

# Community Profile

Bartlesville, Oklahoma (population 36,678) is located 45 miles north of Tulsa on US 75. As the birthplace of Phillips Petroleum Company (now ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66), Bartlesville’s oil and gas industry remains vibrant today.

The Bartlesville area is home to both globally recognized engineering and manufacturing firms, and small, niche companies supporting the energy sector. Walmart recognized the efficient Interstate Highway access, opening a refrigerated regional distribution center on four-lane Highway 75 in 2005.

Bartlesville offers a wide array of retail businesses, service industries, dining establishments, and cultural activities in a clean, safe, and friendly environment. Bartlesville public schools are consistently ranked among Oklahoma’s best. Housing is very affordable.

For expanded shopping, entertainment and cultural options – including an international airport –Tulsa is a mere 45 minutes south on Highway 75.



## Cost of Living

Affordability ranks high as one of Oklahoma’s strengths. The composite cost of living in Oklahoma is approximately 10% lower than the national average, ranking the state seventh among all 50 states in affordability.

2nd Quarter 2015 Cost of Living Index for States, U.S.=100

State Rank	All States	Overall	Grocery Items	Housing	Utilities	Transp.	Health Care	Misc Svcs
OK	7	90.5	96.5	79.1	99.7	91.2	95.7	94.1

AR	10	91.5	94.2	80.2	101.9	93.3	88.5	96.7
TX	17	92.6	89.4	86.7	96.2	95.4	95.5	96.7
KS	6	90.0	91.2	80.9	94.6	93.1	97.5	93.8
MO	11	91.6	94.2	78.6	105.8	94.8	97.2	95.1

Source: (Council for Community & Economic Research

The Overall Cost of Living Index is based on a weighted average of Grocery Items, Housing, Utilities, Transportation, Health Care, and Miscellaneous Services. State & Local Taxes are not included.

## Housing

A primary component of cost of living is home prices. In 2014, the annual median price of sold homes in the Bartlesville area was \$120,329. Compare these prices to a statewide average median of \$147,275.

Median price – the price at which half the sales prices fall above and half the prices fall below – is considered more reflective of actual sales price, as it is not as prone to be skewed by prices that are far above or below the norm. The following table reflects median sales prices from fourth quarter 2013 compared to the fourth quarter 2014.

### Median Price of Homes Sold

<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>4th Qtr 2013</b>	<b>4th Qtr. 2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>4th Qtr. Yr. to Yr. Change</b>
Washington County	116,633	120,329	+ 3.0%	+ \$ 3,696
Tulsa MSA*	143,100	\$145,500	+ 2.0%	+ \$ 2,400
Houston (TX)	\$181,300	198,400	+ 9.0%	+ \$17,100
Kansas City, (MO-KS)	\$154,800	\$158,800	+ 3.0%	+ \$4,000
Southern Region	\$174,200	\$182,900	+ 5.0%	+ \$ 8,700
United States	\$197,400	\$208,900	+ 6.0%	+ \$11,500

Source: National Association of Realtors, Oklahoma State Realtors  
(\* Tulsa CSA data not available, using Tulsa MSA)

## Education

Bartlesville schools are part of the Bartlesville Public School District. The District includes one high school (grades 9-12), two middle schools (grades 6-8), and six elementary schools (starting grades vary by school (pre-K, K, or 1) (end grade-5). As of 2015, Freshmen are housed in a new Freshman Academy Building on the Bartlesville High School campus.

Bartlesville schools compare well to the rest of the state and on the national level, as evidenced by a comparison of 2015 American College Testing (ACT) scores. In the last five years, Bartlesville has averaged 22.7 on its composite ACT scores, exceeding both the state and national averages.

### 2015 ACT Scores

<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>Composite</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Science</b>
Bartlesville High School	22.6	22.2	21.8	23.5	22.3
Oklahoma (state)	20.7	20.1	19.8	21.5	20.7
USA	21.0	20.4	20.8	21.4	20.9

Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education

### Five Year Composite ACT Scores for Bartlesville High School Students

Class of '15	22.6
Class of '14	23.0
Class of '13	22.6
Class of '12	21.9
Class of '11	23.3

Source: Bartlesville Public Schools, Oklahoma State Dept. of Education

### ***Universities & Colleges, Career & Technical Training***

Career preparation and continued adult education add to the success and achievements of individuals in Bartlesville. Two four-year universities and a technology school provide excellent opportunities for higher education in Bartlesville. Additional higher education institutions and opportunities for postgraduate studies are available just 45 minutes south in Tulsa.



