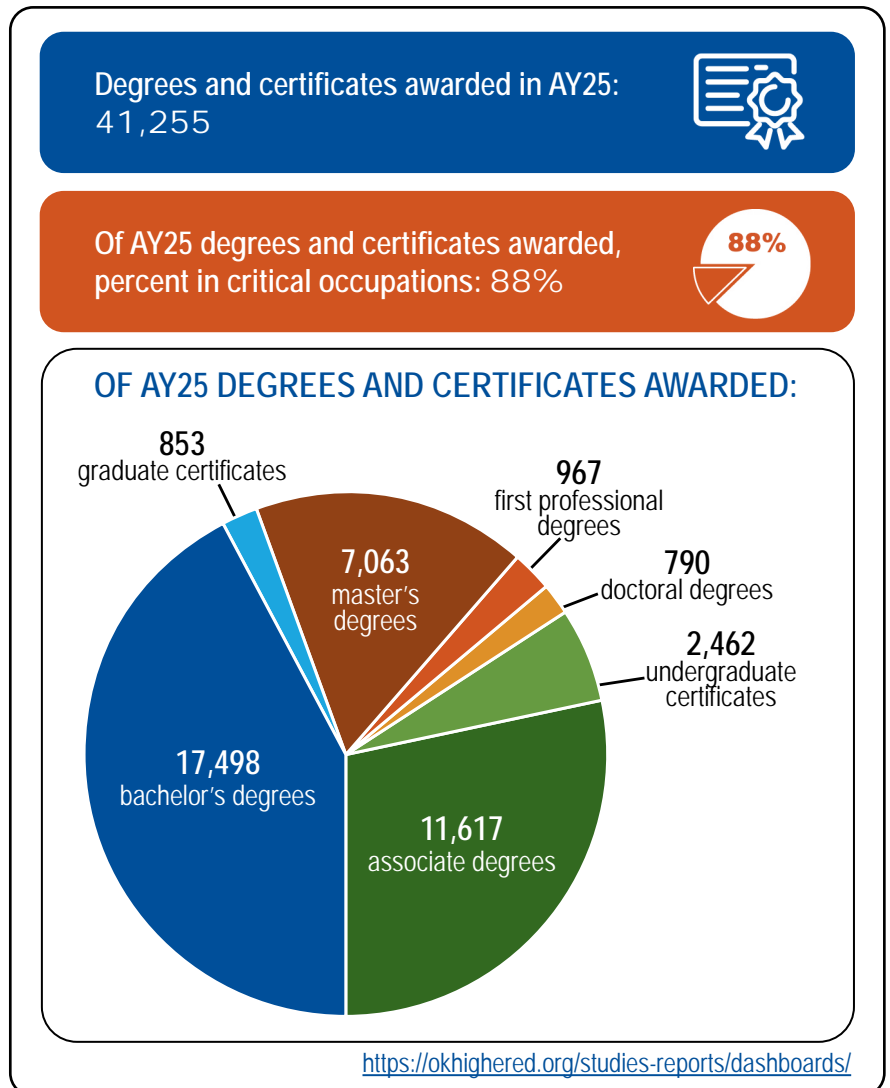
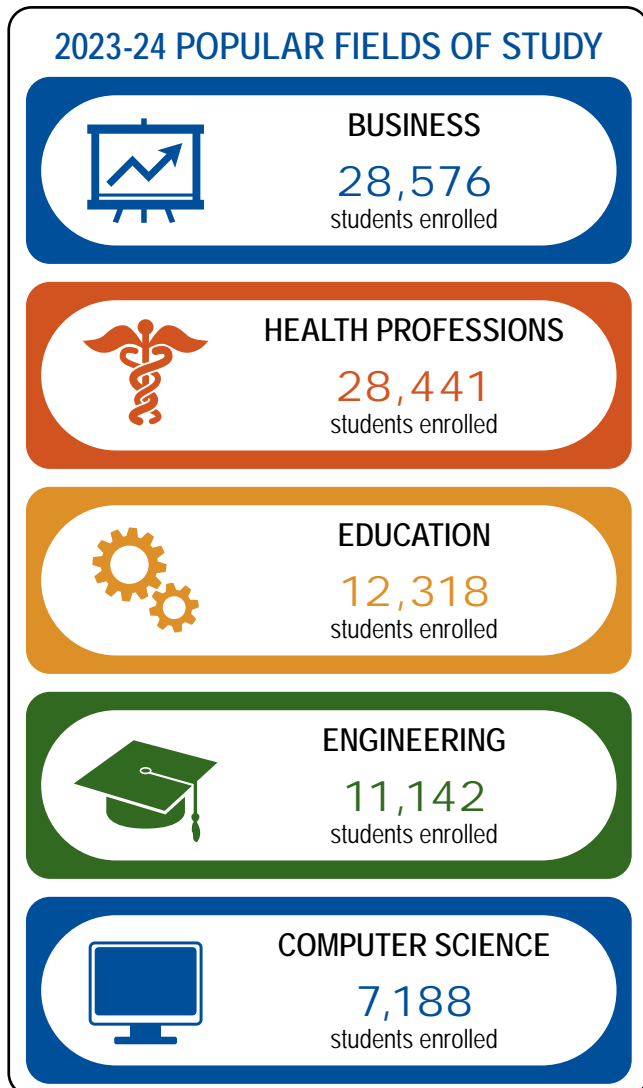
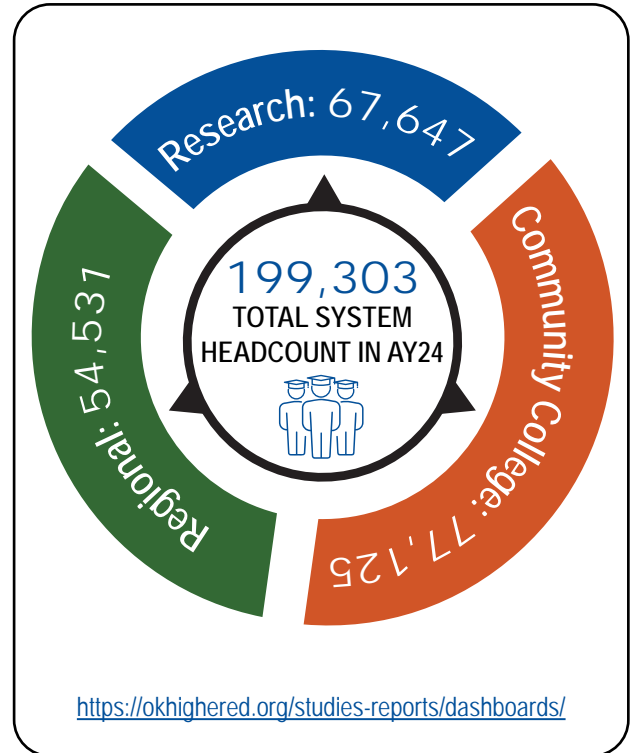
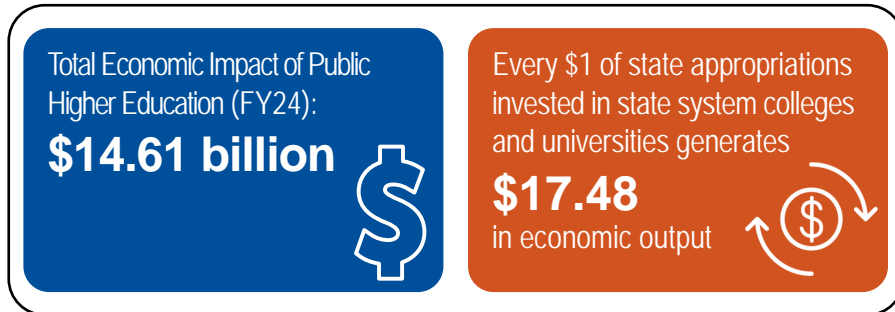


