



OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Improving our future by degrees

STATE SYSTEM UPDATE

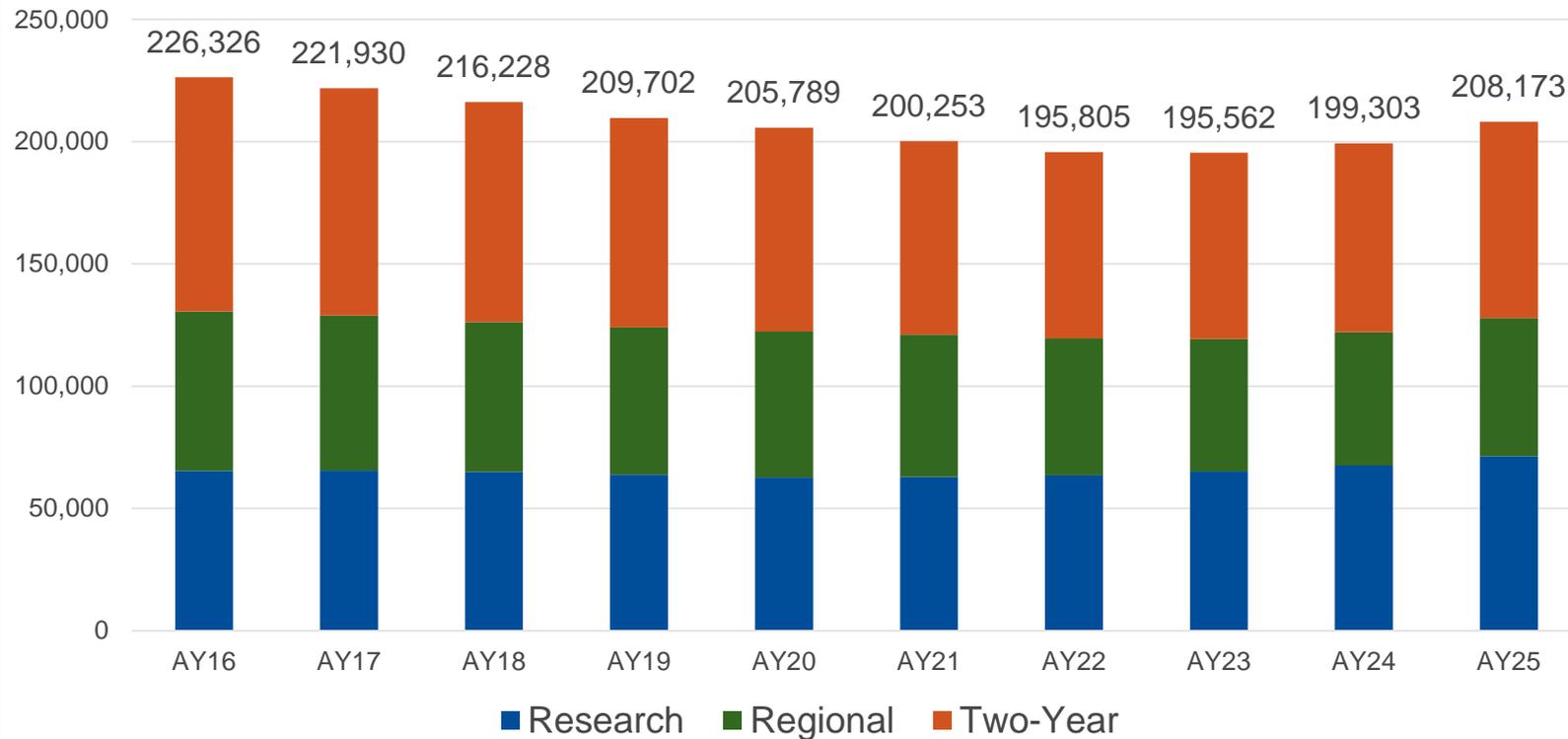
Annual Regents Education Program Conference

