

Australia's relationship with

OKLAHOMA

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 395 million ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Oklahoma City (capital and largest), Tulsa
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$202 billion ([2019](#))
- **GDP Growth:** 1.4% ([2014-2019](#))
- **Key Industries:** Mining, Aerospace and Defence, Agriculture, Energy, Information Services, Transportation
- **Known for:** Nicknamed "The Sooner State", added to the US as part of the Louisiana Purchase, heavily influenced by Native American culture after the Trail of Tears forced them to Oklahoma. In 1995, Oklahoma City was the site of one of the most destructive acts of domestic terrorism in American history when Timothy McVeigh detonated a bomb at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people.

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$188 million ([2019](#))
- **Australia's Exports to Oklahoma:** US\$55 million ([2019](#))
- **Oklahoma's Exports to Australia:** US\$133 million ([2019](#))

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** None
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Oklahoma is managed by the **Consulate General in Houston**.
- **Consul General:** Benson Saulo

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** [Kevin Stitt](#) (R), next election in 2023
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Trump 65.4%
- **Senators:** James Inhofe (R), James Lankford (R)
- **House:** 5 Republicans



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Football:** [Oklahoma Football Club](#), [Oklahoma City Flyers](#), [Tulsa Buffaloes](#), [Oklahoma Women](#)

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Ainsworth Game Technology** has offices in Oklahoma.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **NGL Energy Partners** (Tulsa)
- **Oneok** (Tulsa)
- **Devon Energy** (Oklahoma City)
- **Chesapeake Energy** (Oklahoma City)
- **Williams** (Tulsa)

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **The University of Oklahoma** partners with Monash University to deliver student, teaching and research exchanges.

Nationally Ranked Universities

- University of Tulsa (#121)
- University of Oklahoma (#132)
- Oklahoma State University (#192)

MAJOR EVENTS

- **Festival of the Arts:** Known as Oklahoma City's annual "rite of spring" the festival attracts 750,000 visitors each year.
- **Tulsa Oktoberfest:** One of the largest Oktoberfest festivals in the USA.
- **Oklahoma State Fair:** The Oklahoma State Fair attracts almost a million visitors each year, and features a variety of large artists, a beauty pageant and a rodeo.