

# 2023 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

## DISTRICT 55

REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE • SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

### HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

**More than 196,000** students enrolled annually

**Nearly 37,000** degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of **more than 8%** 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 **eighth-lowest cost of attendance in the nation**.

### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- Beckham
- Blaine
- Caddo
- Canadian
- Washita



The number of STEM bachelor's degrees conferred by state system institutions **increased 42.4%** over the last decade, and **increased 24%** at all degree levels.



**Nearly 90%** of Oklahomans — and almost two-thirds of non-resident students — who graduate from a state system college or university remain and work in the state.



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



The majority of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations require an associate's degree or higher. 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.



Only **27.9%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is nearly 38%.



Oklahoma has the **third-lowest** public higher education appropriations per FTE in the nation.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 8,006 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 55.

### Graduation

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 1,438 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 55.

### Oklahoma's Promise

- In District 55, 353 students from the 2022 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 1,132 high school students in District 55 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 6,300 high school students from District 55 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2021-22 academic year, over 600 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 55 received approximately \$3.6 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

### Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 1,504 students enrolled in 13,322 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 55.

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