Chancellor Sean Burrage

November 18, 2025

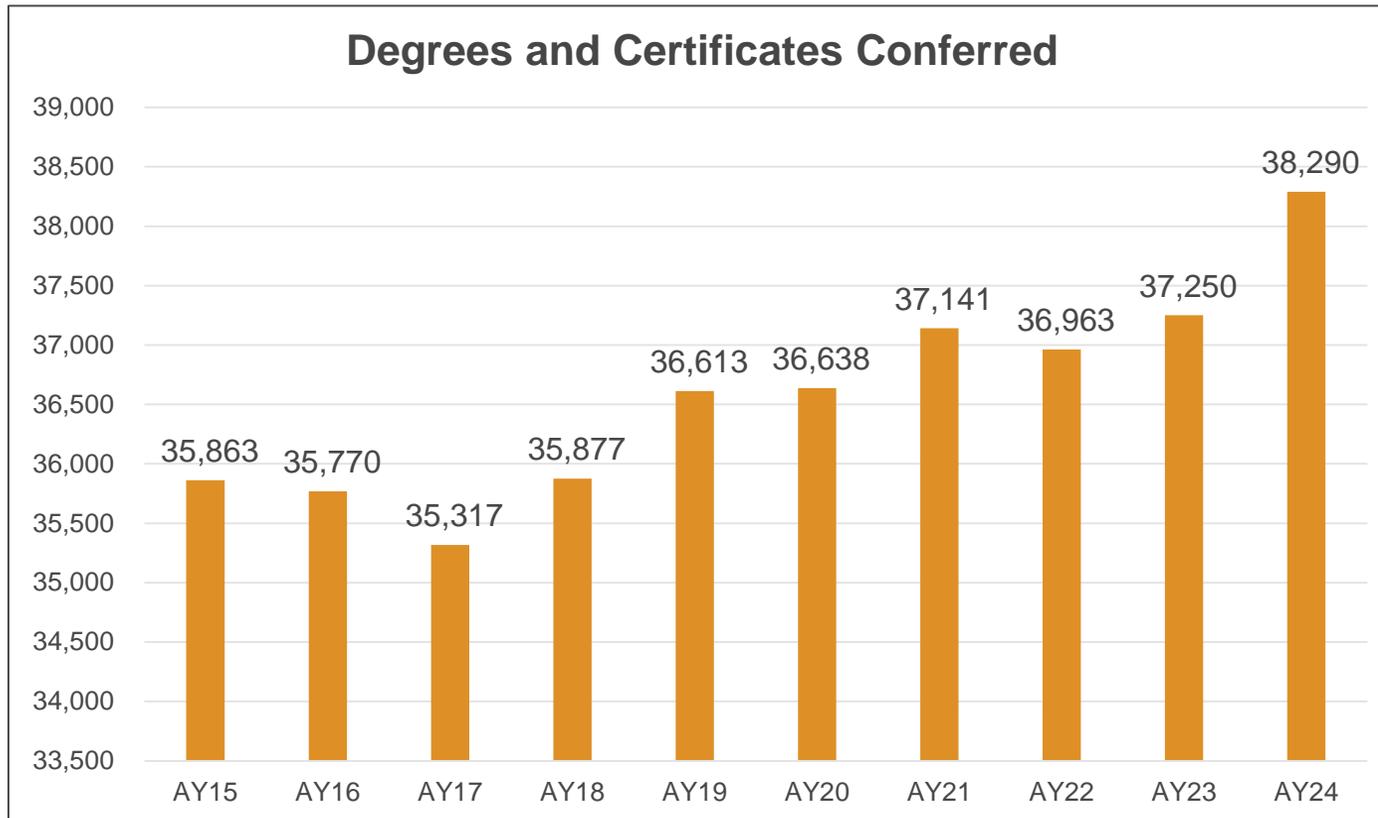
ENROLLMENT TRENDS

State System Headcount Enrollment

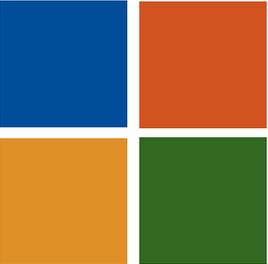


- ▶ 6% enrollment growth since AY23
- ▶ Anticipate increase in AY26 with Fall 2025 enrollment up by 3.6%

DEGREE PRODUCTION TRENDS



- ▶ Over the past 10 years, degrees and certificates conferred in:
 - ▶ STEM increased 22%
 - ▶ Health professions increased 11%
 - ▶ Nursing increased 22%
- ▶ 88% of degrees conferred in AY24 were in fields directly aligned with Oklahoma’s “100 Critical Occupations”



EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

UNDERGRADUATES EMPLOYED IN OKLAHOMA AFTER GRADUATION

	Oklahoma Residents	Non-Residents who attend Oklahoma Institutions	Total
1 Year Post-Graduation (AY23 Grad Year)	91.5%	51.0%	83.2%
5 Years Post-Graduation (AY19 Grad Year)	83.5%	37.7%	73.7%

SOURCE: Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Oklahoma Tax Commission (2024 Employment Outcomes Report)

METHODOLOGY:

Data match between OSRHE, OESC, and OTC records to determine percent of state system graduates (associate's and bachelor's degrees) who remain in the state and are employed in the state 1 year and 5 years post-graduation.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PUBLIC
HIGHER EDUCATION
(FY2024)

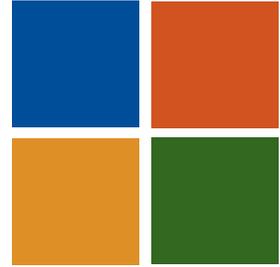
 **\$14.61
BILLION**



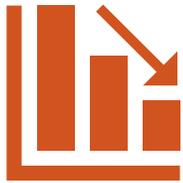
EVERY \$1 OF STATE
APPROPRIATIONS
INVESTED IN STATE
SYSTEM COLLEGES
& UNIVERSITIES
GENERATES

\$17.48
IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT

SOURCE: University of Cincinnati Economics Center. (2025). [The Economic and Fiscal Impact of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education](#)



CHALLENGES



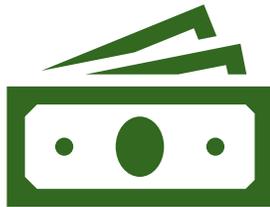
Declining enrollment



Changing business
model



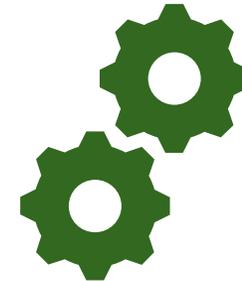
Budget constraints



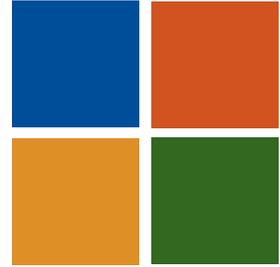
Maintaining affordability



Public perception of
higher education



Technological disruption
(AI)



BLUEPRINT 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

PRODUCE WORKFORCE-READY GRADUATES



GROW THE STUDENT PIPELINE



FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS



IMPROVE SYSTEM EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS



KEY INITIATIVES



Funding Formula Review

Evaluating the way the State Regents allocates funding to colleges and universities to promote alignment with state goals.



Institutional Financial Health Review

Developing key financial metrics to monitor institutional stability and sustainability during the tuition and fee review process.



Academic Program Productivity Review

Assessing the productivity of programs based on enrollment and completion to ensure resources are distributed efficiently and effectively.



Shared Services

Exploring opportunities for shared services across institutions so that we can direct more resources to the students we serve by reducing duplication and improving efficiency.



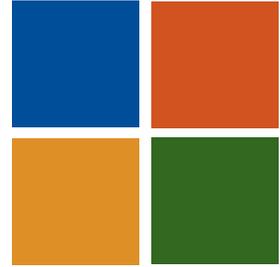
90-hour Bachelor's Degree

Developing policy to allow institutions to offer select 90-hour bachelor's degrees, focused on high-demand workforce fields to accelerate completion, reduce cost, and meet employer needs.



Deferred Maintenance

Partnering with the Legislature to secure funding to address longstanding capital and infrastructure needs across our campuses.



BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Budget Request

- ▶ \$57 million (5.5%) increase in strategic operational funding
- ▶ \$21.5 million in legislatively-mandated programs
- ▶ \$347.75 million in one-time, institution-specific allocations



Legislative Priorities

- ▶ Advance workforce alignment
- ▶ Support campus research capacity and partnerships
- ▶ Stabilize property insurance rates
- ▶ Expand Oklahoma's Promise
- ▶ Promote campus safety and security



QUESTIONS?

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