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OKC FAME + OMADA INTERNATIONAL: TRANSFORMING OUR FUTURE MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE



To help manufacturers in the Greater Oklahoma City region access the talent they need to grow, succeed and sustain a national presence, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber helped establish Oklahoma's first chapter of the Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) program. This national program combines academics and hands-on training to equip students with the skills needed for high-demand, globally competitive manufacturing careers.

For a unique mixture of course work and hands-on experience, OKC FAME partnered with Oklahoma State University - OKC to provide an associate's degree for students in the program, while also partnering with a range of manufacturers for part-time employment including Climate Control Group, IDEX Energy – Advanced Flow Solutions and OMADA International.

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CONVENTION SALES, SPORTS, HORSESHOW EVENTS AND MORE BREAK RECORDS IN OKC



VISIT OKC RELEASES FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Visit OKC serves as the official destination marketing organization for the Greater Oklahoma City region. Dedicated to showcasing Oklahoma City as a premier visitor destination, Visit OKC focuses on enhancing the city's name and elevating its image on a national scale. Visit OKC plays a critical role

in sales and marketing efforts that position Oklahoma City as an exceptional choice for convention, sports and leisure travelers.

With numerous accolades already earned and promising advancements ahead, Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) has proven to be a dynamic year for tourism in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City's FY24 accomplishments are detailed in Visit OKC's Annual Report, which highlights growth, progress and success in the region.

Visit OKC's digital marketing channels experienced significant follower growth across its social media platforms, with Instagram rising 42%, Facebook growing 3.1%, Tik Tok boosting 120% and LinkedIn advancing 34.8% year-over-year. Collectively, these social media platforms generated 47 million total social impressions. Visit OKC also utilized influencers and content creators

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A New Noninvasive Treatment for Essential Tremor

OU Health is the first and only health system in Oklahoma to offer an incisionless treatment for patients with medical refractory essential tremor that can result in improvement in hand, head and body shaking as well as increased mobility through a same-day treatment. Called “Focused Ultrasound,” the new technology is for essential tremor patients who have not responded to medication, or who cannot take it.

Focused ultrasound for essential tremor is an FDA-approved, non-invasive procedure that’s transforming patient care. The procedure uses ultrasound waves to target the specific areas of the brain responsible for tremors. Guided by MRI, the soundwaves pass safely through the skull and soft tissues to focus heat on only the targeted area, providing relief from symptoms. With no surgical cuts or permanent implants necessary, there is minimal to no risk of infection, and the treatment is often performed on an outpatient basis. Many patients can expect to resume normal activities within days.

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LEADERSHIP NOTES



CHRISTY GILLENWATER
President & CEO

Oklahoma City is a premier visitor destination, and the recent vote to increase the hotel motel tax will further amplify our city's appeal on a national and international scale. It's clear our voters remain deeply committed to progress and are dedicated to maintaining our status as a top 20 city.

Oklahoma City's hotel motel tax had remained unchanged since 2005 and its increase was vital for Oklahoma City.

The shift from a 5.5% tax to a 9.25% tax will enable critical investments in improving key venues, sponsoring events, promoting tourism, and enhancing our marketing and advertising efforts.

Visit OKC, our city's official destination marketing organization, is instrumental in strengthening our position as a leading destination for convention, sports and leisure travel. A recent annual report acknowledged prominent features in global publications and remarkable progress and growth.

Oklahoma City has been secured as a host site for several high-profile marquee events, such as the nationally televised Sprouts Farmers Market Collegiate Quad at the Paycom Center in January 2025 and the USA Gymnastics Development Program National Championships at OKCCC in May 2026. Oklahoma City remains on top as the Horse Show Capital of the World, hosting 13 premiere equine events and two distinguished livestock events last year alone.

The Oklahoma City Council voted to rename Will Rogers World Airport to OKC Will Rogers International Airport, enhancing our city's international profile and setting the stage for continued prosperity to support air services.

We appreciate the hard work and partnership of volunteers, businesses and partners who supported this important campaign. Thank you to the citizens of Oklahoma City for voting YES on August 27. Your support ensures that Oklahoma City will continue to prosper and thrive in all we do.

