HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

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More than 200,000 students enrolled annually
More than 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year

Associate and bachelor's degree holders earn a median income 25% and 75% higher, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.

U.S. News and World Report 2021 rankings place Oklahoma tuition and fees as 11th-lowest in the nation.

STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions increased 43% over the last decade. More than 7,450 STEM and 6,220 healthcare degrees and certificates were awarded at all levels in the last academic year.

Nearly 90% of Oklahoma residents who earn an undergraduate degree remain and are employed in the state one year after graduation.

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

Of the top 100 critical occupations in Oklahoma (2018-2028), 66 require an associate degree or higher.

Only 26.2% of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is more than 33%, 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.

Oklahoma ranks 50th in the nation in the percent change in state fiscal support for higher education from 2010-2020, with a 37.2% decline in public higher education appropriations per FTE.
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BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment
• During the 2020-21 academic year, 23,119 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

Graduation
• During the 2020-21 academic year, 3,956 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 18.*

Oklahoma’s Promise
• In District 18, 235 students from the 2021 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
• Currently, 886 high school students in District 18 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
• Since inception in 1992, 3,285 high school students from District 18 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
• During the 2020-21 academic year, over 1,600 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 18 received approximately $7.4 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment
• During the 2020-21 academic year, 1,454 students enrolled in 12,845 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

*Figure does not include students at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa and University of Oklahoma-Tulsa.

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