

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIAN POPULATION IN OKLAHOMA BY COUNTIES

In planning the services which we will undertake to render to Indians we need to obtain the best possible knowledge and understanding of their needs, capabilities, desires and resources. We need to know the number of Indians, their location, their land resources, the means by which they have heretofore made a living, their level of income, their level of education and experience and their general capabilities and means.

The attached map shows the number of Indians in each county of Oklahoma, each dot representing 100 Indians. These are distributed in accordance with the 1940 U. S. Census, but the number for each county has been adjusted uniformly so that the total number for the state is 110,875, which coincides with the number reported by the U. S. Indian Office. The U. S. Census for 1940 shows a total of 63,125 Indians in Oklahoma, but there is good reason for believing that in taking the census a large number of Indians were not identified and reported as Indians by census enumerators. Under federal law and the regulations of the U. S. Indian Service, a person with one-fourth or more Indian blood is classified as an Indian and is eligible for the services provided for Indians by the U. S. Indian Service. The reports of the U. S. Indian Service, which indicate that there are 110,000 persons in Oklahoma who can properly qualify as Indians are believed to be reasonably accurate.

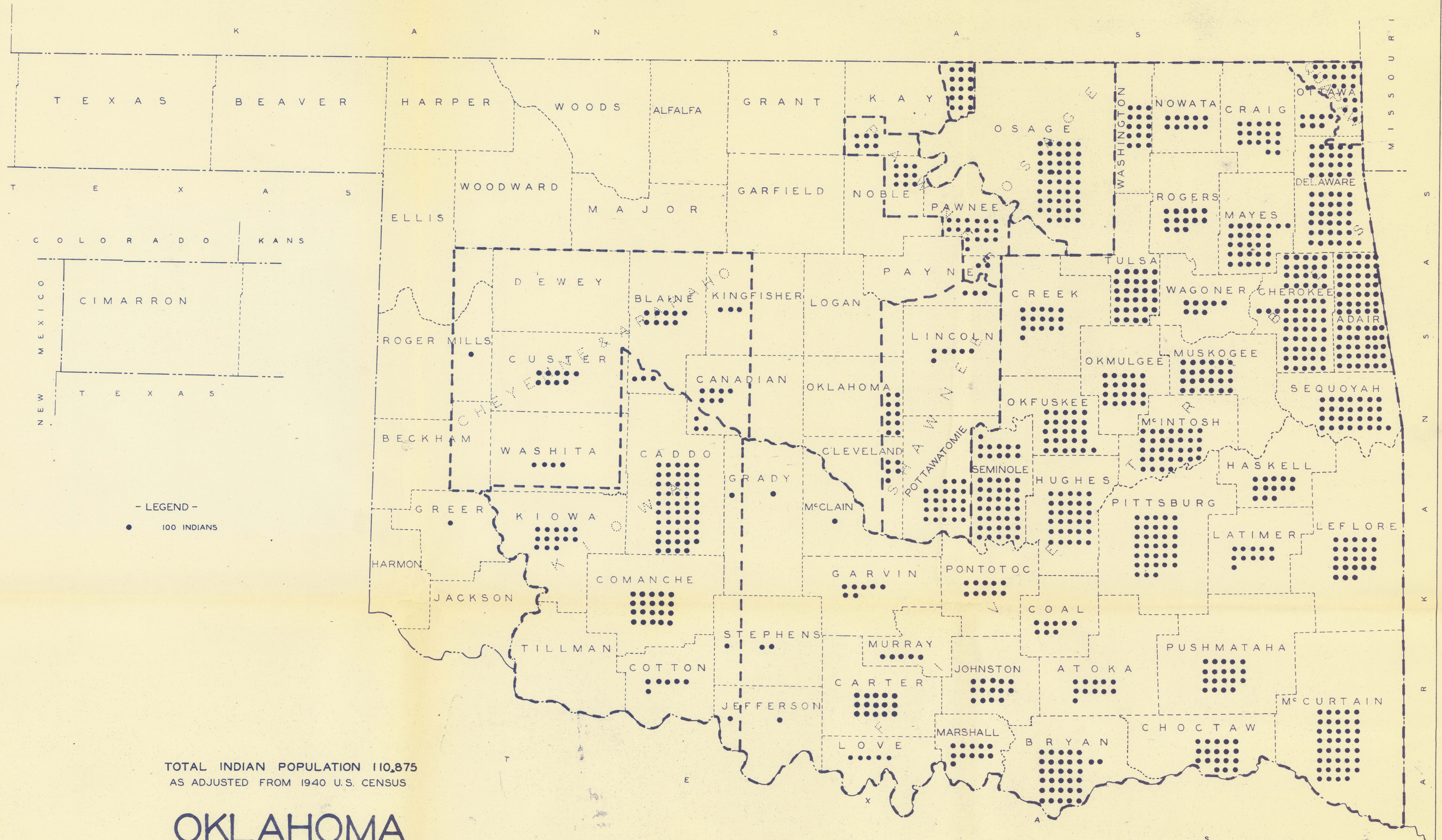
Indians and Indian land are largely concentrated in the hilly, poor land areas of Oklahoma. Indians once owned over thirty million acres of land in Oklahoma. At present they own less than three million acres of land or less than one-tenth the acreage which they once owned. The story of how they lost these lands and of the impoverishment of the Indians by this loss are well known.

NUMBER OF INDIANS BY COUNTIES

(U.S.Census Increased by 75.6% to total 110,875)

Adair	6,601	LeFlore	2,227
Alfalfa	0	Lincoln	618
Atoka	1,077	Logan	40
Beaver	0	Love	502
Beckham	7	McLain	146
Blaine	1,315	McCurtain	3,949
Bryan	3,157	McIntosh	3,218
Caddo	4,919	Major	3
Canadian	1,038	Marshall	1,094
Carter	1,450	Mayes	2,764
Cherokee	6,298	Murray	497
Choctaw	1,832	Muskogee	2,410
Cimarron	0	Noble	901
Cleveland	541	Nowata	1,022
Coal	797	Okfuskee	2,583
Comanche	2,299	Oklahoma	878
Cotton	571	Okmulgee	2,043
Craig	1,726	Osage	4,375
Creek	1,570	Ottawa	2,511
Custer	945	Pawnee	1,705
Delaware	5,066	Payne	530
Dewey	506	Pittsburg	3,307
Ellis	0	Pontotoc	1,038
Garfield	35	Pottawatomie	2,306
Garvin	688	Pushmataha	1,867
Grady	249	Roger Mills	139
Grant	7	Rogers	1,269
Greer	61	Seminole	4,577
Harmon	2	Sequoyah	2,894
Harper	5	Stephens	330
Haskell	1,345	Texas	0
Hughes	2,999	Tillman	28
Jackson	12	Tulsa	2,878
Jefferson	163	Wagoner	792
Johnston	1,359	Washington	1,487
Kay	2,072	Washita	416
Kingfisher	272	Woods	0
Kiowa	1,315	Woodward	40
Latimer	1,092		

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TOTAL INDIAN POPULATION 110,875
 AS ADJUSTED FROM 1940 U.S. CENSUS

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