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# An Overview of Child Well-Being in Oklahoma

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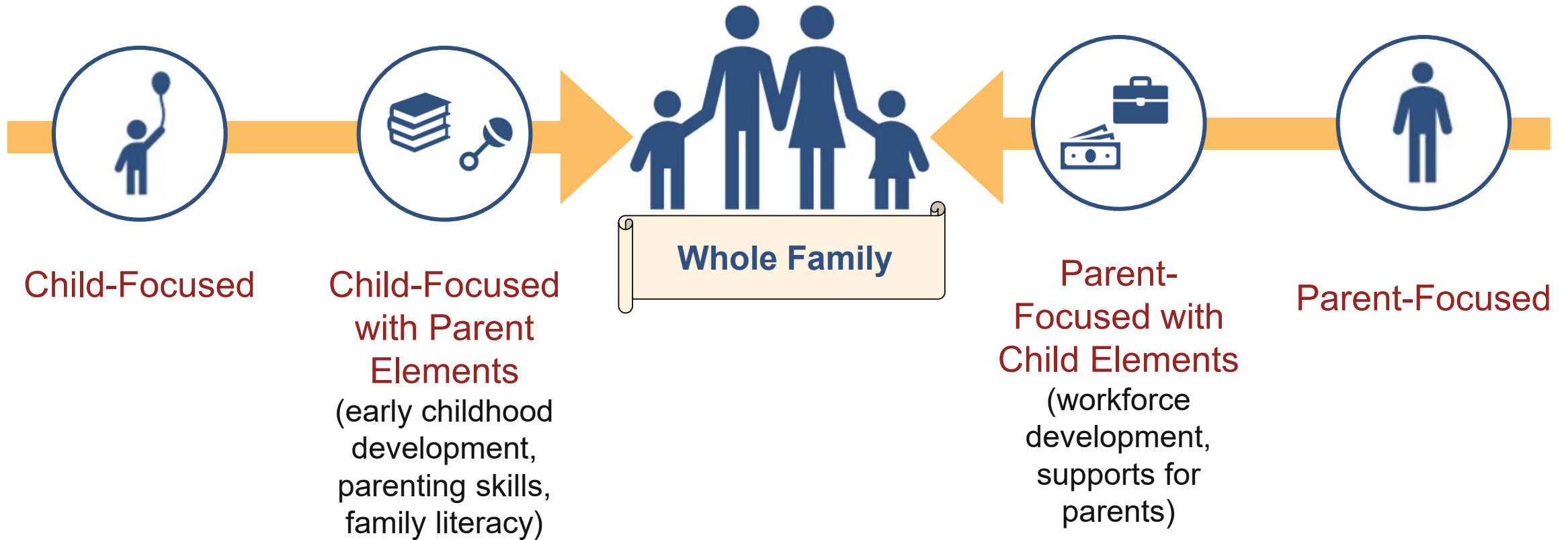
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# Economic Well-Being

2022 KIDS COUNT Ranking: 32nd





# ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF KIDS IN OKLAHOMA

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**Children in poverty**

2016-20

**21%**

**Children whose parents lack secure employment**

2016-20

**27%**

**Children living in households with a high housing cost burden**

2016-20

**25%**

**Teens not in school and not working**

2016-20

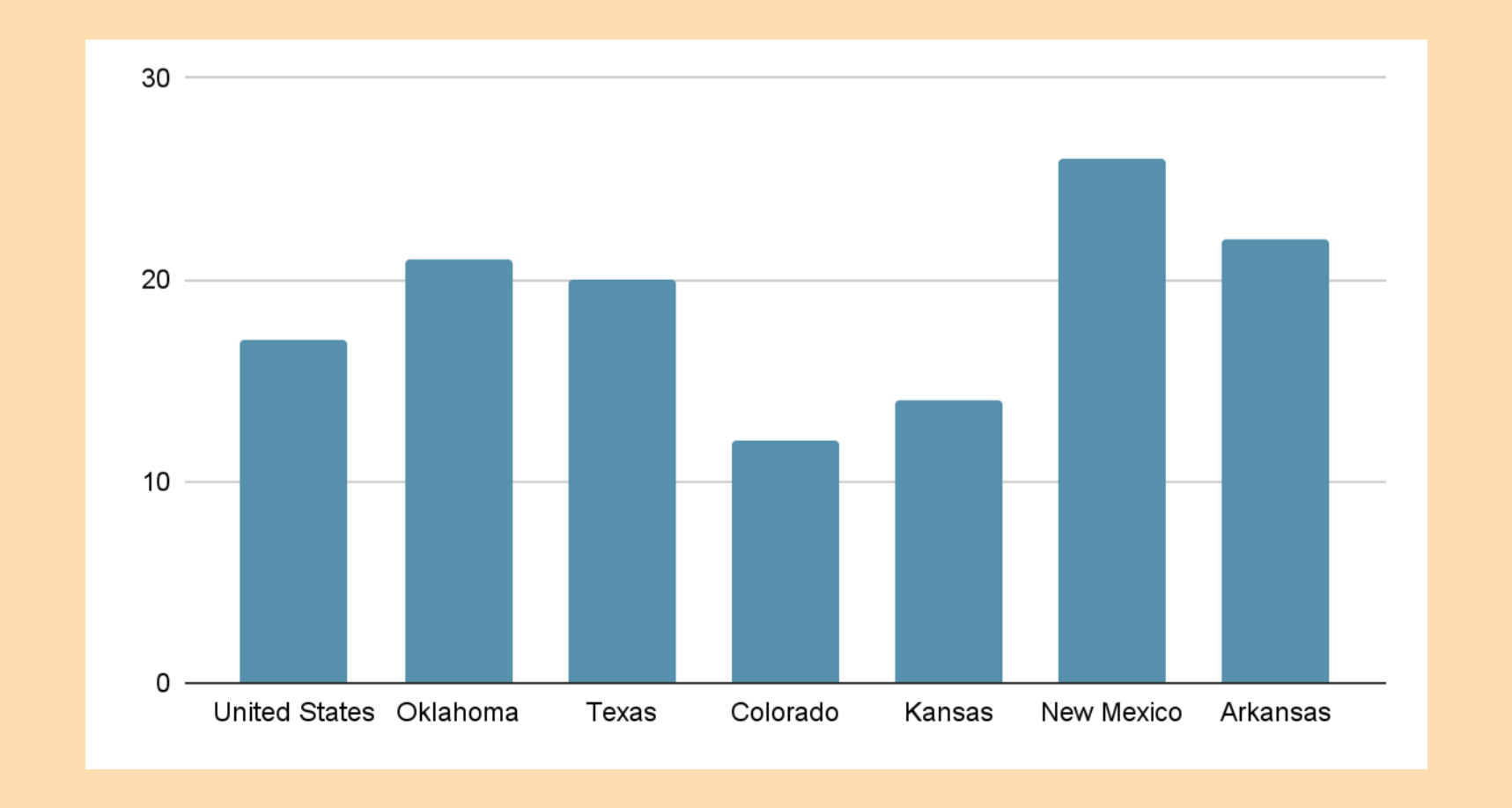
**8%**

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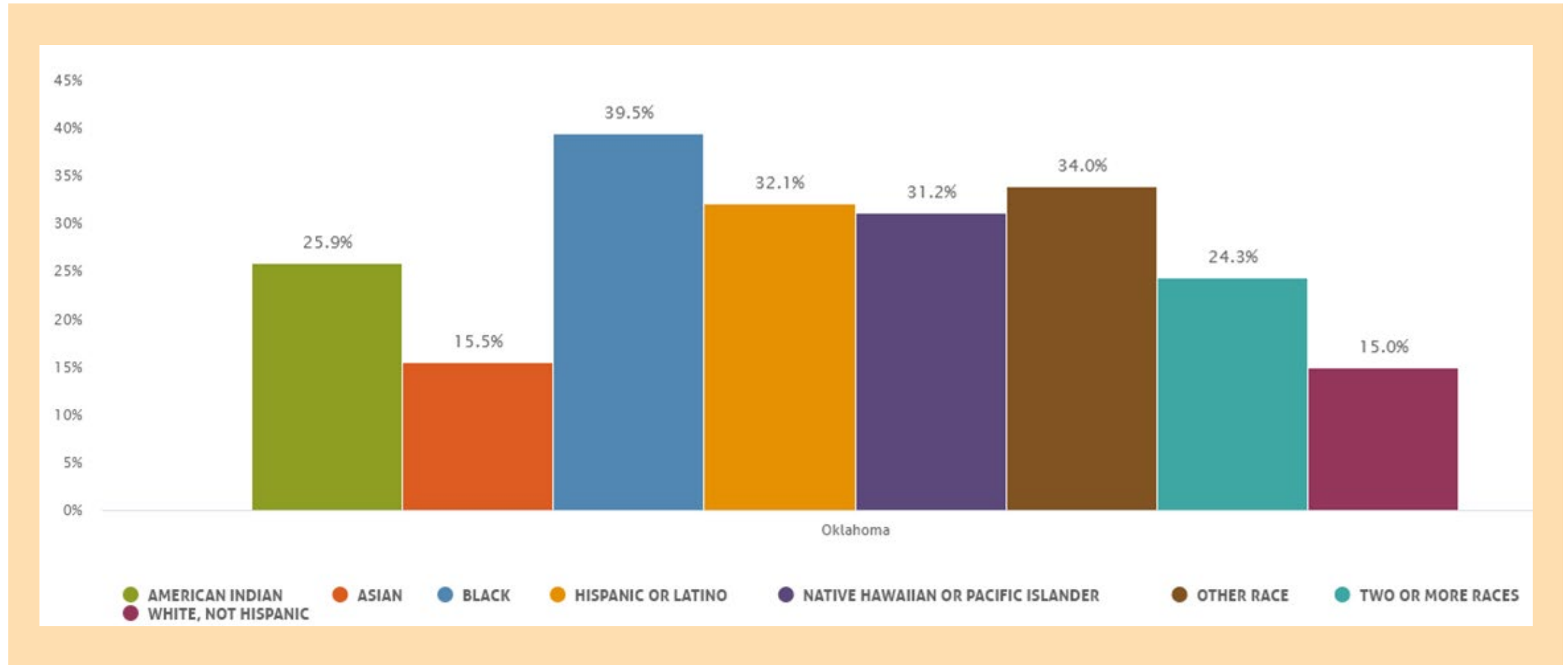
# Children in Oklahoma are more likely to experience poverty than the rest of the U.S.