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The Verge OKC: A Collaborative Hub for Entrepreneurial Growth in Oklahoma City

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

(Events are subject to change. Consult okcchamber.com/events for the most recent updates.)

SEPTEMBER 25

State of the Region

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

National Cowboy & Western

Heritage Museum

1700 NE 63rd St.

OKCChamber.com/Region

OCTOBER 16

Chamber Forum

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Petroleum Club

100 N Broadway, 34th Floor

OKCChamber.com/OctoberForum

OctoberForum

NOVEMBER 14

State of the Economy

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

National Cowboy & Western

Heritage Museum

1700 NE 63rd St.

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NOVEMBER 20

Chamber Forum

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Petroleum Club

100 N Broadway, 34th Floor

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DECEMBER 18

Annual Meeting

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

National Cowboy & Western

Heritage Museum

1700 NE 63rd St.

OKCChamber.com/Annual

Devon Energy and Mark Twain Elementary Mark 20 Years of Educational Partnership With Thunder Court Dedication

Devon Energy and Mark Twain Elementary recently celebrated 20 years of collaboration with the dedication of a new Oklahoma City Thunder community court. The partnership, which began in 2004 when Devon adopted the school, has evolved from employee-led tutoring to a variety of educational initiatives.

Over the years, the partnership has grown to offer teacher grants, STEM camp scholarships and family STEM nights, enhancing students' learning experiences and fostering greater community involvement.

In 2019, Devon introduced the state's first Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation STEM Center at Mark Twain Elementary and collaborated with Engage Learning to host Family STEM Nights, where students and their families worked together on interactive STEM activities.

"Progress happens when the community comes together," said Tana Cashion, Executive VP of Human Resources & Administration at Devon Energy. "We're grateful for all our partners, including Engage Learning, Sunbeam, Oklahoma City Public Schools, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation and the Thunder, for making this incredible impact on the lives of students and families."

In 2023, Mark Twain students completed over 14,000 hours of STEM programming, which helped the school achieve the highest grade in the Oklahoma City Public Schools district, as recognized by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Dr. Jamie Polk, Superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools, expressed her appreciation for Devon's support. "The longstanding partnership between Devon and Mark Twain Elementary goes beyond what words can fully express. It is a model of how community support and collaboration can enhance educational outcomes. The impact on our students' academic success and personal growth has been inspiring, and OKCPS is grateful to both Devon Energy and the OKC Thunder for their continued investment in our students' futures."

To honor the 20-year milestone, Devon donated a brand-new Thunder community court to the school. Following the court's dedication, students participated in Devon SportsLab, featuring STEM-based basketball drills led by Thunder Youth Basketball coaches.

"We're thrilled to dedicate a community court at Mark Twain Elementary where students can grow both physically and academically," said Erin Oldfield, Director of Community Engagement for the Thunder. "The Thunder believes in the power of sports to transform lives, and with the integration of STEM education, students can learn valuable skills while having fun on the court."

This new addition brings the total number of Thunder community courts to 31 across the state, with Mark Twain's court being the fourth resulting from a Devon-Thunder collaboration.

CHALLENGES OF GROWTH THE CENTRAL THEME FOR STATE OF THE REGION



The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber will host its second State of the Region event on Wednesday, September 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

This event was established to bring attention to challenges that impact the Greater Oklahoma City region's growth and development. This year's program will highlight two engaging panel discussions: one examining the challenges of regional growth, the other addressing the work and future plans for transportation in the metro.

The first panel will cover politics, education and economic development in the region, with a particular focus on the challenges of rapid growth and the continued need for a focus on creating sites for economic development. This panel will include established professionals such as Oklahoma Department of Transportation Executive Director Tim Gatz; Executive VP of Economic Development for the Greater OKC

Chamber Jeff Seymour; President of Cole Hargrave Snodgrass & Associates and Owner of CMA Strategies Pat McFerron; and Superintendent of Yukon Public Schools Dr. Jason Simeroth.

