2024 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

DISTRICT 9

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE • NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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





25% Higher Income

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.



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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COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- Cherokee
- Muskogee

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BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment

During the 2022-23 academic year, 10,415 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 9.

Graduation

During the 2022-23 academic year, 2,228 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 9.

Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 9, 214 students from the 2023 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 578 high school students in District 9 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 3,752 high school students from District 9 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2022-23 academic year, nearly 800 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 9 received approximately \$3.9 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

During the 2022-23 academic year, 679 students enrolled in 6,656 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 9.

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