Source: [2022 KIDS COUNT](#)



# And racial disparities in child poverty exist across all races

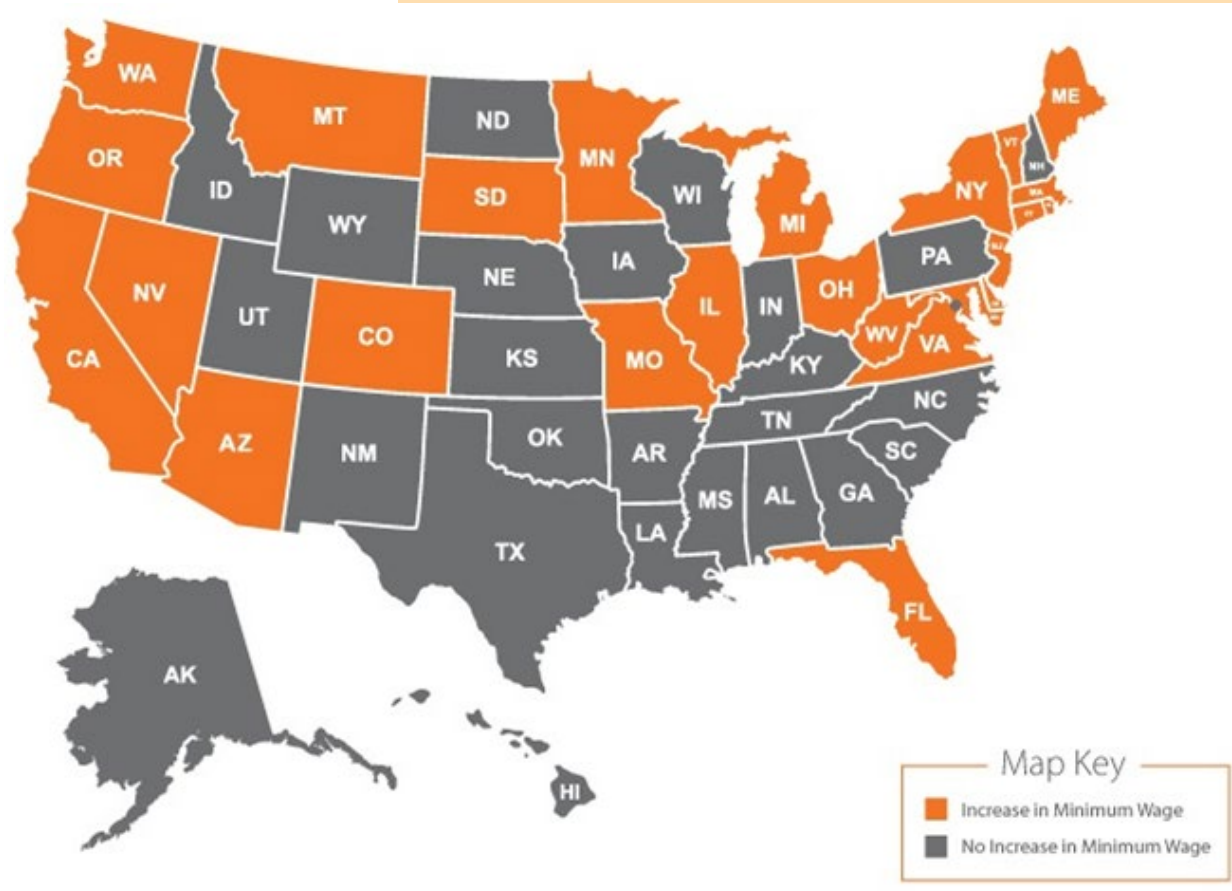


Source: [2020 KIDS COUNT](#)





# Oklahoma has yet to raise the minimum wage - and this matters



Oklahoma's minimum wage is still **\$7.25**.

Since 2014, Oklahoma has prohibited towns and municipalities from raising their own minimum wage.

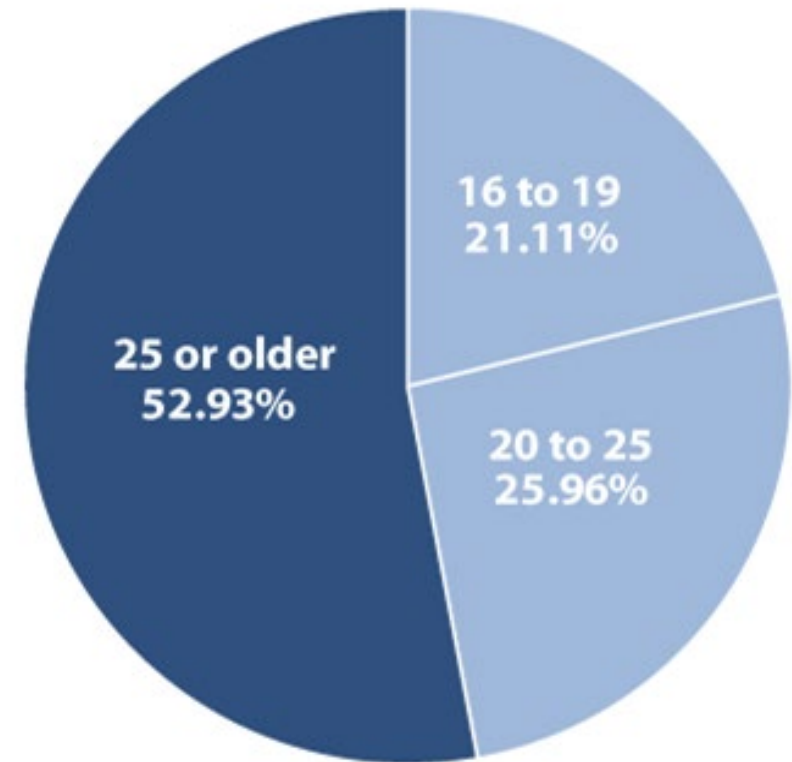
Despite being a low-cost state, the living wage for a **single adult in OK is \$15.75**. This increases to **\$30.94 for an adult with one child**.



# Who are Oklahoma's minimum-wage earners?

- **One-third of Oklahoma's workforce** are minimum- and near-minimum wage earners.
- **63%** of minimum wage jobs are held by **women**.
- A **Black worker is 50%** more likely, and a **Hispanic worker 40% more likely**, to make minimum wage or less than a white worker in Oklahoma.

The majority of minimum wage earners in OK are 25+



# State Policy Solutions

- Raise the minimum wage
  - or at the least get rid of existing preemption laws that prevent cities and municipalities exerting local control
- Provide more working Oklahoma families with more tax relief in order to get them more of their hard-earned income back.
  - Strengthen and expand the Sales Tax Relief Credit
  - Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit and tie it back to the federal credit, so that it can automatically be adjusted for inflation





# Family and Community

2022 KIDS COUNT Ranking: 41st





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# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FACTORS IN OKLAHOMA

**Children in single-parent families**

2016-20

**35%**

**Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma**

2016-20

**12%**

**Children living in high-poverty areas**

2016-20

**9%**

**Teen births per 1,000**

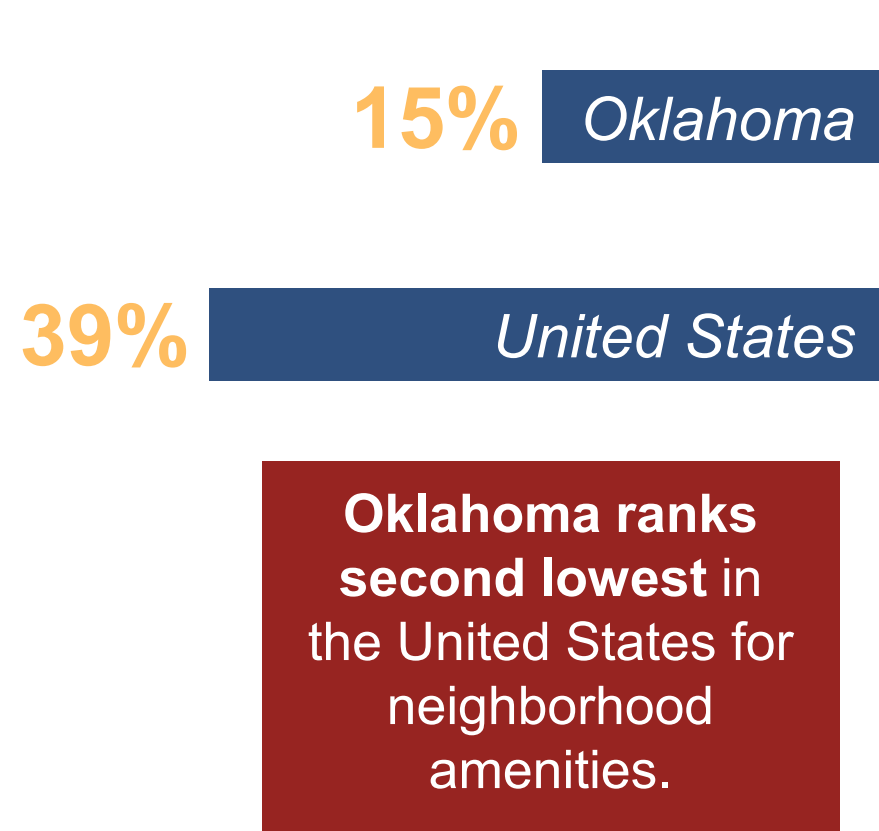
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# Oklahoma children's environment limits their opportunities for development



