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OKLAHOMA CITY QUICK FACTS

- Oklahoma City is the largest city in the State of Oklahoma.
- Oklahoma City is the nation's 42nd largest metropolitan area, with nearly 1.3 million residents.
- Oklahoma City proper has a population of 599,999 residents.
- In land area, Oklahoma City is the third largest in the nation.
- The Greater Oklahoma City area includes 10 counties.
- Oklahoma City was settled by the historic Land Run of April 22, 1889. The city's population grew to more than 10,000 in a single day.
- The convergence of I-35, I-40 and I-44 as well as the development of Tinker Air Force Base made Oklahoma City into a major interchange on the interstate highway system – with 130-plus miles of federal interstate and state highways.
- Oklahoma City's top three employers are the State of Oklahoma, Tinker Air Force Base and the University of Oklahoma-Norman.
- Tinker Air Force Base is the second largest military air depot in the nation.
- Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center provides technical support for air traffic control equipment and aircraft for the entire United States as well as 44 additional countries. It also serves as the international training site for all Federal Aviation Administration employees including air traffic controllers, pilots, flight attendants, engineers and technicians.
- In addition to being the Aviation Capital, Oklahoma City is also the Energy Capital with industry leaders such as Devon Energy, Chesapeake Energy, Continental Resources and SandRidge Energy.
- Oklahoma City has a total of 152 hotels and nearly 16,000 rooms. There are three properties currently under construction. There are 11 properties in the planning stages. If all of these projects materialize the total will grow to 163 hotels with 17,342 rooms.
- There are a total of 18 colleges and universities in the area. The three largest are the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma City Community College.
- Oklahoma City averages more than 300 days of sunshine per year.
- MAPS 3 passed in December 2009 and will build nine new major public projects, including a new convention center and 70-acre downtown park. This follows on the heels of MAPS, which developed and renovated a series of nine public projects beginning in 1993; and MAPS for Kids, which renovated or replaced every school building in Oklahoma City's school district.
- Oklahoma City residents have voted yes to \$2.83 billion worth of investment in their city since 1993. Most of this investment surrounded the MAPS initiatives. The total value of investment projects related to MAPS, both public and private, is more than \$5 billion.

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- Oklahoma City National Memorial honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were changed forever on the site of the bombing in Oklahoma City April 19, 1995.
- [David Green](#) opened the first Hobby Lobby store in a 600-square-foot facility in northwest Oklahoma City. Today, there are 575 Hobby Lobby stores nationwide.