The second panel will present leaders from the Regional Transportation Authority: Chairman Brad Henry, Vice Chairman Marion Hutchinson and Treasurer Jason Boggs, who will delve into the progress on a regional transportation plan. Michael Falencki, former Deputy Staff Director of the House Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure, will join them from Cornerstone Government Affairs to engage in a discussion about decisions that lie ahead for funding, constructing, implementing, operating and maintaining transportation projects in the region.

Tickets for the event are \$65. To register or learn more, visit okcchamber.com/region. Sponsors tables are also available, contact Suzette Ellison, sellison@okcchamber.com.

GRAND OPENINGS

Congratulations to Chamber members on their recent Grand Openings! To see the schedule of upcoming Grand Openings or subscribe to the Grand Openings calendar, visit okcchamber.com/grandopenings.

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OKLAHOMA CITY'S HISTORICAL AND ONGOING INFLUENCE ON SOFTBALL



Softball has a rich history deeply embedded in American sports and culture, with Oklahoma City playing a key role in its evolution. Craig Cress, CEO of USA Softball, attributes the sport's success in Oklahoma City to strong leadership, supportive citizens and organizations that chose to invest in it. He states, "The sport has made significant progress because of many groups who decided they wanted to make it better."

The sport's journey began in Chicago in November 1887 when reporter George Hancock unintentionally laid the foundation for what would become the most popular team-participant sport in the United States. Throughout the 20th century, softball's popularity soared, and Oklahoma played a pivotal role in its growth. In 1930, YMCA director Bud Howe officially established the sport in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A major turning point came when the Amateur Softball Association (ASA), founded in 1933 by Leo Fisher and Michael J. Pauley in Newark, New Jersey, relocated its national headquarters to Oklahoma City in 1966. The new headquarters was officially dedicated on May 26, 1973, solidifying Oklahoma City's role in the sport's legacy. In June 2016, the organization rebranded from ASA to USA Softball to reflect the sport's growth and success over the years.

Today, Oklahoma City is known as the Softball Capital of the World, home to some of the best softball complexes, including the USA Softball Hall of Fame

Complex, now known as Devon Park. This premier venue features four fields over 18,000 square feet, with a main stadium that seats up to 13,000 guests.

Since USA Softball's relocation to Oklahoma City, numerous renovations have transformed the complex. In 2004, lower-level seating and two additional fields were added following a 20-year partnership with the NCAA. Later, further improvements focused on enhancing facilities for student-athletes, media and fans. These updates included modern locker rooms, more bathrooms, a larger media space and a new video board.

Oklahoma City now hosts many prestigious softball events, including the World Cup of Softball, Border Battle, the NCAA Women's College World Series (WCWS), the Phillips 66 Big 12 Softball Championship, OSSAA Softball State Championships and Olympic trials for USA Softball's Women's National Team. Altogether, these events attract more than 150,000 fans annually.

"People don't realize the magnitude of the number of events we host at our facility," Cress noted. Since June, USA Softball has welcomed Oklahoma City Spark, Team USA, All American Games, Armed Forces championships and men's and women's slow pitch weekends. Upcoming events include the International Men's World Cup in September and the OSSAA State Championships in October.

Looking ahead, Cress expects USA Softball to continue growing, with plans to add more international events, discussions about hosting Big 10 games and the possibility of Oklahoma City playing a role in the LA 28 Olympic softball games.

"I can't say enough about the citizens of Oklahoma City and their support for all sports here."

- Craig Cress

"USA Softball has always believed in the importance of the sport," Cress said. "That's our number one." He emphasized that the sport thrives not only because of the dedicated staff but also due to the investment from the city and its residents. "I can't say enough about the citizens of Oklahoma City and their support for all sports here."

to enhance brand awareness, which resulted in an above average 5.18% engagement rate.

Visit OKC's public relations team also saw much success by securing feature stories in national publications such as *Wanderlust*, *Southern Living*, *Forbes*, *Travel + Leisure*, *USA Today*, *Atlas Obscura* and *Cowboys & Indians*. Additionally, Oklahoma City was featured as a travel destination in 206 published articles.