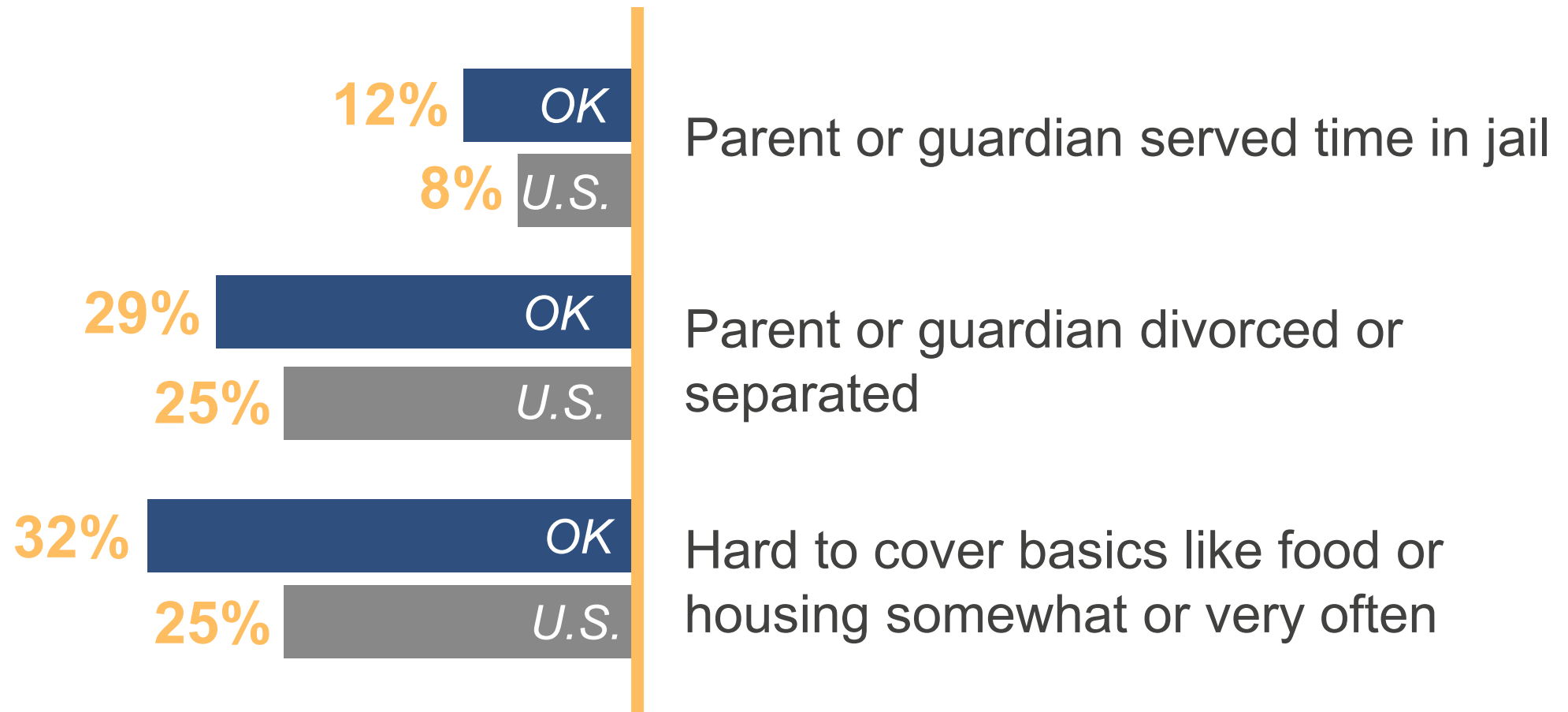
Children ages 0-17 with access to a park or playground; recreation center, community center or boys' and girls' club; library or bookmobile; and sidewalks or walking paths



**Source:** National Survey of Children's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) 2019-2020



# Oklahoma children have disproportionately high ACE scores

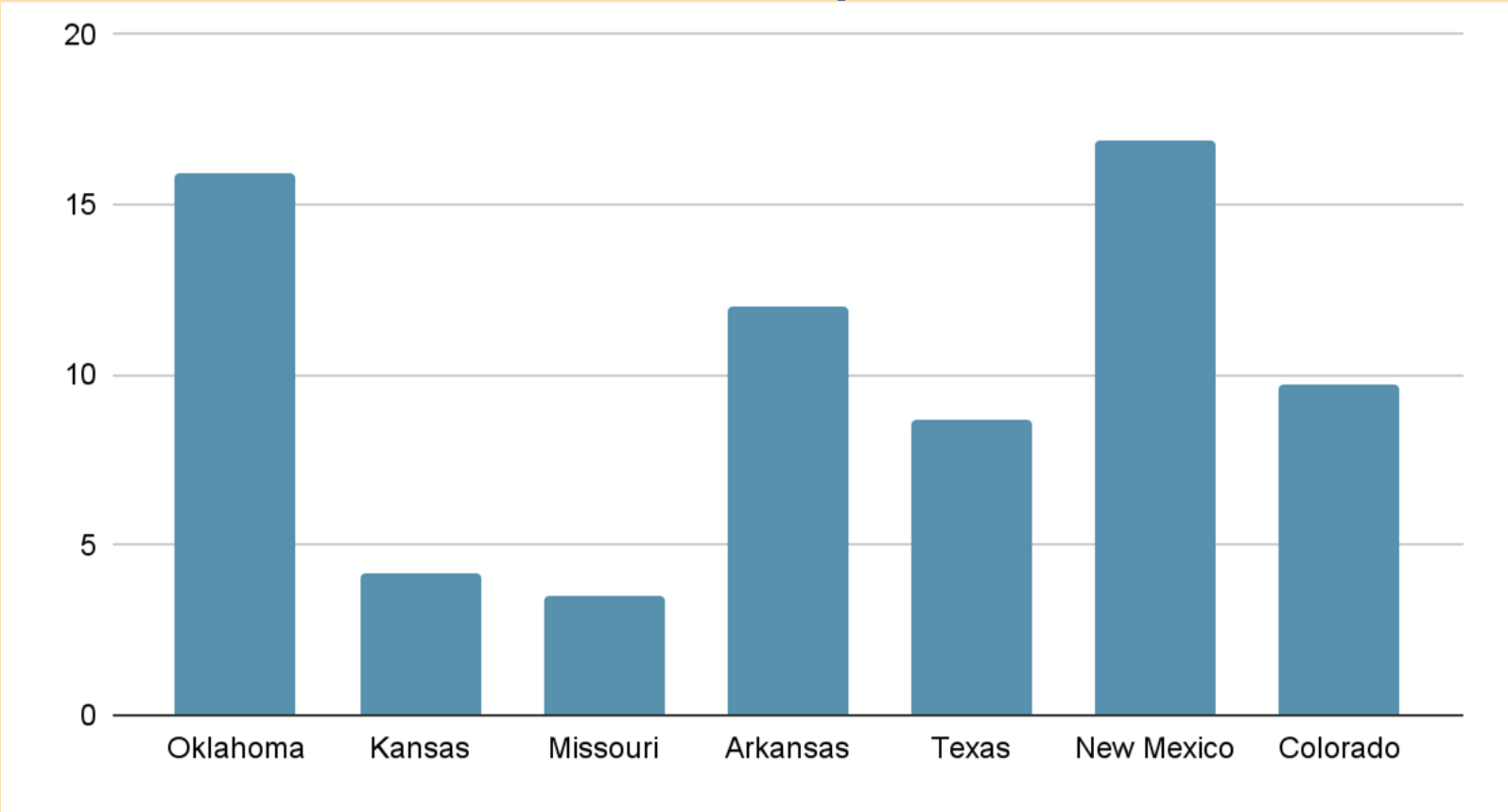


Source: Child Trends (2018). [The prevalence of adverse childhood experiences, nationally, my by state, and by race or ethnicity](#)



# Oklahoma children experience maltreatment at one of the highest rates in the U.S.

Child Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



Source: [2019 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)





