Figure 1. The location of Oklahoma Sales by an Online Retailer, 2002-2005



Table 1. State Funeral Regulations in Oklahoma and Neighboring States

| | Only Funeral Directors may sell Caskets | Funeral Directors must be Trained as Embalmers | Funeral Homes must have Embalming Rooms | Required Training of Funeral Directors (years) | Licenses for low- cost cremation providers and funeral arrangers |
|------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Oklahoma | V | | | 3 | |
| Arkansas | | | | 1.5 | |
| Colorado | | | | 0 | |
| Kansas | | | $\sqrt{}$ | 1 | |
| Missouri | | | | 1 | |
| New Mexico | | | | 3 | |
| Texas | | | | 2.5 | |

Table 2. Average Spending on Funerals in Oklahoma and Neighboring States, 2022

| | Consumer Spending on Funeral Services | | | Determinants of Consumer Spending | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | Revenue of Funeral Homes ¹ (thou. of \$) | Deaths ² | Funeral Expenditures per Death | Cremation Rate ³ | Native ⁴ (% Born in State) | Median Household Income ⁵ (\$) | |
| Oklahoma | 272,078 | 47,976 | 5,671 | 36.5 | 61.6 | 65960 | |
| Arkansas | 188,109 | 37,855 | 4,969 | 37.4 | 61.1 | 56120 | |
| Colorado | 140,708 | 46,787 | 3,007 | 70.8 | 41.4 | 93510 | |
| Kansas | 193,310 | 31,551 | 6,127 | 33.6 | 61.4 | 75950 | |
| Missouri | 394,729 | 71,851 | 5,494 | 36.9 | 66.2 | 74360 | |
| New Mexico | 87,090 | 23,655 | 3,682 | 58.4 | 53.6 | 58660 | |
| Texas | 1,340,088 | 241,441 | 5,550 | 46.2 | 59.3 | 77600 | |
| Average of Oklahoma's Neighbors | | | 4,805 | 47.2 | 57.2 | 72,700 | |

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