The success in convention sales significantly strengthened demand for Oklahoma City. Noteworthy accomplishments include the design, development and execution of an innovative tradeshow booth used at PCMA Convening Leaders in January. The team secured a bid for the largest convention in Oklahoma City's history, the American Farm Bureau Federation, which will attract over 8,000 attendees. The team also successfully contracted one of the nation's largest retail tradeshows, Nation's Best Sports. More than 74% of conventions hosted in Oklahoma City either increased or maintained attendance, while perceptions of Oklahoma City among meeting planners improved substantially by 20%, rising from 70% to 90% following their events.

The sports sector also experienced significant achievements. OKC Sports successfully secured multiple high-profile gymnastics events, reinforcing its status as a national authority in the sport. These events include the nationally televised Sprouts Farmers Market Collegiate Quad at the Paycom Center in January 2025, the USA Gymnastics Development Program National Championships at OKCCC in May 2026 and additional USA Gymnastics Regional Championships in Oklahoma

City in collaboration with Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy.

In the equine sector, Oklahoma City upholds its reputation as the Horse Show Capital of the World. In FY24, the city hosted 13 premier equine events and two distinguished livestock events. Overall, the sports and equine divisions coordinated 69 high-profile events.

Additionally, Visit OKC supported Oklahoma City as the host site for several marquee events, including the OKC Memorial Marathon, U.S. Olympic Trials for Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross, Better Barrel Races, Festival of the Arts and the OKC Thunder's return to the NBA Playoffs. Highlights included a post-pandemic record of over 22,000 participants at the OKC Memorial Marathon; a new attendance record at the Big 12 Softball Championships; three nights of sold-out games of the Savannah Bananas at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark; and a record average TV viewership of 2 million for the NCAA Women's College World Series.

Overall visitation and economic impact data for Oklahoma City also saw increases from the previous year (reports based on 2022 and 2023 data). In 2023, OKC welcomed a record 24.1 million visitors who spent \$2.7 billion, with a total economic impact of \$4.5 billion. There was also a surge in visitor-supported employment, rising from 24,948 jobs in 2022 to 34,897 jobs in 2023.

The Visit OKC Annual Report highlights the remarkable progress, growth and advancement that Oklahoma City has achieved over the past year. The report showcases not only the developments that have already taken place but also hints at the prospects on the horizon. Oklahoma City is on an upward trajectory and positioned for greater achievements in the future.





OKC FAME (CONT'D FROM PAGE 1)

In late June, eight students were honored as the first group of students in Oklahoma to join the FAME program. Then, in August, these students began their roles at their respective manufacturing companies, kicking off training sessions with experienced instructors, learning fundamental principles and gaining new techniques while enhancing skills already present.

"We're so proud of our first cohort of FAME Advanced Manufacturing Technicians (AMT's)," said Lee Copeland, Director of Talent Programs & Partnerships at the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. "They are blazing the way and providing proof-of-concept that an industry-driven partnership can provide best-in-class outcomes."

OKC FAME student Corbin Morris said his first week at OMADA International, an aerospace manufacturer, has opened the door to great opportunities, including "hands-on, real-life advanced manufacturing and what takes place in the aerospace industry."

Morris chose the FAME program because of the potential experiences and opportunities to move forward in a manufacturing career. At first, he was nervous he might not be able to step up and take initiative, but OMADA International Director of Operations Jason Jentsch shared that he could not speak more highly of Morris.

"He's come in, and he's taken the reins, and he's just open to learn a lot of things - from the intricate details of what certified ink to use to mark a part, to what size font to use and color the part, to a complex assembly building a bulkhead for the F-35," Jentsch said.

Before joining FAME, Morris was an airframe mechanic for the Air Force, which has been very useful for his experience at OMADA International. While

Morris experienced the repairing aspect in the Air Force, he is now learning about the manufacturing side – which utilizes many of the same tools but has completely different procedures.

"I'm learning a lot more skills that I did not realize were involved in the manufacturing process and there's a lot of detail," Morris said. "Just the attention to detail is something I've had to hone a little bit more."

Morris and Jentsch are excited to experience what is in store for the future of the program, and manufacturing in Oklahoma. Jentsch said he highly encourages other manufacturers to get involved with the program and its students.