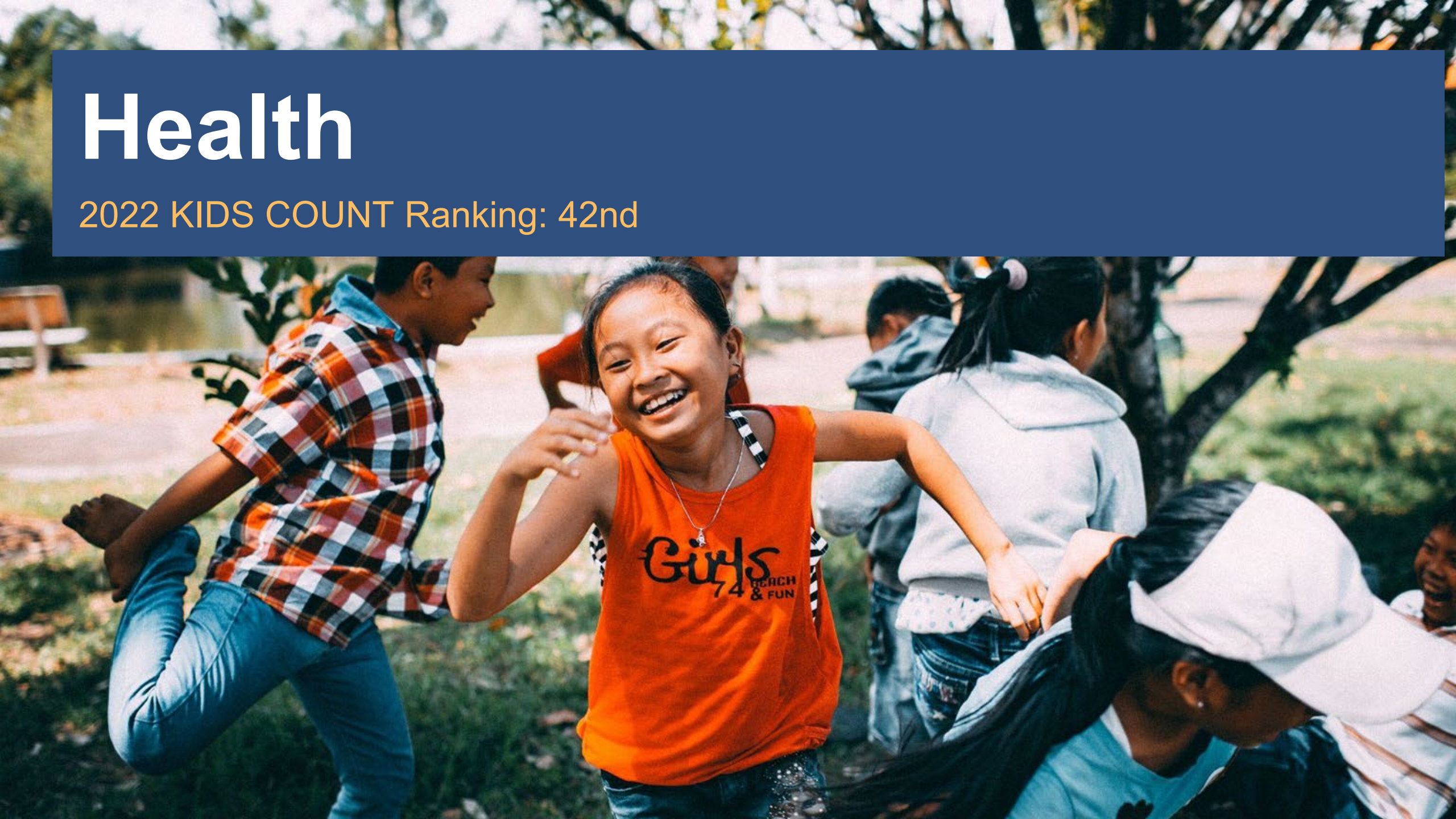
# State Policy Solutions

- Invest in affordable and reliable public transportation to connect families that are overburdened and underserved to jobs and essential services like grocery stores and medical care.
- Use data to inform where government should locate resources such as libraries, job training programs, and other services that can help mitigate any harmful impacts of living in a high-poverty neighborhood.
- Expand access to evidence-based parenting classes and home visiting services that can help prevent maltreatment



# Health

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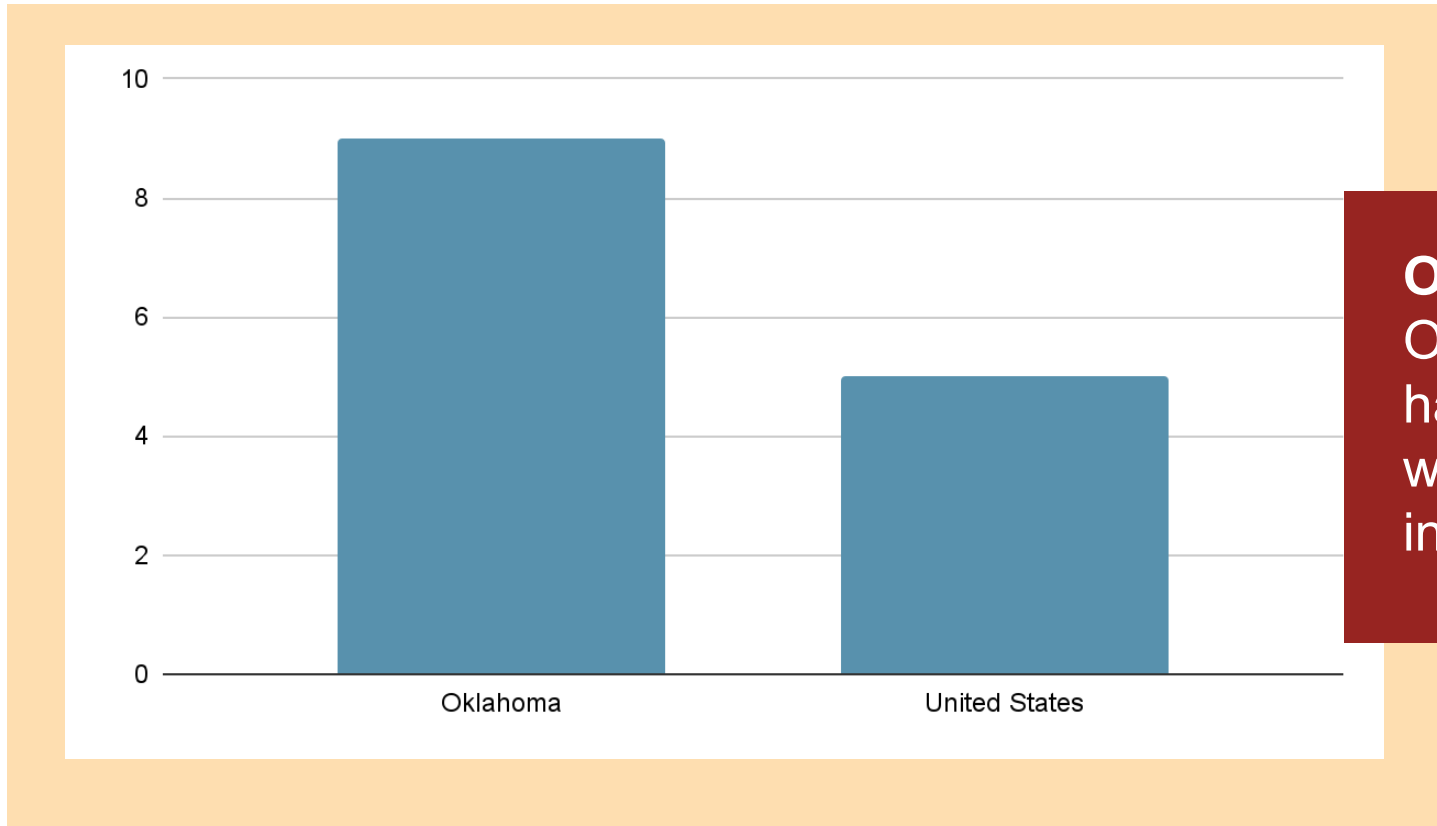
# CHILD HEALTH IN OKLAHOMA

<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> 2020	<b>8.4%</b>
<b>Children without health insurance</b> 2016-20	<b>9%</b>
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> 2020	<b>36</b>
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> 2019-20	<b>32%</b>

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# Oklahoma children and their families lack health insurance at higher rates than the rest of the U.S.

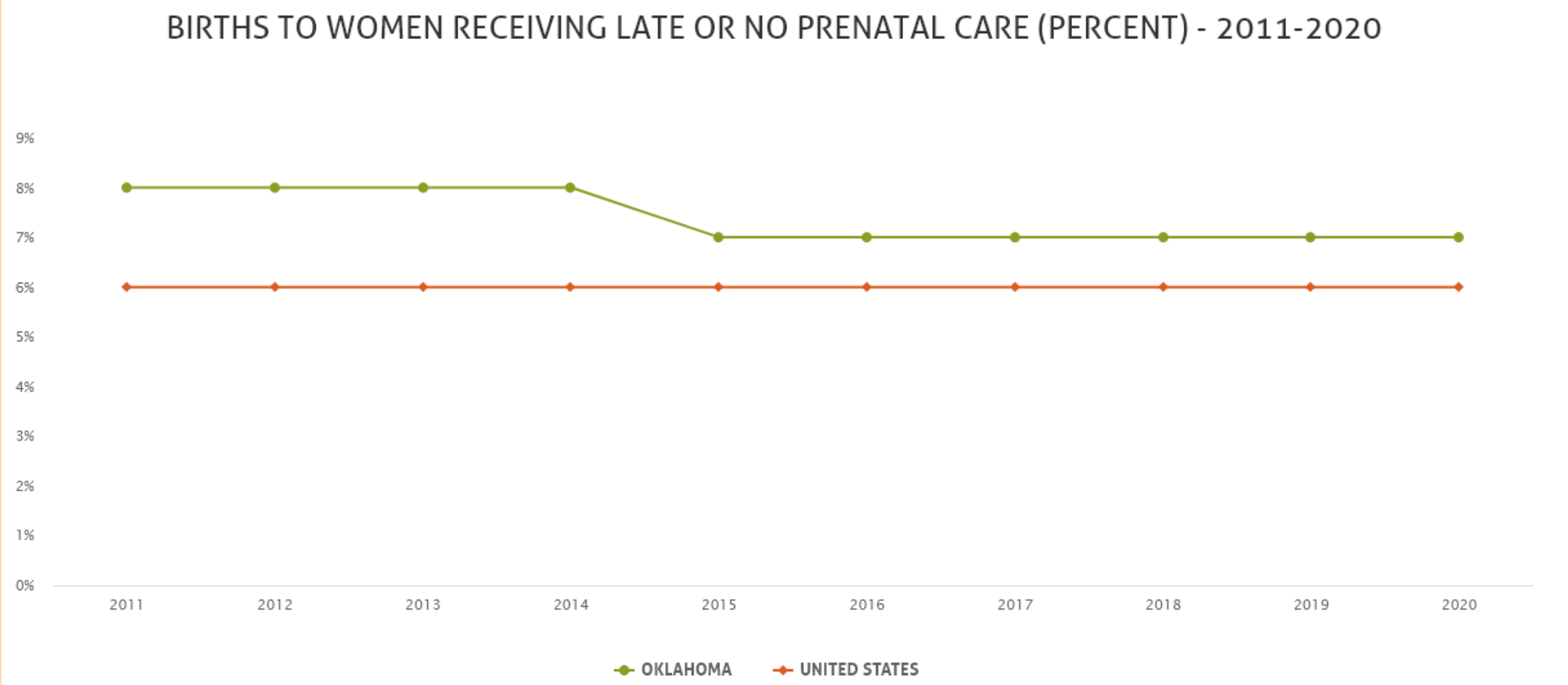


**One in four** Oklahoma children have a parent without health insurance.





# Oklahoma children start off behind their peers in other states due lack of prenatal care



Source: [KIDS COUNT](#)



# Limited pregnancy and postpartum coverage impacts health outcomes



In 2020, **51% of all births** in Oklahoma were covered by **Medicaid**, but this coverage is limited.

