

# 2024 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
*Improving our future by degrees*



## DISTRICT 25

EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY • MURRAY STATE COLLEGE • SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

## HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

Nearly 196,000 students enrolled annually



Over 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of nearly 6% over the last decade



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Associate and bachelor's degree holders earn a median income **25% and 75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.



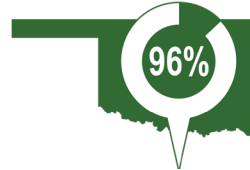
Data from the National Center for Education Statistics show Oklahoma universities have the **8<sup>th</sup>-lowest cost of attendance in the nation**.

### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ McClain
- ▶ Pontotoc
- ▶ Pottawatomie



The number of engineering degrees and certificates conferred by state system institutions **increased 43.1%** over the last decade, and STEM degrees **increased 19.2%** at all levels.



Our students learn here, earn here — **96%** of Oklahomans who graduate from a state system college or university remain and work in the state one year after graduation.



Only **28.5%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is nearly 36%, and of our surrounding states — including Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas and Colorado — only Arkansas has a lower percentage of citizens with a bachelor's degree or higher.



Of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations, the **top 29** highest-paying jobs require an associate's degree or higher, and all of the **top 10** require a bachelor's degree or higher.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 8,837 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 25.

### Graduation

- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 1,510 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 25.

### Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 25, 73 students from the 2023 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 225 high school students in District 25 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 1,305 high school students from District 25 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, nearly 700 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 25 received approximately \$3.1 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

### Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 1,807 students enrolled in 20,282 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 25.

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