



HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT



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Improving our future by degrees

DISTRICT 42

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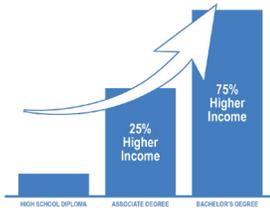


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HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

More than 200,000 students enrolled annually

More than 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year



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



U.S. News and World Report 2021 rankings place Oklahoma tuition and fees as **11th-lowest in the nation**.



STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions **increased 43%** over the last decade. **More than 7,450 STEM** and **6,220 healthcare** degrees and certificates were awarded at all levels in the last academic year.



Nearly 90% of Oklahoma residents who earn an undergraduate degree remain and are employed in the state one year after graduation.



For every \$1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education generates **\$9.40** in economic return.



Of the top 100 critical occupations in Oklahoma (2018-2028), **66** require an associate degree or higher.



Only **26.2%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is more than 33%, and of our surrounding states—including Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado—only Arkansas has fewer citizens with a bachelor's degree or higher.



Oklahoma ranks **50th in the nation** in the percent change in state fiscal support for higher education from 2010-2020, with a **37.2% decline** in public higher education appropriations per FTE.