% of women covered by Medicaid who had a timely postpartum visit

*Oklahoma*

**30%**

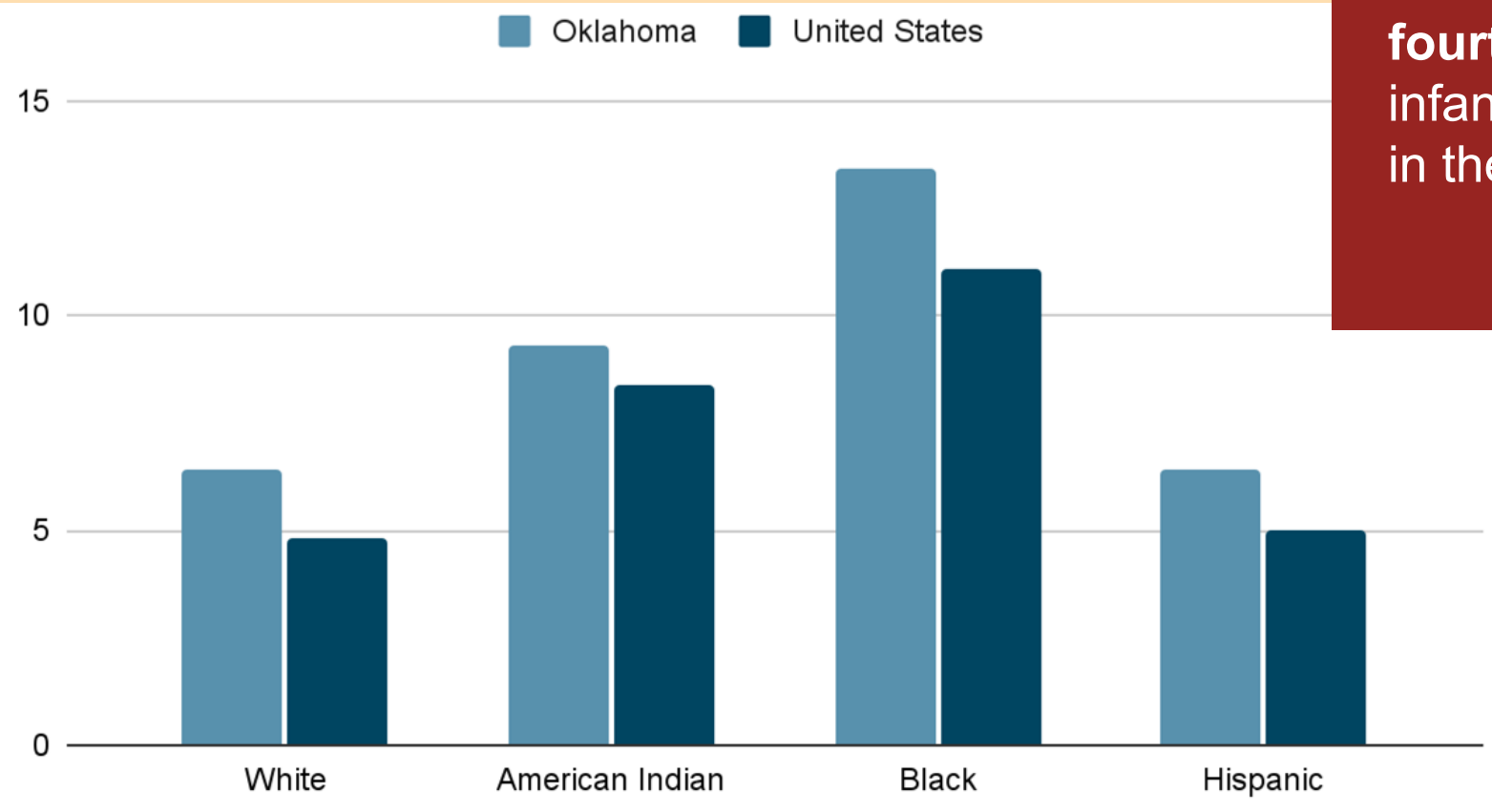
*United States*

**72%**



# Oklahoma has one of the highest rates for infant mortality and significant racial disparities persist

Oklahoma has the **fourth-highest** infant mortality rate in the U.S.



Source: [2021 State of Babies Yearbook](#); [2021 Health of Women and Children Report](#)



# Chronic absenteeism hinders students' current and future academic success



**One in four** Oklahoma fourth graders are chronically absent from school.

Source: [KIDS COUNT, 2019](#)





# Oklahoma children have increased mental health needs



**1 in 4** Oklahoma children have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions.

## Risk factors:

- Genetics
- Toxin exposure
- Trauma
- Abuse
- Other adverse childhood experiences

Between 2016-2020 children in Oklahoma experiencing anxiety or depression increased by **15%**.



# Oklahoma youth are in crisis

Suicide is the **number one** leading cause of death for young people in Oklahoma ages 10-24

*If you or a friend are struggling and need help, please do not hesitate to call the Youth Crisis Mobile Response Line at 1-833-885-CARE*

Oklahoma youth suicide rate has increased 103% since 2007, compared to a 42% increase nationally.

Oklahoma is ranked 10th highest in the nation for youth suicide death rates.

In the past five years in Oklahoma, the number of youth attempted and completed suicides equal 38 Division I college football teams.



# State Policy Solutions

- Protect Medicaid expansion for adults and make it easier for all eligible Oklahomans to enroll and stay enrolled
- Continue expanding pregnancy and postpartum coverage
- Provide 12 months of continuous health insurance for children covered under Medicaid
- Expand access to paid family medical leave



# Education

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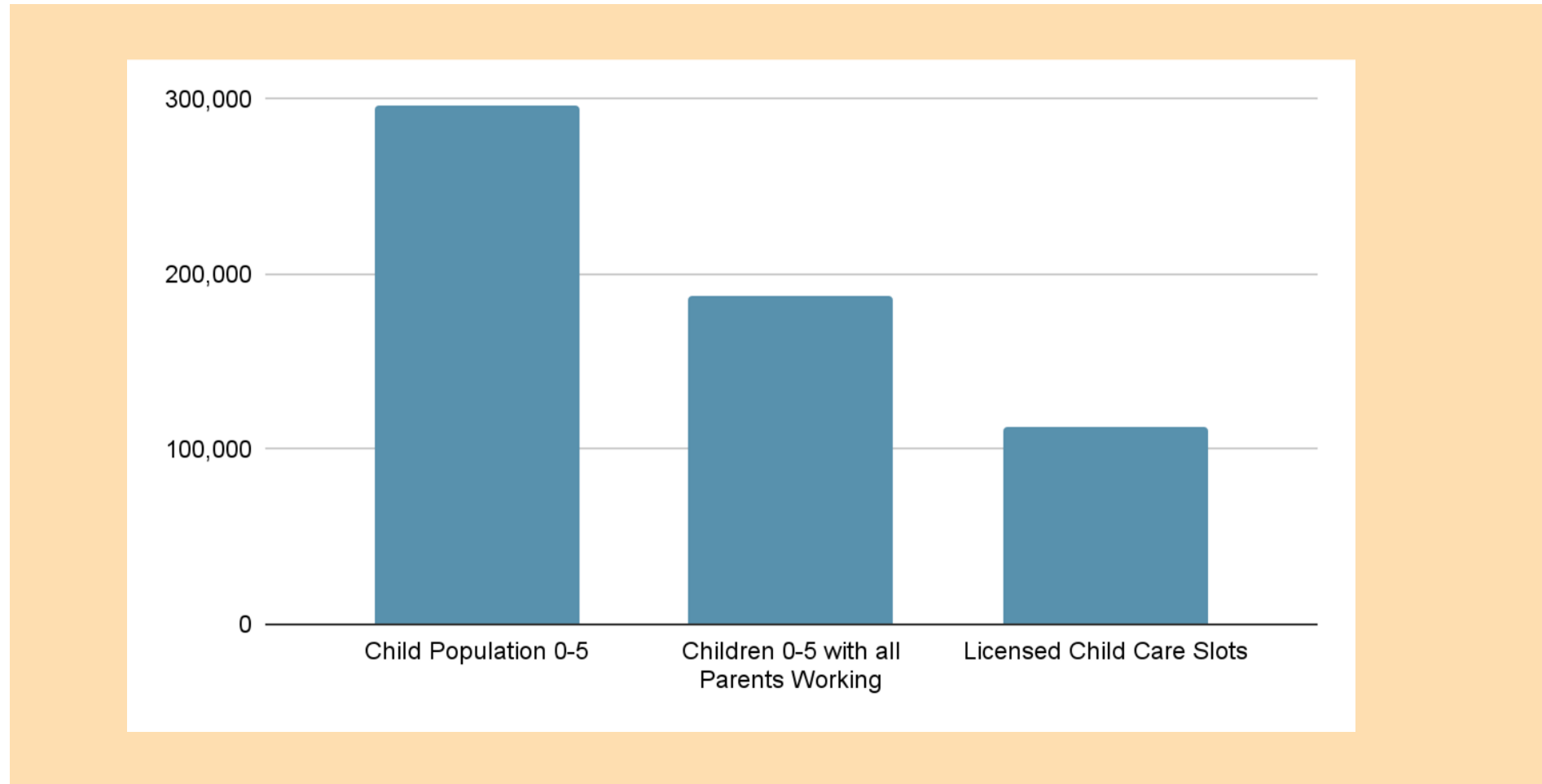
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# EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> 2016-20	<b>58%</b>
<b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b> 2019	<b>71%</b>
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> 2019	<b>74%</b>
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> 2018-19	<b>15%</b>



