

Facts

- The name Oklahoma is derived from two Choctaw words: okla meaning “people” and humma meaning “red”
- Oklahoma has a population of 3,687,050 (est. 2009) and a land area of 68,667 square miles (177,847 square km)
- Oklahoma is the third largest gas-producing state in the United States
- The National Weather Center is located in Norman Oklahoma
- Forbes Magazine ranks Oklahoma City #2 among best housing markets in America
- According to CNNmoney.com, the city of Norman, Okla. was ranked in the top 100 best small cities in America in 2010
- The Oklahoma state motto is “Labor Omnia Vincit” - Labor conquers all things

Entertainment

- Oklahoma City has two event centers: the OKC Arena and the Cox Convention Center
- Oklahoma City is home to the AHL hockey team, the Oklahoma City Barons and the NBA basketball team, the Oklahoma City Thunder
- The Bricktown Ballpark hosts the Oklahoma Redhawks, a triple A baseball team
- The Civic Center and Lyric Theatre in Oklahoma City host a wide variety of musical, choral and drama performances

Footnotes: *US Census Bureau State and Country Quick Facts*, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/40000.html>; *About Oklahoma, Quick Facts*, www.ok.gov/redirect.php?link_id=102; *Francesca Levy, America's Most Affordable City*, www.forbes.com
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