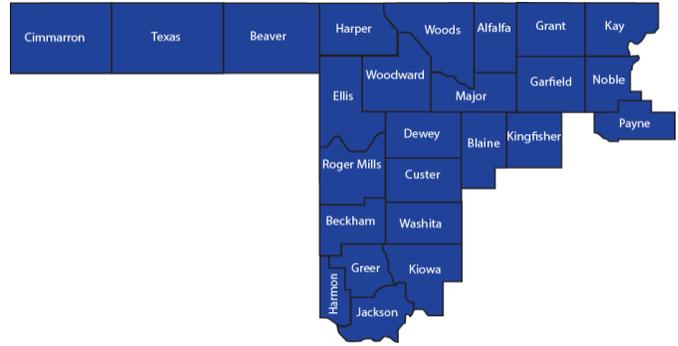


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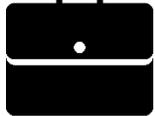
Education and Employment (2018 Data)



Over **432,000** Western citizens (11% OK total pop., 2017)
272,772 residents of typical working age (15-64 years old)



26,735 square miles



58.7% labor force participation (57.9% OK, 60.2% US – 2016)
3.5% unemployment rate (4.0% OK, 4.1% US – February 2018)
3.2% proj. working age pop. *decrease* by 2028



Over **69%** of Western residents remain in area for employment (2017)



9 CareerTechs with **16** locations



49.1% of residents have a high school degree or less (45.7% OK; 41.9% US)
23% of residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher (23.8% OK, 29.5% US)



8 colleges & universities with **13** campus locations



107 K-12 school districts

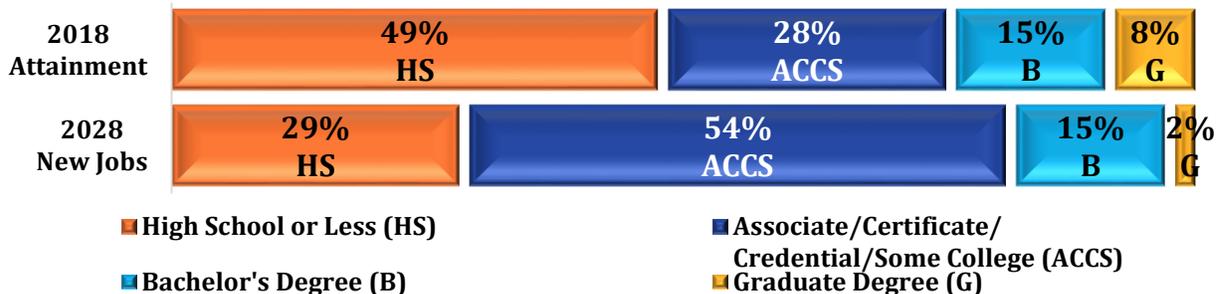


20% Credential Gap projected by 2028
69,000 more people will need some college or industry credentials



7 One-stop centers (1 comp., 6 affiliate)

Western Oklahoma Workforce Development Area Workforce Gap



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Supporting the state's goals and strategies:

- The Region will coordinate the development, alignment, and connection of education and training pipelines with the needs of the state's regional economies by coordinating strategic priorities and plans across the system.
- The Region will integrate and use workforce and economic development data to inform policy, track progress, and measure success.
- The Region plans to cultivate and maintain productive relationships between regional employers, educators, and other workforce partners to ensure an appropriately skilled workforce that meets the needs of employers.

From Western Regional Plan (2017)

Ecosystem Comparison Western Oklahoma Workforce Development Area				
Ecosystem	Estimated Net Job Growth (2016-2025)	Ecosystem Growth Rate (2016-2025)	Average Annual Earnings	Comments
Aerospace and Defense	231	3.15%	\$53,067	
Agriculture and Bioscience	2,136	14.13%	\$52,965	
Energy	2,483	16.23%	\$69,309	Highest salary. Second most jobs created.
Information and Financial Services	853	11.55%	\$63,799	Second highest salary.
Transportation and Distribution	1,922	19.03%	\$61,629	Second highest growth rate.
Construction	4,148	22.90%	\$49,750	Most new jobs created. Highest growth rate.
Education	-1,248	-5.29%	\$51,885	Employs the most individuals.
Health Care	1,890	9.72%	\$47,668	
Manufacturing	216	4.13%	\$61,639	

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