# Parents in Oklahoma need options for child care



Source: Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, FY21



# Child care is inaccessible for too many and doesn't meet the needs of parents

## Number of Licensed Child Care Facilities In Oklahoma

2016	2021
3,348	2,835



18% decrease

## Number of Licensed Child Care Slots In Oklahoma

2016	2021
124,200	113,360

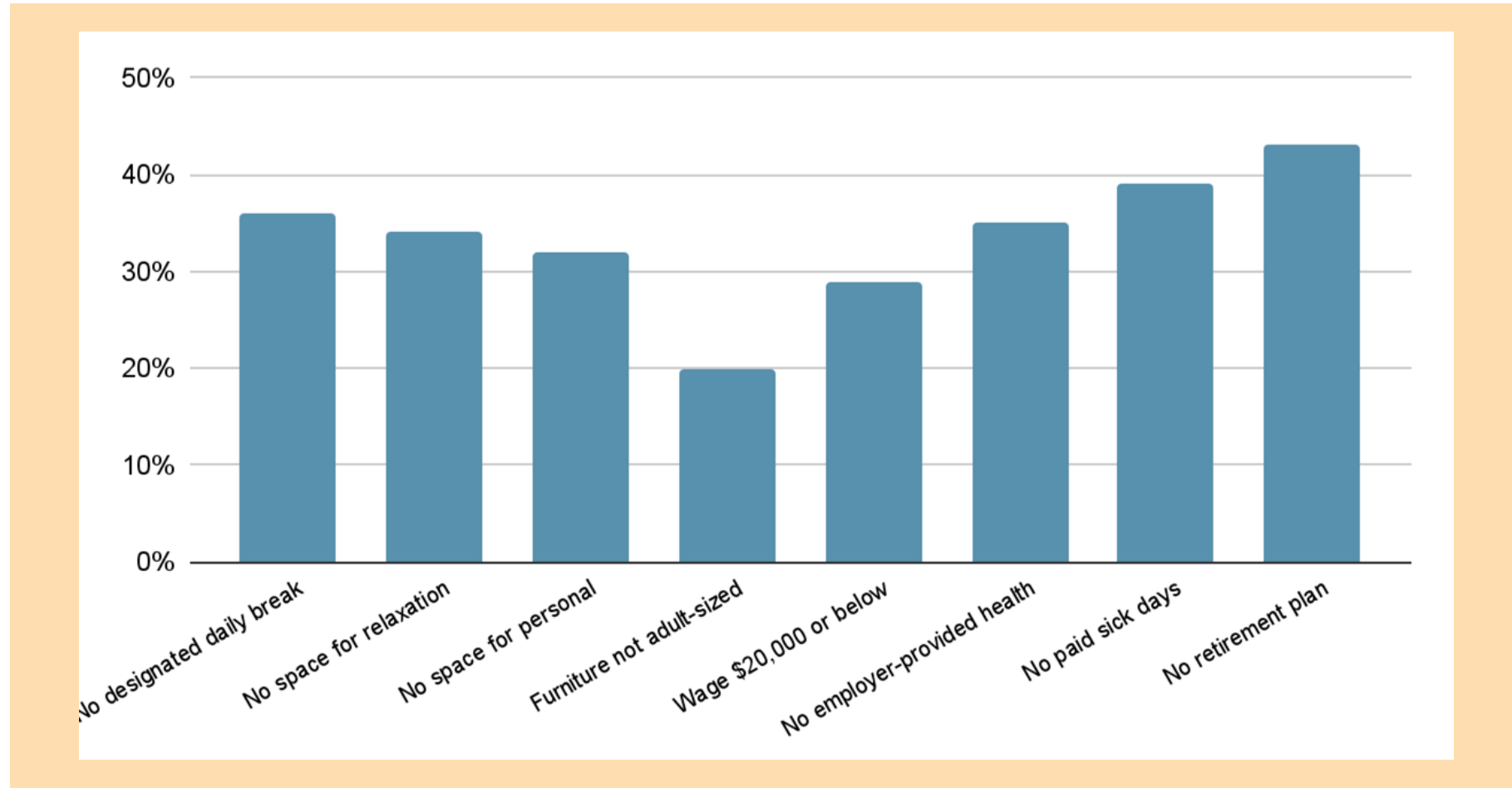


9% decrease

Source: Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, FY21



# Early childhood providers' working conditions impacts their health and well-being

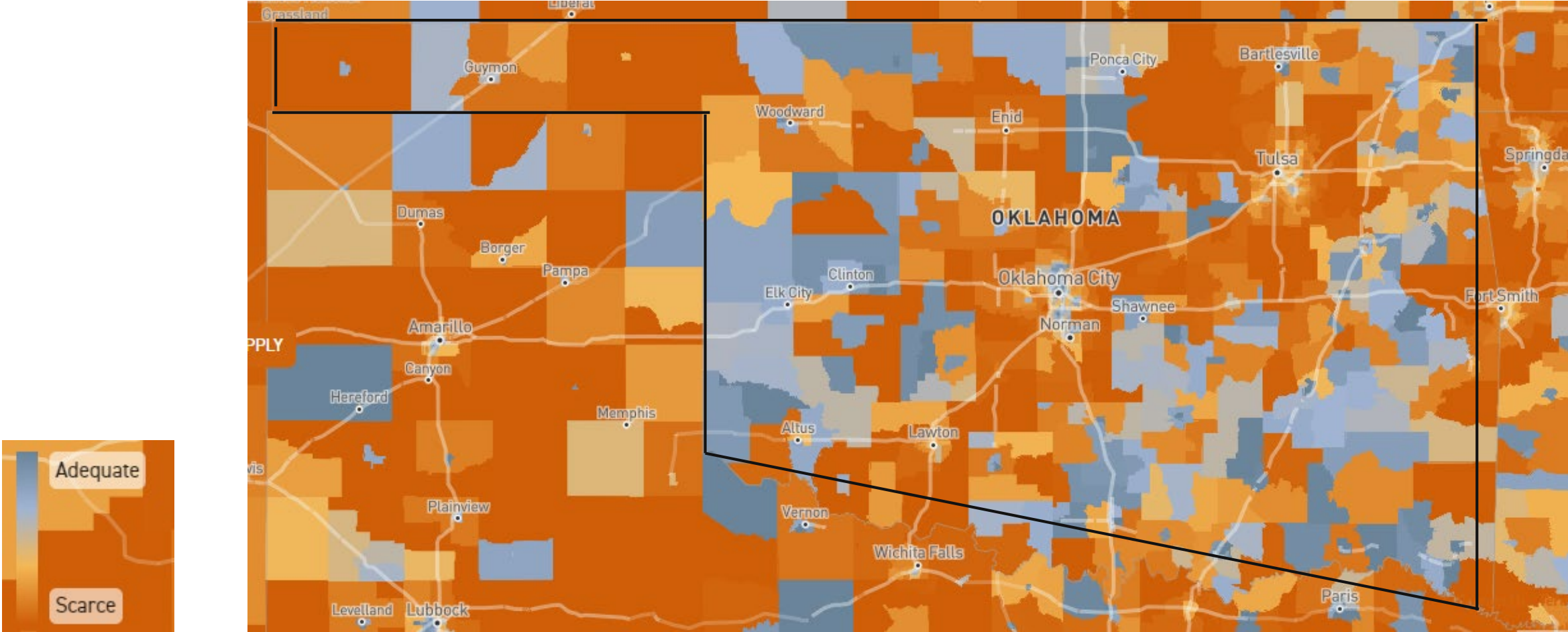


Source: [Kwon, Ford, Salvatore, et al, 2020](#)





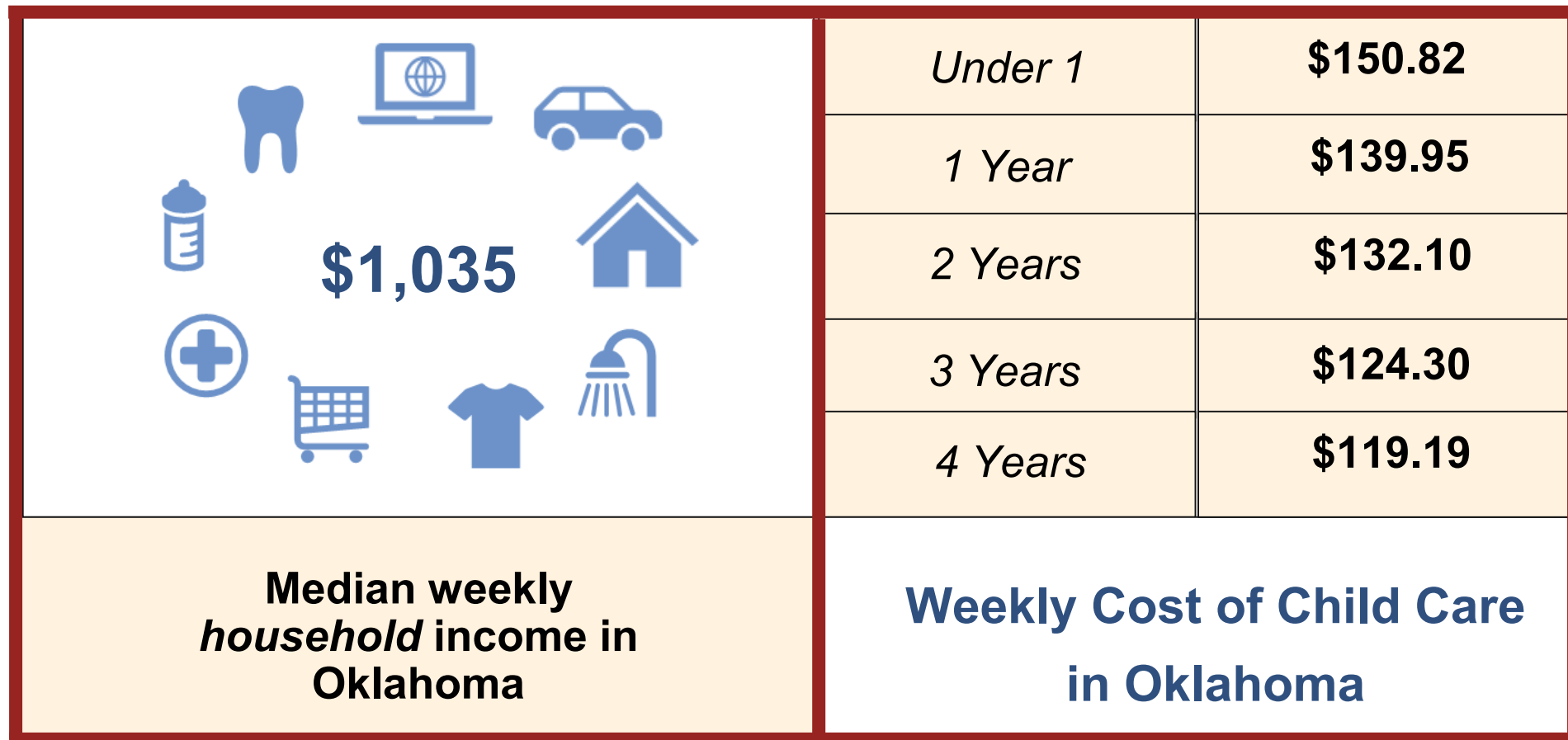
# Child care is inaccessible for too many and doesn't meet the needs of parents



Source: [2014-2018 American Community Survey Data](#)



# The cost of child care is high for all ages, but even higher for younger children:



Source: [U.S. Census, 2020](#).

