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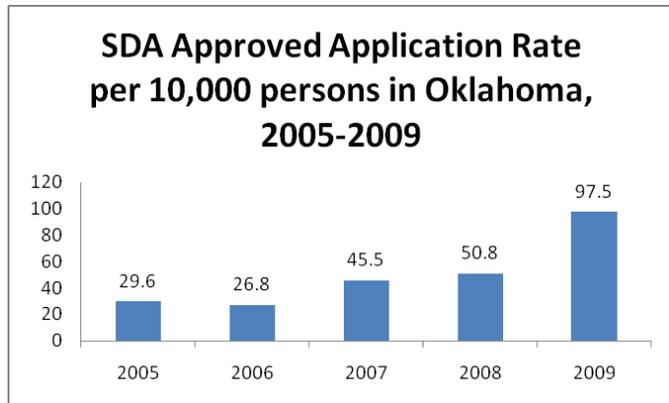
Selected Findings

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Self Defense Act Application Trends in Oklahoma, 2005-2009

The SDA application rate in Oklahoma has increased dramatically over the last five years.

The number of applications approved for a concealed carry license has increased from 10,450 in 2005 to 35,962 in 2009. This represents a three-fold increase since 2005. The increase is only partially accounted for by the increase in the state's population from 3.5 million in 2005 to 3.7 million in 2009. The state's application approval rate increased from 29.6 approved applications per 10,000 persons in 2005 to 97.5 per 10,000 in 2009 (a 330% increase-see figure below). Three times as many Oklahomans were approved to carry a concealed weapon last year compared to 2005.



Rural counties have the highest application approval rates.

The 10 counties with the highest application approval rate have a population of less than 15,000; the top 19 counties have a population of less than 50,000. This trend does not appear to have changed over the past eight years. Applications in rural and urban counties appear to be increasing at similar rates.

Total number of approved SDA applications and average annual approved application rate in Oklahoma, by county, 2005-2009

County	Total number of approvals, 2005-2009	Annual approval rate per 10,000 persons*	County	Total number of approvals, 2005-2009	Annual approval rate per 10,000 persons*
OK Total	90,939	49.3			
Ellis County	1,152	587.0	Cimarron County	74	56.3
Blaine County	2,130	337.9	Garvin County	755	55.7
Harper County	267	158.1	Canadian County	3039	55.4
Grant County	330	152.9	McClain County	919	55.4
Pushmataha County	840	142.2	Jefferson County	175	55.4
Dewey County	284	129.0	Okfuskee County	300	54.9
Choctaw County	886	119.2	Mayes County	1,088	54.3
Beaver County	293	111.2	Pittsburg County	1,193	52.8
Harmon County	145	102.0	Delaware County	1,058	52.2
Cotton County	304	96.8	Jackson County	660	52.0
Pawnee County	787	95.9	Woods County	219	52.0
Roger Mills County	159	93.3	Carter County	1,228	50.8
Stephens County	1,957	90.0	Washington County	1,287	50.8
Coal County	230	78.6	Okmulgee County	993	50.5
Beckham County	819	77.6	Alfalfa County	136	49.6
Tillman County	297	76.2	Johnston County	258	49.3
Craig County	564	74.4	Major County	177	49.2
Latimer County	379	71.4	Le Flore County	1,215	48.7
McCurain County	1,186	71.1	Grady County	1,246	48.2
Rogers County	3,010	70.3	Murray County	303	46.8
Kiowa County	319	70.1	Love County	213	46.7
Woodward County	694	69.5	Pottawatomie County	1,635	46.5
Osage County	1,528	67.8	Cherokee County	1,035	45.0
Hughes County	466	67.4	Tulsa County	12,862	42.7
Noble County	369	67.4	Garfield County	1,252	42.5
Wagoner County	2,340	66.5	Bryan County	859	42.1
Nowata County	348	66.1	Texas County	444	42.0
McIntosh County	615	62.1	Greer County	121	41.5
Haskell County	382	61.6	Caddo County	620	40.8
Pontotoc County	1,139	60.9	Muskogee County	1,452	40.7
Logan County	1,192	60.7	Comanche County	2,290	40.4
Creek County	2,127	60.6	Kay County	904	39.2
Sequoyah County	1,249	60.3	Atoka County	284	39.2
Marshall County	452	60.2	Cleveland County	4,746	38.8
Washita County	350	59.3	Adair County	409	37.4
Seminole County	714	58.8	Ottawa County	535	33.8
Kingfisher County	418	58.1	Payne County	1,326	33.3
Custer County	767	57.4	Oklahoma County	11,235	31.4
Lincoln County	906	56.3			

*Calculated using 2009 Census Bureau population estimates and the average number of approved SDA applications per year during 2005-2009.