



PONCA CITY, OK AREA INFORMATION

Strategically located within 90 minutes of three major metropolitan communities, [Ponca City](#) has the amenities normally found only in larger communities, but without the hassles of traffic jams, overcrowding, high utility rates, and urban crime. Ponca City's history and economy has been shaped chiefly by the ebb and flow of the petroleum industry. Because of this period of wealth and affluence in the early 1900s, Ponca City has a high concentration of buildings that exemplify the popular Spanish Colonial Revival architecture of that period, as well as art deco-influenced buildings and homes.

Overview

- [Official website](#)
- [Visitors website](#)
- [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Public Library](#)
- [Weather](#)
- [Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Area Hospitals](#)
- [Public Safety](#)
- Population was 25,387 as of the 2010 Census

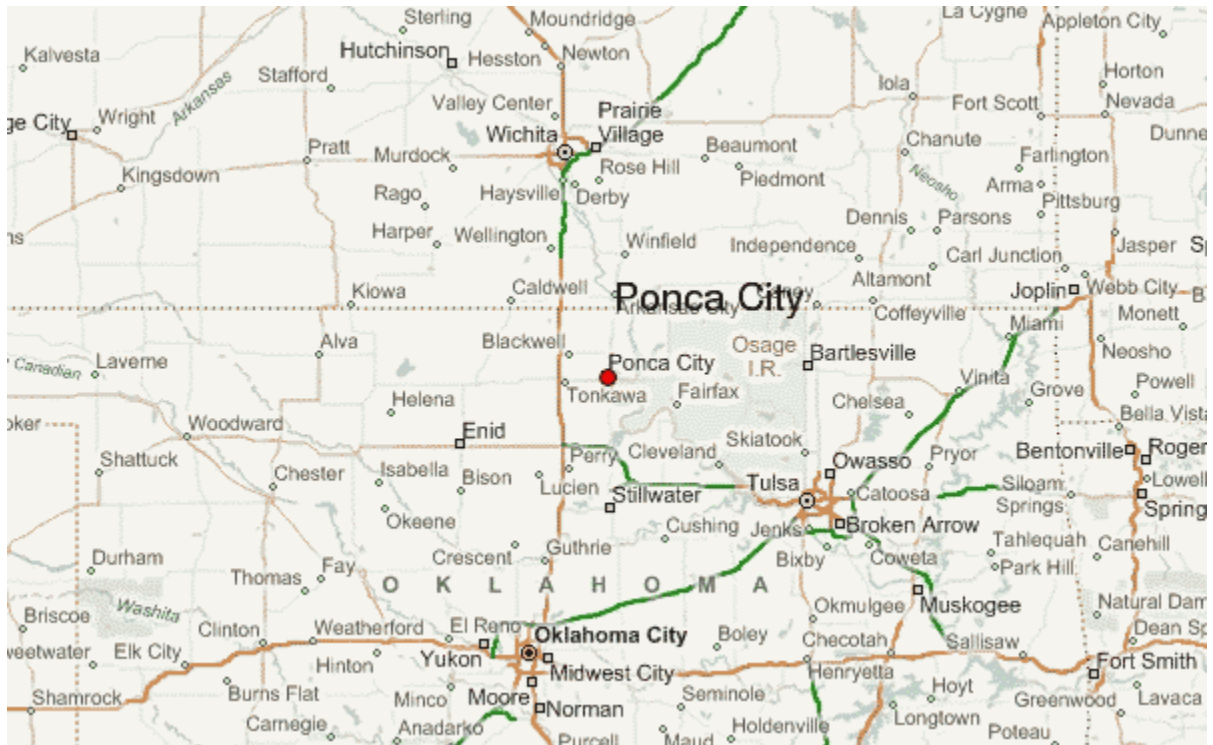


Ponca City, City Hall

Transportation

By Car

Ponca City is well served by many major highway systems and it is easy to drive and park around town. Rarely congested, the city is great for driving, and every part of the city is reachable in 30 minutes or less. Wichita, Kansas and Tulsa, Oklahoma are each about an hour and a half away, while Oklahoma City is about 2 hours away.



By Bike

The area has over 193 [bike trails](#).

By Air

- [Ponca City Regional Airport](#) (airport code PNC). The airport host the longest continuous Fly In Breakfast the 1st Saturday of every month. The public is invited and breakfast is served!
- [Will Rogers World Airport](#) in Oklahoma City is the nearest major airport, about 2 hours away from Ponca City.

Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the US public-school system is determined by the age of the child. School districts are usually very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the deadline requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability, and contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public Schools

[Ponca City Public Schools](#) serves the general population's education requirements.

Private Schools

- [Ponca City Christian Academy](#)
- [First Lutheran School](#)
- [St. Mary's Catholic School](#)

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Area Recreation

The city is near the Arkansas River, the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River, Kaw Lake, and Lake Ponca, which all provide numerous recreational opportunities.

Culture and Museums

- [101 Ranch Memorial](#) - A National Historic Landmark
- [Art Center](#)
- [Conoco Museum](#)
- [Exploration Destination](#) - a children's museum
- [Marland Grand Home](#) - built from 1914 to 1916 and featured technology many had never seen.
- [E. W. Marland Mansion](#) - learn about the Marland family, the industry that made it all possible, and the "oil boom-town" that rose from it all, Ponca City.
- [Pioneer Woman Statue and Museum](#) preserves the legacy of women from all races, creeds, and nationalities who have contributed to the development of Oklahoma.
- [Poncan Theatre](#) has entertained and enthralled audiences for over eighty years.
- [Standing Bear Memorial](#) is a monumental tribute to all Native Americans.



Marland Mansion

Festivals

- [Fine Arts Festival](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

The Great Outdoors

- [Cann Memorial Botanical Gardens](#)
- Lew Wentz [Public Pool](#) and [Golf Course](#)
- [Kaw Lake](#) - enjoy the outdoors at Kaw Lake.
- [Lake Ponca Mountain Bike Trails](#) are open to the public.
- [Lake Ponca](#) is a great place for a fun weekend adventure.



Standing Bear Memorial



Kaw Lake

Registration

Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. If you are moving permanently to Oklahoma, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 30 days.

To change to an Oklahoma license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are a resident to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test. Locations [here](#).

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Oklahoma Department of Public Safety](#).

Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.