"I would just strongly suggest that (companies) at least get involved with some of the early meetings and figure out what the program is about and see if it is a good fit for what you're doing. I believe that if you're in the manufacturing industry, it's a great fit," Jentsch said. "I think that other businesses in the area can really benefit from young people that are hungry to learn, who will come grow their businesses and come grow the entire industry."



FAME - OKC student works on a manufacturing part with his instructor at Climate Control Group.

NEW STADIUM AND ENERGY FC REVITALIZATION TO BOOST OKC'S ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



The new multipurpose stadium, set to open in 2027, will host a range of sports, including the highly anticipated Energy FC soccer games. The stadium will also aim to accommodate a future women's team."

Exciting changes are on the horizon for the entertainment scene in OKC, and among the most anticipated projects is the multipurpose stadium that will be built near Bricktown. A core MAPS 4 project, this cutting-edge facility will further enrich the vibrance of downtown and serve as the future home for a variety of sporting and entertainment activities, including professional soccer for women and men.

Echo Investment Capital, a multi-strategy investment firm founded and led by Christian Kanady, is a driving force behind this development and coinciding efforts to rebuild OKC's professional soccer club, Energy FC. As the new majority owner of Energy FC that will operate the new stadium, Echo is focusing on receiving community input and garnering citywide support as it shapes the next era for the club and advances the new entertainment hub.

"With the popularity of soccer on the rise in the United States and plans in the works for a state-of-the-art multipurpose stadium, Oklahoma City is uniquely positioned to advance the globally loved sport," said Christian Kanady, founder and CEO of Echo Investment Capital. "We are excited to partner with the city on this world-class development that will bring pro soccer back and also expand OKC's ability to host other

sporting events and entertainment activities in the heart of our downtown."

Energy FC, a part of the United Soccer League (USL) Championship, paused play in recent years due to franchise stadium requirements. Although on hiatus, the club has retained its franchise agreement and can return to play once the new multipurpose stadium is completed in 2027.

In the meantime, a brand review guided by soccer fans and the community as a whole will be conducted for the soccer club. This initiative will feature regular listening sessions with individuals from across the region, gathering valuable input on the team's name, logo and color scheme, while keeping in mind the goal of authentically reflecting the spirit and identity of the city.

Also expected is the addition of a women's soccer team and plans for a stadium that ensures gender equity. This effort is led by Echo's Court Jeske, who oversees Energy FC and ongoing stadium development efforts in partnership with the City of OKC.

"The forthcoming review is about ensuring soccer in OKC best reflects who we are and where we're going, and we're going to take our time and get it right."

- Court Jeske

"As we build the very best soccer club for Oklahoma City, we are committed to a holistic approach that is guided by community input every step of the way," said Jeske. "In a lot of ways, with the Energy on hiatus for the last three years, we have a blank canvas from which to rebuild our club into something new. The forthcoming review is about ensuring soccer in OKC best reflects who we are and where we're going, and we're going to take our time and get it right."

As part of the community-driven brand review, Echo recently launched OKCforSoccer.com. This website is designed to keep the public informed on all things related to OKC's professional soccer scene, progress on the stadium and ways to get involved in the movement.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Businesses who join the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber are part of the largest coalition of businesses in the state and make the Chamber's work in the community possible. Each member level is identified on the listing below.