Source: Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral, FY21



# Child care is inaccessible for too many and doesn't meet the needs of parents



**One in ten** Oklahoma mothers reported they or someone in their family had to quit a job, not take a job, or greatly change a job because of **problems with child care.**

Source: [Oklahoma State Department of Health \(2016\). Oklahoma Toddlers: Child Care Arrangements and Costs.](#)



# Current Educational Outcomes in Oklahoma



Approximately **3 in 4** fourth-graders in Oklahoma are *not* proficient in reading

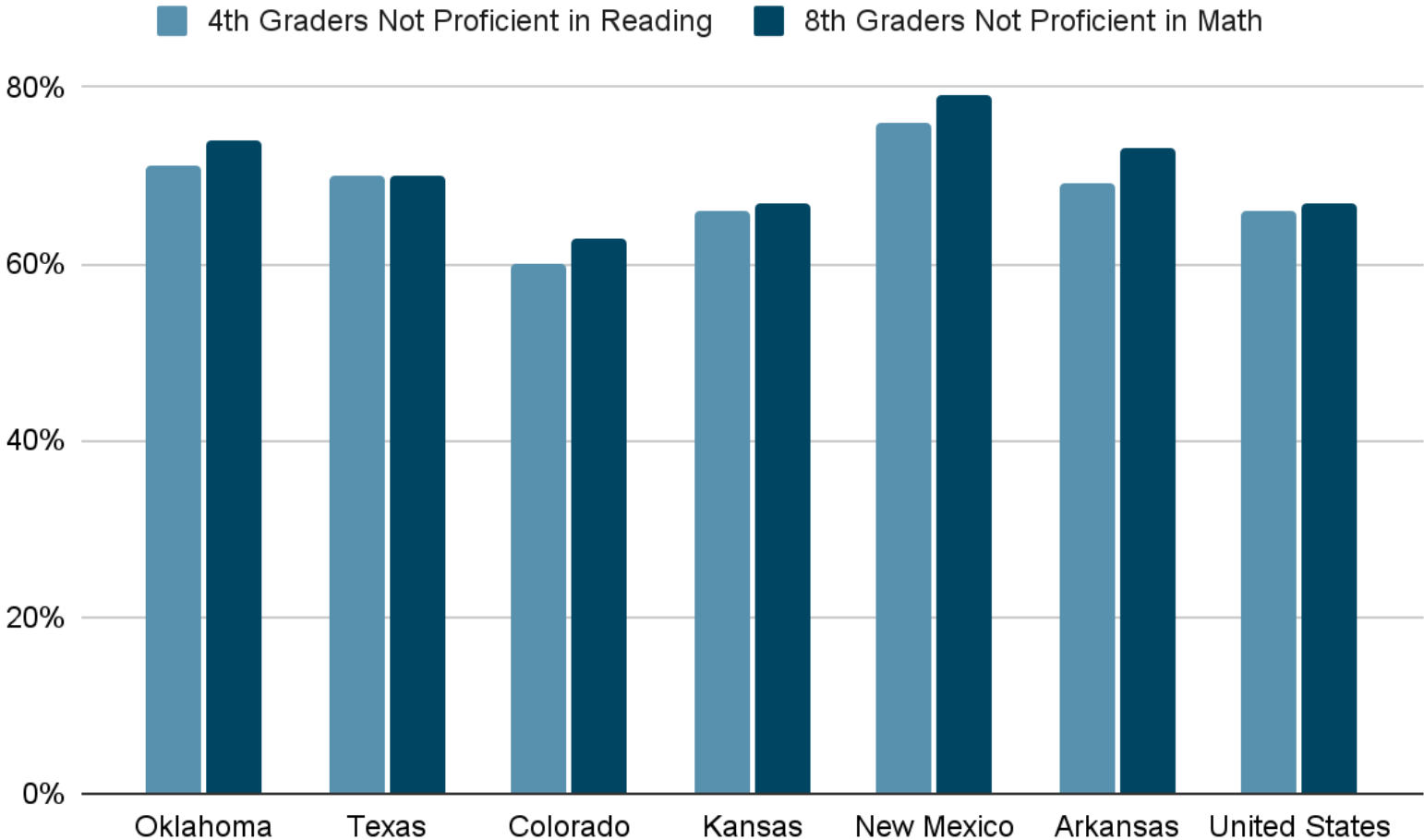


Approximately **3 in 4** eighth-graders in Oklahoma are *not* proficient in math





# Now let's add some context...

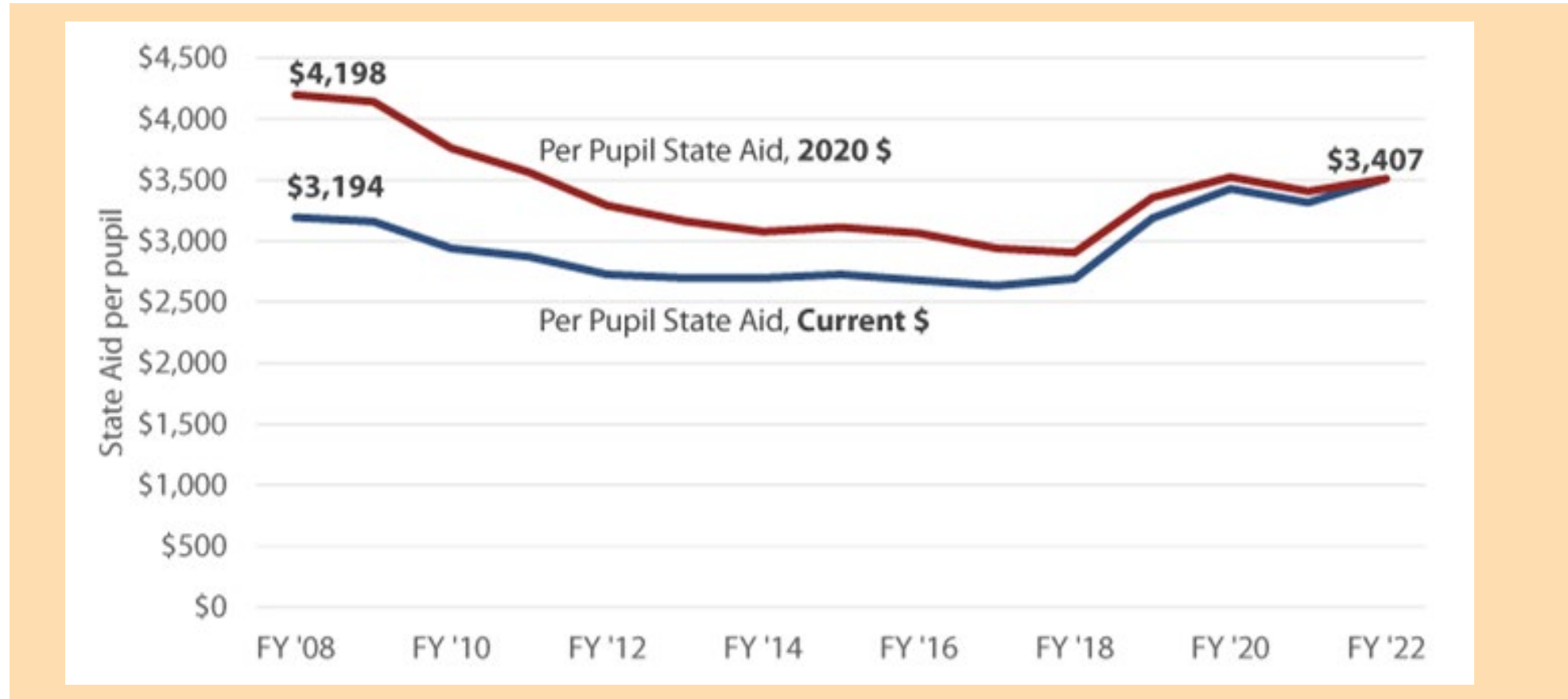


Source: [2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book](#)