#### **Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OWU)**

Located in Bartlesville, OWU is a four-year private liberal arts college with an enrollment of about 600 students. OWU offers undergraduate degrees in accounting, business administration, communications, English, human resources, mathematics and nursing as well as many graduate programs. [www.okwu.edu](http://www.okwu.edu)



#### **Rogers State University (RSU)**

RSU emphasizes accounting, telecommunications, business administration and management, marketing and computer programming. The Bartlesville campus and RSU's main campus in nearby Claremore offer classes via television and the Internet in addition to the traditional classroom environment. [www.rsu.edu](http://www.rsu.edu)

### ***Career Tech Training in Bartlesville***



#### **Tri County Technology Center (TCTC)**

TCTC, located in Bartlesville, offers an individualized learning environment. More than 600 full-time day students and over 3000 adult and industry evening students attend TCTC per semester. Daytime programs include cosmetology, business and computer technology, culinary arts, dental assisting, paralegal studies and commercial printing and design. TCTC also offers short-term evening and community education classes. [www.tctc.org](http://www.tctc.org)

**Universities & Colleges in Tulsa (45 minutes south of Bartlesville)**



**The University of Tulsa (TU)**

TU is a private university, and provides academic offerings in business, communications, engineering, law, liberal arts and music. TU is internationally recognized for programs related to petroleum exploration and development.



**Oral Roberts University (ORU)**

ORU places its academic focus on business, communications, engineering, liberal arts, music, nursing and theology. The university is a private institution founded by evangelist Oral Roberts.



**Oklahoma State University (OSU)-Tulsa**

OSU-Tulsa has expanded course offerings to provide more than 80 degree choices at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Master and doctoral degrees are also available from OU and OSU through the OU/OSU Research center located at the OSU-Tulsa campus.



**University of Oklahoma (OU)-Tulsa**

OU-Tulsa places its academic focus on allied health, architecture, arts and sciences, fine arts, liberal studies, medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Master and doctoral degrees are available.

## Health Care



Jane Phillips Medical Center (JPMC), a member of the St. John Health System of Tulsa, is a general medical and surgical center located in Bartlesville and is accredited by NIAHO (National Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations). With 137 beds, JPMC offers a wide range of services, including general medicine, surgery, cardiopulmonary care, maternal and infant care, cancer treatment, geriatric care, orthopedics, and physical medicine.

### *Tulsa Health Care Facilities*

Metropolitan Tulsa has over two dozen hospitals providing a full range of medical treatment, including Tulsa Life Flight, a 24-hour emergency helicopter service to and from the region's hospitals. Seven general hospitals serve Tulsa: Children's Hospital at St. Francis, Hillcrest Medical Center, Oklahoma State University Medical Center (formerly Tulsa Regional Medical Center), St. Francis Hospital, St. John Medical Center, and Southcrest Hospital. A number of specialty hospitals and clinics are also available. There is also a Cancer Treatment Center of America located in Tulsa.

## **Recreation**

Bartlesville has plenty of entertainment and recreation opportunities for both residents and visitors alike. The City's Parks Department oversees 15 parks, ranging from a 12-mile paved walking/jogging/biking trail that extends throughout the city to small neighborhood parks with playgrounds and picnic tables. The Department also oversees numerous athletic fields, an 18-hole golf course, 14 lighted tennis courts, and two outdoor pools with splash pads. Private organizations such as the YMCA and First Baptist Church Family Life Center provide indoor fitness facilities for the entire community.

## **Fishing**

Fishing is one of the favorite activities in this area, and there are plenty of places to try your luck. Jo Allyn Lowe Park and M.J. Lee Lake are both located inside the city limits, while the city-owned Hudson Lake is only a 20-minute drive away. Copan Lake to the north and Hulah Lake to the west offer additional opportunities for fishing and other kinds of water activities.

## **Camping/Hiking**

If you want to get away from it all, Osage Hills State Park is only 12 miles west of Bartlesville. Campgrounds, RV hook-ups, and cabins allow you to spend several days at a time in the great outdoors. The park has miles of hiking trails, as well as lakes and rivers to paddle on, and picnic tables with grills.

## **Woolaroc**

Woolaroc Ranch, Museum, and Wildlife Preserve, a world-class tourist destination, lies just outside Bartlesville's city limits in the rugged Osage Hills. Visitors will view exotic and local wildlife on their drive through the preserve, en route to the Woolaroc Museum, the seasonal Mountain Man Camp, and the Frank Phillips Lodge.

