



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Weatherford, OK Custer County

Located on Historic Route 66 and I-40, just about one hour west of Oklahoma City, Weatherford has something for everyone. With its rich history, Weatherford represents rural American values, hard working people, and a tenacity to grow and succeed. Located in Custer County in west-central Oklahoma, with a 2002 Census population of more than 10,000, Weatherford enjoys the lowest crime rate of any city of its size in the state.

While Will Rogers World Airport is located just one hour away, Weatherford also offers the Thomas P. Stafford Airport. Farmrail provides the local rail service.

WEATHERFORD BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK

Business Entrepreneurial Support

City of Weatherford Economic Development – Helps existing businesses expand, attracts new companies, ensures that new and existing companies are fully capitalizing on local, state, and federal incentives, and develops private and public partnerships to diversify the region's economy and create jobs. The economic development office also maintains information about industrial and commercial facilities, land sites, utilities, infrastructure, government services, and education and labor resources.

Community Business Assets

Thomas P. Stafford Airport – Offers a 4,400-foot concrete runway, full-service fueling, aircraft maintenance, flight instruction, hangar rental, a pilot's lounge, and flight planning room.

Western Technology Center Seminar Facility – Offers multi-functional, individual meeting and conference rooms, and classrooms as well as full audiovisual, teleconferencing, and distance education capabilities.

Education/Training

Southwestern Oklahoma State University – A premier regional university offering 15 nationally accredited academic programs--the most nationally accredited academic programs of any other regional university in the state.

Western Technology Center, Weatherford Campus – Provides career education and technology training, including customized, industry-specific training for area businesses either on site or on the Weatherford campus. This training is offered through the state's nationally recognized Training for Industry Program (TIP), which can save companies thousands of dollars in expenses for job analysis, curriculum, instructors, facilities, and daily program administration.

Through TIP, companies can also access a variety of workforce services, including employee recruitment, screening, and hiring.

K-12 – Weatherford Public Schools serves more than 1,800 students through one high school, one middle school, and three grade schools.

Wellness/Healthcare

Weatherford Regional Hospital – Originally opened in 1962 and renovated in 2007, this critical-access, 62,000-square-foot, \$26 million health care facility provides diagnostic, medical, surgical, and hospital care as well as imaging services, lab services, sleep study, and women's health programs.

Area Recreation/Sights to See

Thomas P. Stafford Air and Space Museum – Named in honor of Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford, a native of Weatherford and a veteran of four space flights, this museum includes numerous items on loan from the Smithsonian, including a Gemini flight suit, space food, and survival items flown to the moon on Apollo 11. Stafford piloted Gemini VI and commanded

Gemini IX, Apollo 10, and the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project mission, the historical Soviet/American “handshake in space.” The Stafford Air & Space Museum contains 35,000 square feet of displays, including an actual giant Titan II rocket launch vehicle; a massive Mark 6 reentry vehicle, which contained a 9 megaton nuclear warhead; and the actual flight pressure suit General Stafford wore on the first flight of the lunar module to the moon, Apollo 10.

Parks – 650 acres of picnic and play areas, including 480-acre Rader Park. These parks offer fishing, a trap shoot range, and golf.

War Memorial – this three-stone memorial is a tribute to Custer County soldiers, who died in any of five American Wars.

Resources

Weatherford Chamber of Commerce
(580) 772-7744

<http://weatherfordchamber.com/us/>

City of Weatherford
(580) 774-4505

<http://www.cityofweatherford.com>

Oklahoma Wage Network – wages and employment estimates for the state, metro areas, Workforce Investment areas, and local labor market areas.

<http://www.oesc.state.ok.us/LMI/OWN/default.htm>

COST OF LIVING FAST

FACTS

50% of Weatherford residents own their homes

Median home value \$114,000

Median monthly rent \$344