



MOVING OKLAHOMA FORWARD

FIVE FOUNDATIONS: BY THE NUMBERS



Business Climate & Competitiveness

- Oklahoma has the 6th highest combined state and average local sales tax rate in the United States (Tax Foundation)
- The Tax Foundation rated Oklahoma's state business tax climate as the 31st best in the country (Tax Foundation)
- Oklahoma ranks 10th in the Cato Institute's regulatory policy category of their 2014 Freedom in the 50 States report (Cato Institute)
- Oklahoma has the 11th lowest state-local tax burden as a percentage of state income in the nation (Tax Foundation)
- Oklahoma has the 11th lowest cost of labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Since 2012, Oklahoma's ranking has improved nine places in the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform's 2015 Ranking the States report (U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform)



Government & Fiscal Stability

- Oklahoma ranks 16th in the nation in budget transparency (U.S. PIRG Education Fund, Following the Money 2016)
- Oklahoma has the 7th lowest ratio of primary state debt to state personal income (Mercatus Center)
- Oklahoma has the 16th highest proportion of full-time state government employees to state population (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Oklahoma's average public school district enrollment is the 6th lowest in the nation (National Center for Education Statistics)



Quality of Life

- Our state had the 3rd highest rate of uninsured individuals in the country in 2015 (U.S. Census Bureau)
- We have the 3rd lowest percentage of adults who engage in physical activity (United Health Foundation)
- Oklahoma has the 5th highest age-adjusted mortality rate, per 100,000 people (CDC)
- We have the 6th highest rate of adult smokers (United Health Foundation)
- Our adult obesity rate is the 8th highest in the country (United Health Foundation)
- Oklahoma ranks 36th in the number of active primary care physicians per 100,000 population (United Health Foundation)
- Oklahoma has the 13th highest poverty rate in the nation (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Oklahoma has the 13th highest property crime rate and 14th highest violent crime rate in the nation (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- Oklahoma incarcerates more women than any other state, and we have the 2nd highest overall

incarceration rate in the nation (Bureau of Justice Statistics)

- Only 23% of Oklahoma eighth graders scored proficient or above on the 2015 NAEP math test. The national average was 32%. (National Center for Education Statistics)
- In Education Week's Quality Counts 2017 report, we ranked 46th in the nation, a D+ grade (Education Week Research Center)
- Only 21% of Oklahoma students earned "college-ready" scores on all four sections of the 2016 ACT exam, giving our state a national ranking of 36th (ACT, Inc.)



Workforce & Talent Development

- Oklahoma's average annual growth rate of young population (ages 25-29) is the 25th highest in the nation and below the national average (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Oklahoma's overall prime-working age employment to population ratio ranks 44th in the nation (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Only 24.1% of adult population has a bachelor's degree or higher, placing us 43rd in the country (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Our four-year graduation rate from four-year public colleges was 22.8% in 2013, or 40th in the country (Chronicle of Higher Education)
- The percentage of residents 16 and older who participated in the labor force, including all people classified as employed or unemployed, was the 12th lowest in the nation in 2015 (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Oklahoma is 46th in the nation in the number of employed science and engineering doctorates per 1,000 workers (National Science Foundation, Bureau of Labor Statistics)



Innovation & Growth

- Oklahoma ranks 46th in the nation for the dollar amount of venture capital investments per capita (PricewaterhouseCoopers MoneyTree Report, U.S. Census Bureau)
- Oklahoma was issued fewer patents (per one million people) in 2015 than most states, ranking 42nd (U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Patent & Trademark Office)
- In Oklahoma, 23% of bridges are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, the 25th highest percentage in the nation (TRIP)
- Thirty percent of Oklahoma's major roads are in poor condition, which is the 11th highest percentage in the nation (TRIP)
- Per driver, Oklahoma citizens pay more than those in any other state in extra annual vehicle operation and maintenance costs due to bad road conditions (TRIP)
- Oklahoma's average annual job growth rate between 2012 and 2015 was ranked 36th in the nation (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Oklahoma's average unemployment rate in 2016 was 4.9%, which was the 20th highest in the nation (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Our state was awarded fewer Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants (in dollars per worker in 2015) than most states, ranking 42nd in the nation (Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Small Business Administration)
- Rural pavement conditions in Oklahoma are the 7th worst in the nation (TRIP)