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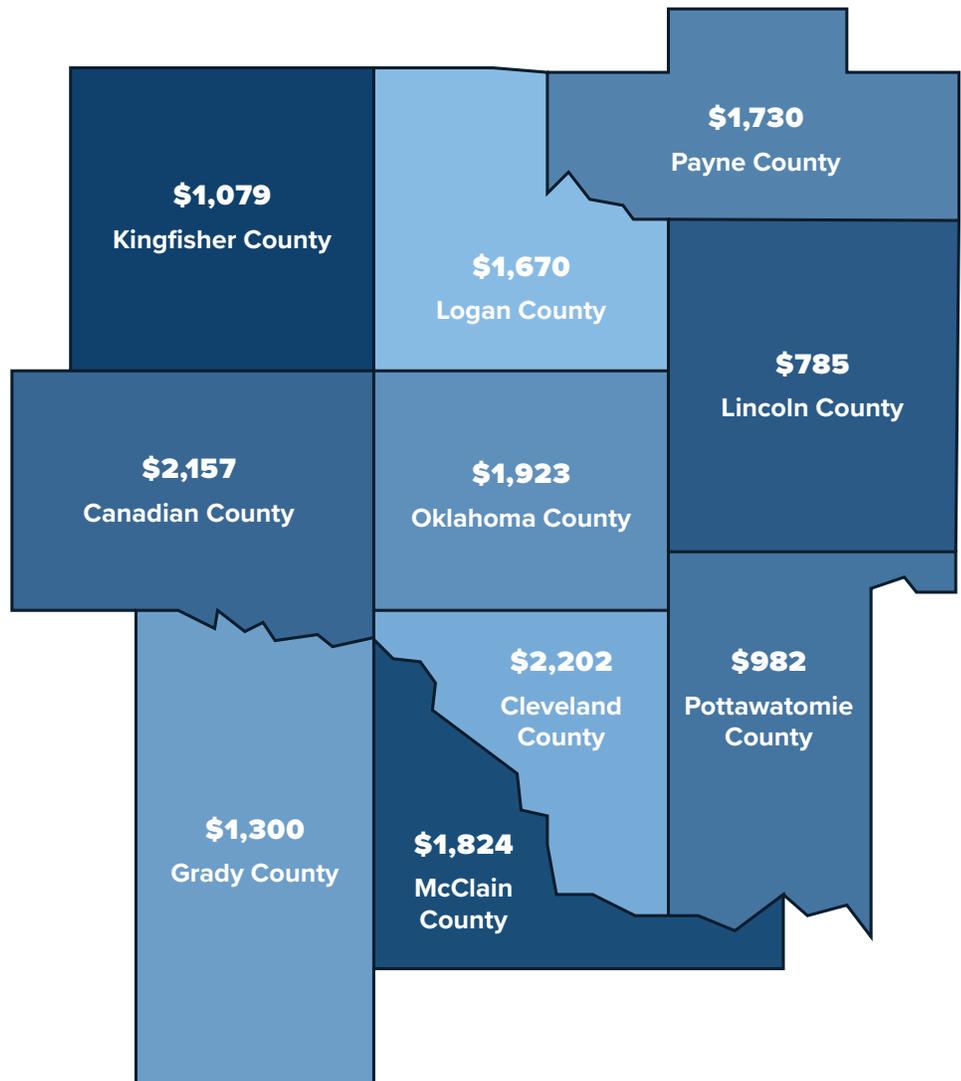
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GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY REGION PROPERTY TAX

Median Property Tax Paid by County, 2022

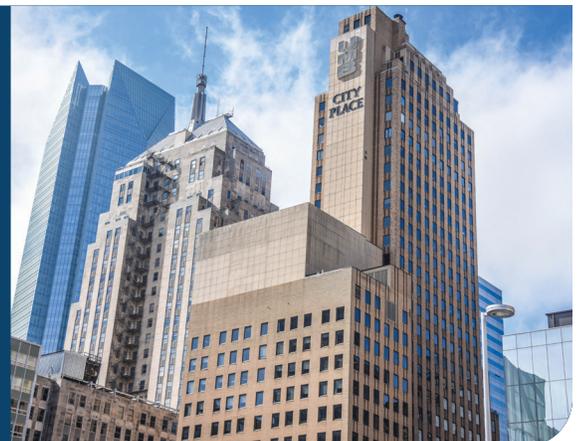
- The average property tax payment in the Greater Oklahoma City region is \$1,565, which is 13% lower than the national average (\$1,815).
- Comparatively, the average property tax payment in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) area is \$4,362, nearly three times higher than in the Oklahoma City region.
- The state of Oklahoma ranks 25th lowest nationally with an effective property tax rate of 0.76% in 2022, which is 15 percentage points lower than it was in 2021.



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SEPTEMBER 25

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$65

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