

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Locally-owned boutiques and restaurants can be found throughout the city. Darling Daisy's Flowers & Gifts can be found next to the Cornerstone on Main Street. This area also offers professional services such as banking and health care along with a mix of national retailers.

The City of Osawatomi has been designated as a Federally Qualified Opportunity Zone. This designation offers an incentive to persons who invest proceeds from a capital gain into a development within the community.

To promote further industrial development, the city offers free development ground to qualified firms.

The community's Neighborhood Revitalization District Program also applies to commercial and industrial improvements. The program provides the opportunity for a graduated tax rebate on the assessed value of qualifying improvements to any property located in one of three designated areas.

EMPLOYERS



Along with easy access to jobs in the Kansas City metro area, Osawatomi residents have a variety of employment opportunities at home. The following is only a sample of what the city has to offer, and does not represent every employer present.

OSAWATOMIE EMPLOYERS	INDUSTRY
First Option Bank	Banking
Osawatomi School District	Education
City of Osawatomi	Government
Osawatomi State Hospital	Health Care
Tri-Ko, Inc	Health Care
Victory Chevrolet	Auto Sales

MIAMI COUNTY EMPLOYERS	INDUSTRY
Paola School District	Education
Lakemary Center	Special Needs Education
Osawatomi State Hospital	Mental Health Services
Osawatomi School District	Education
Miami County Government	Government
Taylor Forge Industries	Machining & Steel Work
Louisburg School District	Education
Walmart	Retail Sales
Doherty Steel, Inc.	Machining & Steel Work
Briley's, Sonic	Retail Sales
University of Kansas Health System	Health Care

TOURISM

Osawatomi is rich in pre-Civil War stories that attract visitors interested in learning more about John Brown and the history of the American railroad. Seven sites within the community are on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Adair Cabin at the John Brown Museum was a station on the Underground Railroad and used by John Brown as his headquarters. This amazing historic cabin survived the Battle of Osawatomi, where Brown and his 30 free-state defenders fought 250 proslavery militia. The museum is within a community park with a nearby walking trail.

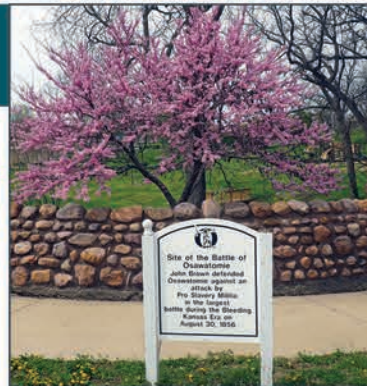


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Railroad buffs can take a deep dive into Osawatomi's deep connection to the industry at the Osawatomi Railroad Museum. The St. Louis-Kansas-Arizona rail line reached town in 1879 and later became Union Pacific. In fact, Union Pacific became a major employer here for years and still operates a large switching station. Railroad artifacts include a caboose and a replica depot.

The Osawatomi History Museum houses exhibits on the Osawatomi State Hospital, pre-Civil War life in Kansas and the railroads. Osawatomi is also known as the home of the Kansas Republican Party and home of the term "Jayhawk." More information about the community's history is available at www.osawatomiaks.org.

Flint Hills Trail State Park spans across eastern and central Kansas, starting in Osawatomi and ending in Herington. Visitors can hike, bike or horseride their way along the Marais des Cygnes River where visitors will see views of rushing water, bluffs, farmland and woodland. E-bikes are welcome on the trail for riders of all abilities!

Much of the community's history is reflected by four signature events. John Brown Jamboree in June, Lights on the Lake near Independence Day and Freedom Festival in September, and Border War BBQ Fundraiser for the John Brown Foundation in October. The community is also host to a wide variety of other public events including numerous runs, bike rides and holiday activities.



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Located about an hour south of the Kansas City metro area, the City of Osawatomie is known for its important role in Kansas history and its Victorian architecture.

Osawatomie is the only town by its name in the United States and probably in the world. It was named for two Indian tribes, the Osage and the Pottawatomie, and for the two rivers that border the community. The Osage River is now known as the Marais des Cygnes, marsh of the swans, as it had been called by French explorers and trappers who lived among the tribes.

Most residents live in traditional neighborhoods with many offering tree-lined streets. Victorian-style homes, vacant building lots and modern homes are available for new residents. The community's Main Street includes city offices, medical services, retail shops and restaurants.

Many of the community's residents work for local employers such as the railroad or school district, while others commute to the metro area.

Osawatomie's strong school system, sense of tradition and small-town charm attracts families who value a more relaxed pace of life.



