

Australia's relationship with

# OKLAHOMA

## KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 4 million (2019 estimate)
- **Major Cities:** Oklahoma City (Capital), Tulsa
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$202.6 billion (2018)
- **GDP Growth:** 7.5% (2018)
- **Key Industries:** Aerospace and Defence, Agriculture, Energy, Information Services, Transportation.
- **Known for:** Added to the US as part of the Louisiana Purchase. Frequently hit by Tornadoes. Once the oil capital. Heavily influenced by Native American culture after the Trail of Tears forced them to Oklahoma.

## ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade (Goods Only):** 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:** Peter McGauran

## AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Football:** Tulsa Buffaloes



*Oklahoma is known for its flat terrain and inclement weather.*

## AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS



*Australian businesses employ over 1,500 people in Oklahoma.*

- Ainsworth Game Technology has offices in Oklahoma.

## GLOBAL BUSINESS

Oklahoma is home to 5 Fortune 500 companies:

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



## UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Academic institutions and associations with Australian 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)
- Oklahoma City University (#240)

## MAJOR EVENTS

- **Azalea Festival:** A parade through downtown Muskogee, featuring a Barbequing competition and a Chili Cook-off.
  - **Festival of the Arts:** Known as Oklahoma City's annual "rite of spring" the festival attracts 750,000 visitors each year, featuring international food, fine artists and continuous live entertainment.
  - **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.
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