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

Team Leader, Housing Development Team, Oklahoma City, July 1998 to July 2001

Provided direct supervision and oversight of sixteen staff engaged in the administration of multiple federal and state affordable housing program resources.

While employed by the agency:

- ✓ Reorganized state's Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bond, Low-income Housing Tax Credit, HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Trust Fund Programs into a single work unit.
- ✓ Streamlined Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program administrative rules to provide for market responsive design flexibility.
- ✓ Streamlined affordable housing resources by developing a singular application package and process for the agency's affordable housing development resources and established e-information network.
- ✓ Facilitated the development of working partnerships between the state's nonprofit and for-profit housing development organizations and agency's mortgage revenue bond lenders.
- ✓ Financed the development of affordable housing by leveraging public sector development funds with private investments.

- ✓ Facilitated legislative task force on rural affordable housing issues and devised legislative and programmatic actions to spur rural development.
- ✓ Developed, financed and implemented the state's first statewide affordable housing market analysis in partnership with a major university center.
- ✓ Drafted enabling legislation, capitalized and implemented state's Housing Trust Fund.

Oklahoma Department of Commerce
Program Manager/Department Head, Oklahoma City, March 1988 to July 1998

- ✓ In response to market-based demand, directed a team of professional agency staff with diverse skills, in the redesign of the state's HOME Investment Partnerships Program from primarily rehabilitation services to the production of rural affordable housing units.
- ✓ Led HOME Program administrative team in the relocation of the Program from its state agency environment to the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, a public trust.
- ✓ Leveraged HOME Program development resources with other public and private debt capital to finance the development of rural affordable housing statewide.
- ✓ Formulated and implemented a legislative agenda to enact and capitalizing the state's Housing Trust Fund.
- ✓ Provided daily oversight and administration for several state administered federal programs including: U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program, Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, Rental Rehabilitation, Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Bank, and State Appropriated Funds for regional councils of government.

City of Oklahoma City January 1984 to February 1988
Division Head, Code Inspections Division/Department of Environmental Services
Assistant Superintendent, Utility Services Division/Water Department
Administrative Assistant, Street Maintenance Division, Public Works Department
Management Intern, Personnel Department

EDUCATION
Masters of Public Administration, University of Oklahoma 1983
Bachelor of Arts Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 1979