Drive Time from Osawatomie

New Century AirCenter	37 min. 32 miles
Logistics Park Kansas City	36 min. 30 miles
Overland Park	49 min. 41 miles
Kansas City Metro Area	55 min. 50 miles

HOUSING

A majority of homes in Osawatomie are on grid-pattern streets with established trees in traditional neighborhoods. More than 70% of the community's 2,100 housing units are owner occupied with an owner-occupied vacancy rate of about 5%.

The community's Neighborhood Revitalization District Program promotes revitalization of the established areas. The program provides the opportunity for a graduated tax rebate of qualifying improvements to any property located in one of the three designated areas of the city.

The average single family home sale price includes new and existing single-family units. It includes homes sold by owner and those involving a real estate agent.



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AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY HOME SALE PRICE

	Average Sales Price	Price Per Square Foot
2018	\$100,204	\$82
2019	\$107,928	\$89
2020	\$121,579	\$96
2021	\$139,722	\$120
2022	\$152,646	\$132
2023	\$179,470	\$149

Source: Miami County Appraiser's Office

PUBLIC SAFETY



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Osawatomie's Police Station features administrative services, training rooms and community prevention activities.

A focus on community policing has allowed the community to maintain crime rates generally comparable to the state.

A partnership between the city and school district allows a School Resource Officer to interact with students throughout the day.

Osawatomie is also home to the county's only water rescue team. Members of the Osawatomie Volunteer Fire Department train regularly on specialized techniques and respond to calls for service throughout the region. The department's firefighters also respond to fires, medical emergencies and organize educational events focusing on fire prevention.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Miami County has a population of more than 34,000 persons with about 4,300 living in Osawatomie.

Osawatomie's median age, 29.7 years, reflects the community's youth with almost 82% of residents younger than 60 years.

POPULATION

2013	4,385
2014	4,357
2015	4,297
2016	4,308
2017	4,298
2018	4,266
2019	4,284
2020	4,223
2021	4,280
2022	4,238
2023	4,241

Source: Kansas Budget Office

RESIDENT PROFILE

	Estimate
Male	45%
Female	55%
Under 9 years	9%
10 to 19 years	15%
20 to 29 years	16%
30 to 39 years	13%
40 to 49 years	13%
50 to 59 years	16%
60 to 69 years	10%
70 to 79 years	5%
80 to 89 years	2%
Median Age (years)	37.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 5-Year American Community Survey



SCHOOLS

The Osawatomie School District serves nearly 1,100 students attending classes at an elementary school, a middle school, high school and alternative school. High school students can also choose from more than 30 hours of dual credit technical courses offered by area community and technical colleges.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
State Average	87.5	88.3	88.1	89.3	88.1
Osawatomie USD 367	91.1	91.3	89.9	90.0	84.3

Source: Kansas Department of Education

The district offers all-day kindergarten and preschool programs for three- and four-year-old children. All elementary school students receive swimming lessons and a free daily breakfast.

Focused on lifelong learning, the district also operates the OZone, a wellness and fitness center for the community.

Technology is integrated throughout the district, and high school students are each issued a laptop.

The typical size of a senior class is about 100 students. Of those, more than 60% pursue post-secondary education. An active community foundation annually awards more than \$200,000 to those students to assist with the cost of their continued education.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

Via a partnership with the school district, Osawatomie features three swimming pools – two indoor and a new outdoor aquatic center. As part of the OZone, the pools are just one component of the community recreation center. The space also features an indoor walking track, workout equipment and space for a variety of classes. Onsite daycare is also offered.

Residents also enjoy recreational opportunities outdoors. John Brown Memorial Park was dedicated in 1910 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The park has playground equipment, shelters, grills, picnic tables and restrooms, as well as 35 camping spots, 10 with electrical hookups.

Osawatomie is also home to the Mile Zero Trailhead for the Flint Hills Trail State Park. This 120-mile rail-trail crosses seven counties and is currently the seventh longest nature trail in the United States, according to the Rails to Trails Conservancy in Washington, D.C. Trailhead amenities include restroom and solid waste facilities, Walker Station informational kiosk, water access, bike repair station, shade structures, and room for vehicle and equestrian trailer parking.

Osawatomie City Lake has a 75-acre recreational area complete with camping hook-ups and is regularly stocked for fishing. It is open to small craft boaters. The town is one of only six locations in the state to host an annual paddlefish snagging season. Fishermen can try their luck on the Marais des Cygnes River from March 15 through May 15.

The Osawatomie Municipal Golf Course has 18 holes of excellent play, along with a fully outfitted pro shop, snack bar, driving range and practice greens.

