

ABOUT THE OKLAHOMA STATE SYSTEM

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
IN THE STATE SYSTEM



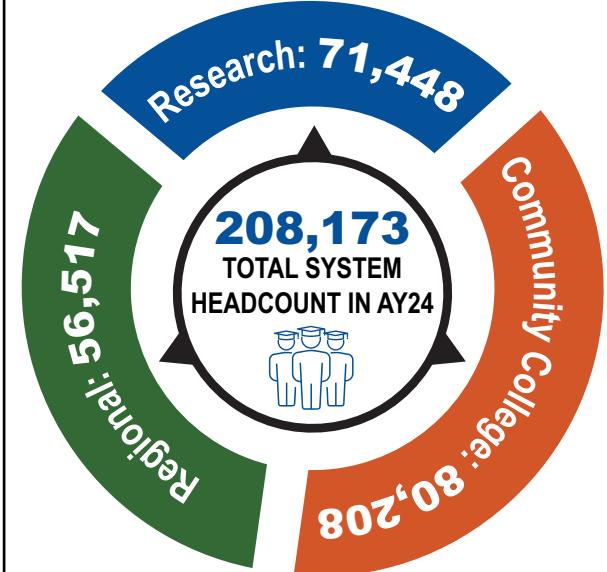
- 2 Research Universities
- 10 Regional Universities
- 1 Public Liberal Arts University
- 12 Community Colleges

Total Economic Impact of Public Higher Education (FY24):

\$14.61 billion



Every \$1 of state appropriations invested in state system colleges and universities generates **\$17.48** in economic output



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2023-24 POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY



BUSINESS

28,576
students enrolled



HEALTH PROFESSIONS

28,441
students enrolled



EDUCATION

12,318
students enrolled



ENGINEERING

11,142
students enrolled



COMPUTER SCIENCE

7,188
students enrolled

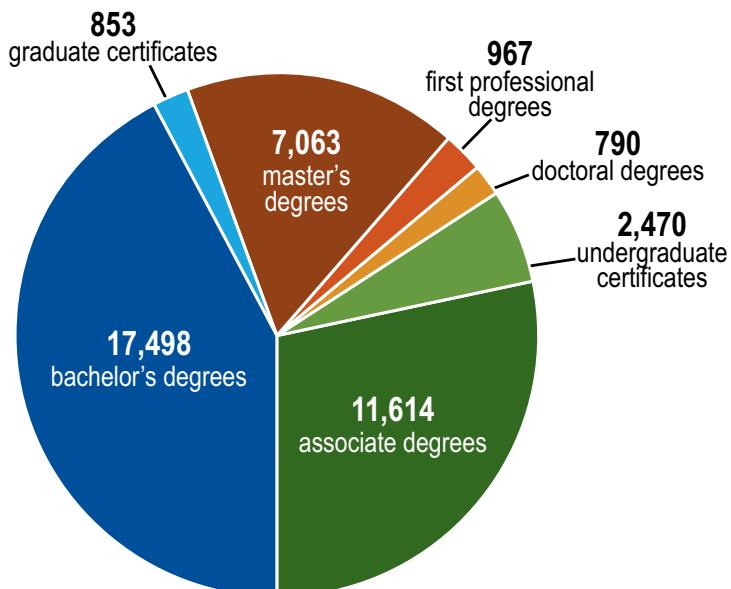
Degrees and certificates awarded in AY25:
41,255



Of AY25 undergraduate degrees and certificates awarded, percent in critical occupations: **90%**

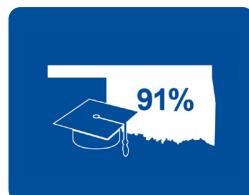


OF AY25 DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED:



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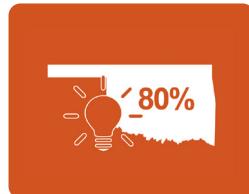
EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES



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.



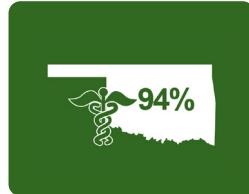
Oklahoma attracts and retains talent: more than half of non-resident undergraduates stay to work in the state after graduation.



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.

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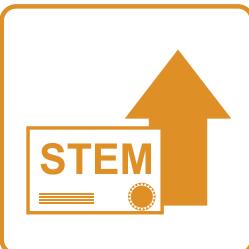
KEY DATA POINTS



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 **29.3%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is nearly 37%, 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.