

2024 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Improving our future by degrees



DISTRICT 56

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HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

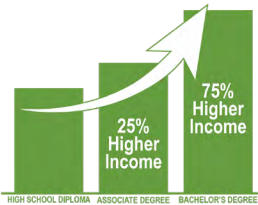
Nearly 196,000 students enrolled annually



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.



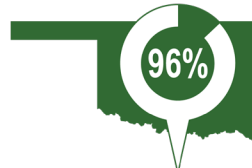
Data from the National Center for Education Statistics show Oklahoma universities have the **8th-lowest cost of attendance in the nation**.

COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ Caddo
- ▶ Canadian
- ▶ Grady



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, 25,520 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 56.

Graduation

- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 3,273 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 56.

Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 56, 382 students from the 2023 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 1,053 high school students in District 56 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 6,000 high school students from District 56 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, over 1,400 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 56 received approximately \$6.1 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 3,607 students enrolled in 29,349 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 56.

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