



2025

HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

DISTRICT 1



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INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- ▶ Carl Albert State College
- ▶ Eastern Oklahoma State College
- ▶ Southeastern Oklahoma State University

COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ LeFlore
- ▶ McCurtain

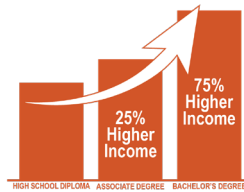
HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA



Nearly **200,000** students enrolled annually



Over **38,000** degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of **more than 6%** over the last decade



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 the cost of attendance at Oklahoma universities is **among the lowest in the nation**.



Over the last decade, STEM degrees **increased 22%** at all levels.



Our students learn here, earn here — **over 93%** 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 22** highest-paying jobs require an associate degree or higher, and eight of the **top 10** fastest-growing jobs require a college degree.



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BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, 11,403 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 1.

Graduation

- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, 2,552 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 1.

Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 1, 204 students from the 2024 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 499 high school students in District 1 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 3,718 high school students from District 1 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, nearly 600 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 1 received approximately \$2.4 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, 1,296 students enrolled in 13,041 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 1.