

## The Best Places to Raise Your Kids 2009



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### **Oklahoma**

Lawton

Nearest city: Oklahoma City

Population: 89,304

Median household income: \$47,988

Lawton is 90 miles from Oklahoma City in the southwest part of the state, and just south of the Fort Sill Army post. The area has 22,400 acres of wildlife habitat and many lakes that are good for fishing and boating.

### **Kid-Friendly and Cost-Friendly**

Welcome to *BusinessWeek's* second annual roundup of the best places to raise your kids.

We selected towns with at least 50,000 residents and a median family income between \$40,000 and \$100,000. We then narrowed the list of towns using the following weighted criteria: school performance; number of schools; household expenditures; crime rates; air quality; job growth; family income; museums, parks, theaters, and other amenities; and diversity. We weighted school performance and safety most heavily, but also gave strong weight to amenities and affordability.

Oklahoma Runners-up were Midwest City and Broken Arrow