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

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