

## Beautiful, Oklahoma

Located in central Oklahoma, the city of Beautiful prides itself on its beautiful scenery, wonderful people and excellent quality of life. Many people happily spend their entire lives in Beautiful, and new people who move to Beautiful often say how lucky they are to have found such a wonderful place to live.

Here are some facts about Beautiful:

- ★ 2,540 people live in Beautiful with 68% white, 14% Native American, 9% Hispanic, 8% black, and 1% other.
- ★ 23% have at least a college degree, 56% have a high school diploma, and 21% have less than a high school education.
- ★ Age distribution is as follows: 10% under 6, 13% from 6 to 18, 53% from 18 to 60, and 24% over 60.
- ★ Of people aged 18 to 60, 16% have professional careers, 30% own small businesses or farms or are in retail, 15% are skilled labor, 28% are unskilled labor, and 11% are unemployed.
- ★ Educational facilities include two elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The nearest technology center is only 12 miles away, and the nearest community college is 27 miles to the east.
- ★ Major employers include the school system, local hospital, a factory that manufactures oil and gas fixtures, a chicken processing plant and a new manufacturing plant that has frequent layoffs. The chicken processing plant opened five years ago and has been responsible for a large influx of new people moving to the community, including many who speak Spanish as their first language.
- ★ A nearby state park and local lake offer recreational opportunities, and many residents enjoy fishing, camping and hunting in their spare time.
- ★ The city budget averages about \$ 1.1 million each year with 74% of the income coming from sales tax revenues. Beautiful serves as a local shopping hub for about 7,300 people living in a 30 mile radius from the city, and also benefits from visitors who come to purchase hand-made furniture designed and built by local crafts people. Beautiful is becoming well-known for its small but growing colony of woodworkers.
- ★ Civic organizations include a local history and genealogy museum, nine churches, a Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, a local Chickasaw tribal office, a reading society, and various social clubs.