# ABOUT THE OKLAHOMA STATE SYSTEM



## EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES



**91% of Oklahoma resident graduates launch their careers in the state** within one year of graduation, strengthening the state's workforce.



**Earnings grow with education:** consistent with national trends, median annual earnings climb as degree level increases.



**STEM talent stays local:** Nearly 80% of STEM undergraduates work in Oklahoma one year after graduation.



**Oklahoma attracts and retains talent:** more than half of non-resident undergraduates stay to work in the state after graduation.



**Teacher pipeline is strong:** Over 87% of teacher education graduates are employed in Oklahoma within one year.



**Engineering graduates build Oklahoma's future:** nearly 74% of undergraduates in engineering are employed in Oklahoma one year after graduation.



**Nursing graduates meet critical demand:** over 94% are working in Oklahoma within one year, and more than 86% continue serving the state after five years.



**Oklahoma's Promise delivers lasting impact:** nearly 93% of graduates work in Oklahoma within one year, and almost 85% are still here five years later.

<https://okhighered.org/econ-dev/statewide-employment-outcomes/>

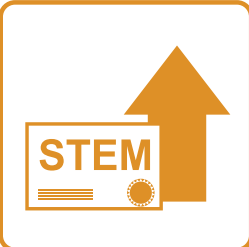
## KEY DATA POINTS



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 nearly 29%** at all levels.



In FY24, the state system of higher education drove **\$461.8 million** in tax revenue for state, county and local jurisdictions.



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.



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 fewer citizens with a bachelor's degree or higher.