

SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA WORKFORCE BOARD



Education and Employment (2018 Data)



Over **312,000** South Central citizens
(8% OK total pop., 2017)
199,424 residents of typical working age
(15-64 years old)



7,246 square miles



54.0% labor force participation
(57.9% OK, 60.2% US – 2016)
4.0% unemployment rate
(4.0% OK, 4.1% US – February 2018)
4.9% proj. working age pop. *decrease* by 2028



Nearly **53%** of SC residents remain in area for employment (2017)



5 CareerTechs with **6** locations



50.1% of residents have a high school degree or less (45.7% OK; 41.9% US)
18.8% of residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher (23.8% OK, 29.5% US)



2 colleges & universities



58 K-12 school districts

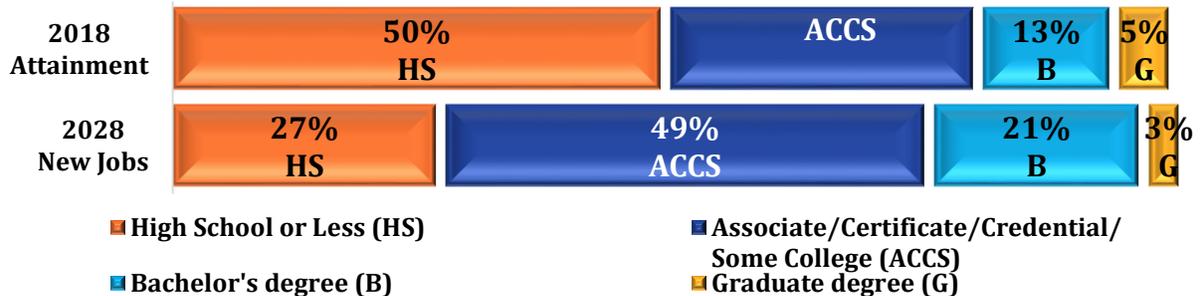


23% Credential Gap projected by 2028
38,000 more people will need some college or industry credentials
4,400 add'l Bachelor's Degrees will be needed



3 One-stop centers (1 comprehensive, 2 affiliate)

South Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area Workforce Gap



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Mission Statement: To enhance the area’s prosperity by helping people and businesses with their workforce needs.

Strategic Vision: The system will be one that aligns the business, education and government sectors toward common objectives leading to job growth, employee productivity and employer satisfaction while improving the per capita income of the state.

Goals for preparing an educated and skilled workforce

- ✓ 15% On-the-Job Training or work experience opportunities in service provision contract
- ✓ Establish regularly scheduled partner meetings to share information about clients and share information about specific skills in demand, along with the most pressing need in filling workplace vacancies.
- ✓ Increase number of agreements with new partners to co-enroll shared clients and utilize funds in a braided fashion
- ✓ Make certain all staff understand and can use the O*Net cross walk of skills, knowledge and abilities

From SCOWB Local Plan (2017)

Ecosystem Comparison South Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area				
Ecosystem	Estimated Net Job Growth (2016-2025)	Ecosystem Growth Rate (2016-2025)	Average Annual Earnings	Comments
Aerospace and Defense	480	3.20%	\$55,361	Employs the most residents.
Agriculture and Bioscience	417	12.46%	\$52,174	
Energy	34	0.68%	\$63,001	Second highest salary.
Information and Financial Services	348	8.62%	\$60,428	Second largest growth rate.
Transportation and Distribution	-120	-1.96%	\$62,374	
Construction	1271	16.59%	\$47,525	Largest growth rate. Most new jobs created.
Education	-429	-4.64%	\$56,344	
Health Care	973	8.04%	\$49,981	Second most jobs created.
Manufacturing	-499	-22.58	\$68,848	Highest salary.

References:

- South Central Oklahoma Workforce Area Labor Market Briefing, June 2017
- South Central Workforce Development Area Snapshot, May 2018
- Comprehensive WIOA Local Plan for South Central Oklahoma Workforce Board, July 2017