## **Downtown**

In the center of Bartlesville itself is another world-class destination -- the Price Tower and Art Center. This architectural marvel is the only skyscraper designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Visitors can continue their tour of architecture and history by following the Bartlesville Heritage Trail through the Downtown area, a nationally-designated Historic District. While there, they can stop in at the Bartlesville Area History Museum and the Phillips Petroleum Museum.

## **Community Center**

The Bartlesville Community Center was designed by Wesley Peters, chief architect of Taliesin West--The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. Beautiful flowers, sheltering trees, and a statue called "Suspended Moment" complement the smooth curves, rounded lines and earth tone colors that make up the unusual architectural style of the Bartlesville Community Center. The exterior

earth colors are continued inside the Community Center where you will find circular ramps leading to different levels and Crystalline light fixtures that are suspended like icicles from the meeting hall ceilings. An acoustically superb performance hall that seats over 1,700 is the main focus of the Community Center and is considered to be "...one of the finest concert halls in this country," said Ransom Wilson, Conductor of the Solisti New York Orchestra. The Bartlesville Community Center is a wonderful tribute to the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and a must see for any architecture fan.

The Bartlesville Community Center is home to the Broadway on Bartlesville Series, the Bartlesville Ballet, Bartlesville Community Concerts, The Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra, OK Mozart and many other concert series and events.

## **Cultural Activities**

Cultural activities reign supreme in Bartlesville. The city boasts its own symphony orchestra, ballet troupe, and choral society. The Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired community center hosts performances throughout the year, by these groups as well as traveling Broadway productions and world-renowned musicians, comedians, and dancers.

During the first weekend in June, the city kicks off summer with a food-and-fun event called SunFest. The following week, visitors from all over the globe converge on Bartlesville for the internationally-known OK Mozart Festival, a 10-day event celebrating Mozart and the not-so-Mozart. Then, in September, the area celebrates its unique culture with Western Heritage Weekend and Indian Summer Festival.

## **Climate**

Located in the southwestern Sunbelt, Bartlesville enjoys an early spring, a warm fall, and a mild winter. Average temperature is 60°. Summer days are hot, with temperatures in the 80s and 90s, and 1 to 3 inches of rain each month. Winter days are chilly, with temperatures in the 20's, 30's and 40's, and 1 to 3 inches of snow each month from December through March. Air quality is above the national average.

Gardeners in Bartlesville enjoy an 8-month season from the first planting of peas in mid-February to the late October tomato harvest. Warm spring rains produce daffodils and forsythia in March, and mild days and cool nights of a long Indian summer encourage a wide variety of flowering perennials in the fall.

Oklahoma is still the state where the “wind comes sweepin’ down the plain,” and Bartlesville can experience severe weather, primarily thunderstorms. Although situated in a broad geographical area called “Tornado Alley”, Bartlesville’s last experience with a tornado was in 1991.

Average Annual Temperature 60°

### **Seasonal Averages**

- Spring 61°
- Summer 79°
- Fall 60°
- Winter 39°
- Annual Rainfall is 35 inches
- Annual Snowfall is 10 inches
- Average growing season is 8 months

## Largest Employers in Bartlesville

<b>Company</b>	<b>Business Type</b>	<b>Area Employees</b>
Phillips 66	Refining and Marketing	2,100
ConocoPhillips *	Global Shared Services E&P	1,950
Jane Phillips Medical Center	Hospital/ Health Care	1,139
Bartlesville Public Schools	Education	874
Walmart Logistics	Grocery Products Distribution	638
Wal-Mart SuperCenter #41	Retail	450
City of Bartlesville	Government	324
Diversified Systems Resources	IT Solutions/Software	275
ABB TotalFlow	Process Measurement Instrum.	216
Schlumberger	Electric submersible pumps, etc.	228
Chevron Phillips	Research & Development	203
Arvest Bank	Financial	185
Truity Credit Union	Financial Services	182
Oilfield Pipe and Supply	Rolled and Welded Pipe Mfg.	155
Siemens Industry	Process Control Instrumentation	150
Washington County	Government	130
Springs Global US, Inc.	Textiles	130
Walmart Administrative Services	Claims Management	128
United Linen & Uniform	Commercial Linens &Uniforms	120
Tri County Technology Center	Technical Education	100
Central States Business Forms	Custom Business Forms/Check	91



