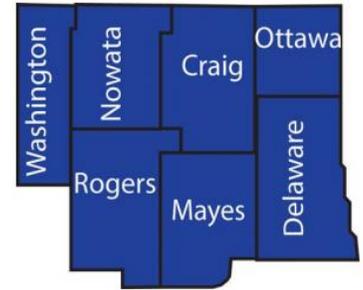# NORTHEAST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Education and Employment (2018 Data)

283,436 NE residents
(36% OK total pop., 2017)
175,800 residents of typical working age
(15-64 years old)

4,400 square miles

56.3% labor force participation
(57.9% OK, 60.2% US – 2016)
4.3% unemployment rate
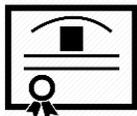(4.0% OK, 4.1% US – February 2018)
3.9% proj. working age pop. *decrease* by 2028

48.3% of NE residents remain in area for employment (2017)

49% of residents have a high school degree or less (45.7% OK; 41.9% US)
19.9% of residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher (23.8% OK, 29.5% US)

2 CareerTechs with **5** locations

3 colleges & universities

14% Credential Gap projected by 2028
32,500 more people will need some college or industry credentials
2,200 add'l Bachelor's Degrees will be needed

44 K-12 school districts

4 One-stop centers (1 comprehensive, 3 affiliate)

Northeast Oklahoma Workforce Development Area Workforce Gap

	High School or Less (HS)	Associate/Certificate/Credential/Some College (ACCS)	Bachelor's degree (B)	Graduate degree (G)
2018 Attainment	49% HS	31% ACCS	14% B	6% G
2028 New Jobs	35% HS	47% ACCS	15% B	3% G

■ High School or Less (HS)
■ Associate/Certificate/Credential/Some College (ACCS)
■ Bachelor's degree (B)
■ Graduate degree (G)

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Mission: To serve as the driver of social and economic change in Northeast Oklahoma

Strategic Vision: Through collaborative efforts among the workforce system, economic development, and education; the NEWDB serves as the driver of social and economic change in northeast Oklahoma. The NEWDB is the convener and collaborator charged with hosting community conversations to better align workforce resources. The NEWDB is charged with improving the structure and delivery in the system to assist Oklahoma workers in achieving a family-sustaining wage while providing Oklahoma businesses and industry with the skilled workers they need to compete on a global level.

Goals for preparing an educated and skills workforce:
- Focus on GED attainments, Registered Apprenticeships and other Work Based Learning activities
- Reaching at risk populations
- Implementation of a Supportive Service Directory
- ADA Certification

From NEWDB Local Plan (2017)

Ecosystem Comparison Northeast Oklahoma Workforce Development Area				
Ecosystem	**Estimated Net Job Growth (2016-2025)**	**Ecosystem Growth Rate (2016-2025)**	**Average Annual Earnings**	**Comments**
Aerospace and Defense	545	13.2%	$53,241	
Agriculture and Bioscience	647	13.3%	$50,421	
Energy	928	11.1%	$108,863	Highest annual earnings.
Information and Financial Services	278	8.9%	$66,954	Fewest jobs in 2016 of any ecosystem.
Transportation and Distribution	1,066	24.1%	$57,688	Highest growth rate.
Construction	3,311	22.6%	$52,803	Most jobs in 2016 of any ecosystem. Most newly-created jobs of any ecosystem. Second highest growth rate.
Education	-106	0.0%	$41,556	
Health Care	1,170	10.1%	$43,518	
Manufacturing	512	7.8%	$67,578	Second highest annual earnings.

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