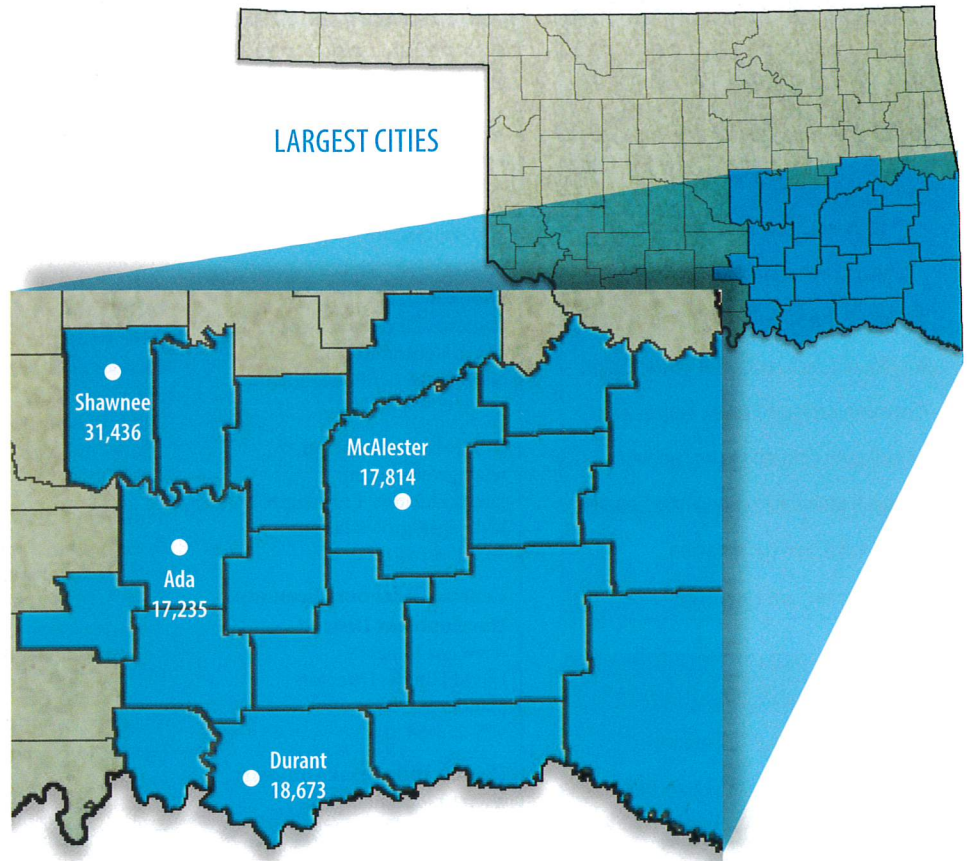


REGION: SOUTHEAST

MARKET ACCESS/ LOCATION

Southeastern Oklahoma is centrally located within the United States and in close proximity to several of the nation's major metropolitan markets, including Dallas/Fort Worth, Memphis, Kansas City, and St. Louis.



TOP INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

- Education
- Energy
- Aerospace
- Manufacturing
- Health Care
- Transportation and Logistics
- Agriculture and Bioscience
- Information and Finance

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

- McAlester Army Ammunition Plant
- Chickasaw Nation
- Choctaw Nation
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Cardinal Glass
- BrucePac
- Tyson

WORKFORCE

Labor Force: 186,484
Unemployment Rate: 4.2%

Source: Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission, 2019 Annual Average

COMMUTING PATTERNS: Average Commute Time



Commuter patterns for this region range from 17.6 minutes in Pontotoc County to 28.7 minutes in Pushmataha County.

EDUCATION

Colleges/Universities

- Carl Albert State College, Poteau & Sallisaw
- East Central University, Ada
- Eastern Oklahoma State College, McAlester & Wilburton
- Murray State College, Tishomingo
- Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee**



- Seminole State College, Seminole
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant & Idabel

Shawnee, Oklahoma Baptist University

#7 Best Online Christian Colleges and Universities

#13 Best Christian Colleges and Universities in the Nation

College Consensus, 2019

REGION: SOUTHEAST

ATTRACTIONS

FireLake Casino and Entertainment Center,
Shawnee

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort, Shawnee
Lake Eufaula

Talimena State Park, Talihina

Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton

Beavers Bend State Park, Broken Bow

Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro

Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah

Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur

Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur
Lake Texoma, Kingston

Turner Falls Park, Davis

TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

Gordon Cooper – Shawnee

Kiamichi – Atoka, Durant, Hugo, Idabel,
McAlester, Poteau, Siro, Stigler, Talihina

Pontotoc – Ada

Wes Watkins – Wetumka

QUALITY OF LIFE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 451,712

**Median Household Income:
\$32,129 - \$51,490**

**Mean Household Income:
\$49,229 - \$65,491***

**Range of counties within this region*

EVENTS

Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma, November,
Durant

Runestone Festival, June, Heavener

International Finals Youth Rodeo, July, Shawnee

FireLake Fireflight Balloon Festival, August,
Shawnee

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