

Oklahoma

Native America



Flag:

[The Oklahoma state flag](#) honors more than 60 groups of Native Americans and their ancestors. The blue field comes from a flag carried by Choctaw soldiers during the civil war. The center shield is the battle shield of an Osage warrior. It is made of buffalo hide and decorated with eagle feathers. Two symbols of peace lie across the shield. One is the calumet, or peace pipe. The other is an olive branch. Crosses on the shield are Native American signs for stars, representing high ideals.



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Even before the land was thrown open to white settlement, many early settlers snuck across the border and made claims there. When the first official settlers were allowed across, they found these "sooners" already in possession of the land that they were hoping to take. This led to the state being called the **Sooner State**. Those who had waited patiently for the canon's "boom", a signal that they could cross into Oklahoma, resulted in the much rarer nickname Boomer State, or **Boomer's Paradise**. According to some Oklahoma licence plates, **Oklahoma is OK!**

Economy:

Agriculture: Cattle, wheat, milk, poultry, cotton.

Industry: Transportation equipment, machinery, electric products, rubber and plastic products, food processing.