# State funding for education hasn't kept up with inflation and population growth.

## Oklahoma Public School State Aid Formula Funding, FY08-FY22

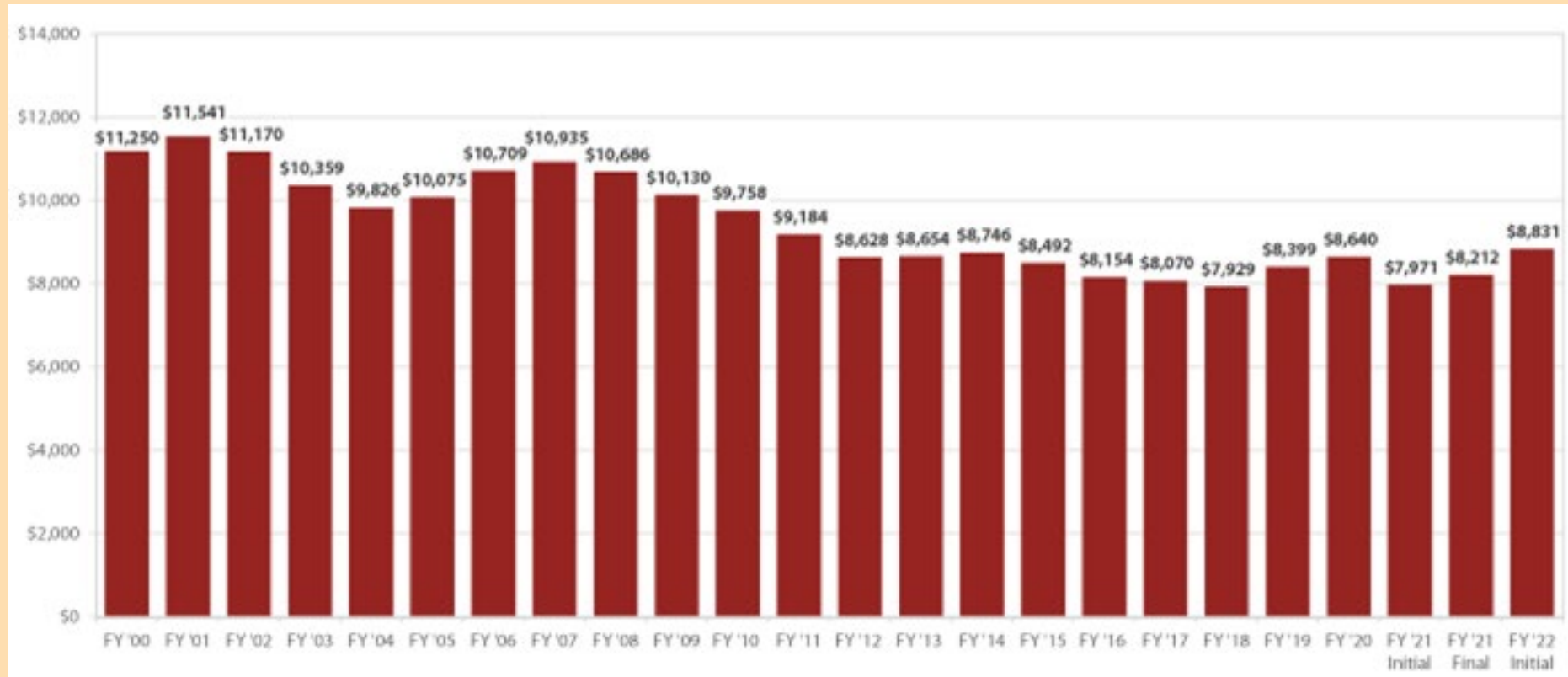


Source: Oklahoma Policy Institute, [FY 2022 Budget Highlights](#)



# On top of that, ALL state funding hasn't kept up

## State Appropriations FY00-FY22 Adjusted for Inflation and Population Growth



Source: Oklahoma Policy Institute, [FY 2022 Budget Highlights](#)



# Policy Solutions

- Permanently raise the reimbursement rate for child care providers accepting OKDHS subsidy- currently at 60.3% of the true cost of care.
- Continue to decrease out-of-pocket costs for low-income families accessing child care.
- Move from attendance-based to enrollment-based subsidy reimbursement for child care providers.





# State Policy Solutions

- Continue fully funding public education in Oklahoma.
- Continue fully funding *all* core services in Oklahoma so that all families and children can thrive inside and outside the classroom.
- Investing directly in our teachers by raising pay to the national average and indexing it to inflation
- Provide adequate mental health services and school counselors for our children.



# Child well-being is complex and depends on the success of the whole family and multiple government systems.

But by investing in families, we're developing happy, healthy, productive adults who grow into loving parents, setting our state and families up for generations of success.



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KIDS COUNT Data Map 

## Map Metrics

Fill Statistic

% Uninsured

**% Uninsured:** Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance

**Source:** Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2019)

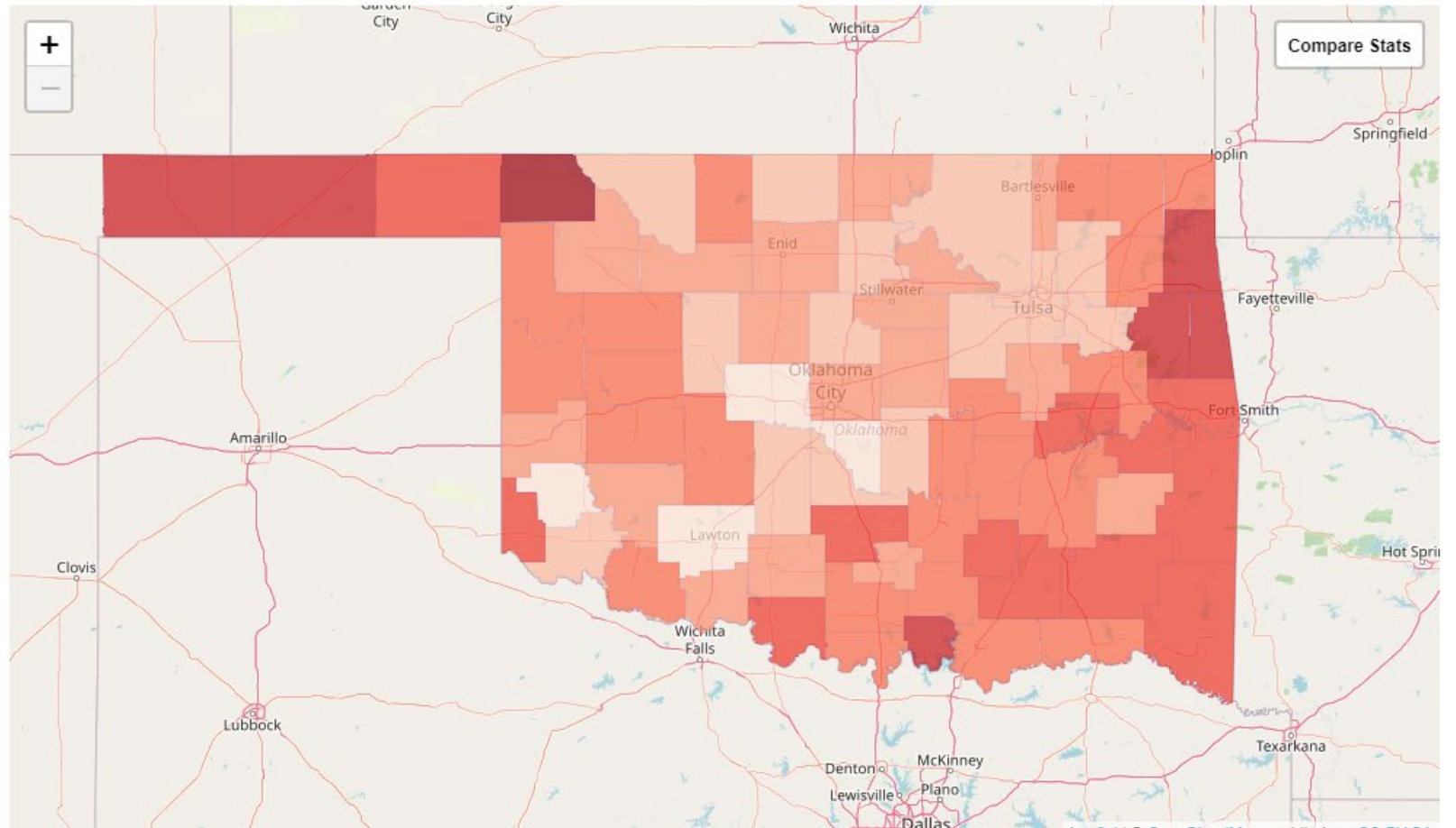
## County Summaries

Download a PDF report detailing all child well-being metrics for a specific county below.

Selected County

Tulsa

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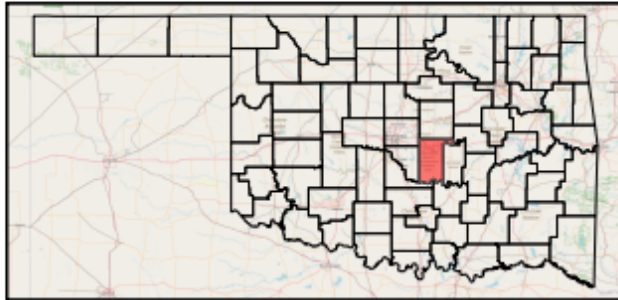


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## Child Well-Being: County Factsheet Pottawatomie County



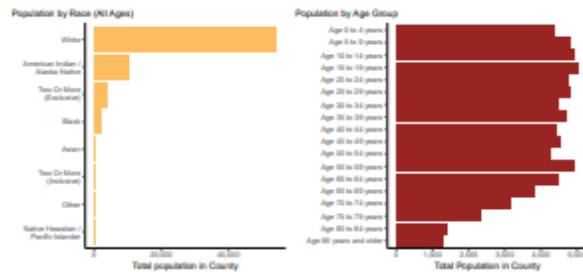
### Pottawatomie County



Pottawatomie County is located in the OKC Region, and has a total population of 72,592. Of that number, 16,966 are children (i.e. under 18 years of age).

The figures below provide some background / demographic information about Pottawatomie County. The table on the following page provides information on each of the Kids Count child well-being indicators in Pottawatomie County, as well as how Pottawatomie County compares to the rest of the state.

### Pottawatomie County: Demographics



## Child Well-Being: County Factsheet Pottawatomie County



### Pottawatomie County: Child Well-Being Metrics

Table 1: Pottawatomie County Child Well-Being Metrics: Overview

Metric	Value	OK Avg.	Difference (OK)	US Avg.	Difference (US)	Description
<b>Health</b>						
% in Poor / Fair Health	21.72%	21.00%	+0.72%	17.0%	+4.72%	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted) (2019)
% Uninsured	15.52%	17.00%	-1.47%	11.0%	+4.53%	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance (2019)
Residents per Primary Care Provider	2,904.00	1,800.00	+1,274.00	1,310.00	+1,594.00	The number of county residents for every primary care provider (PCP) in the county (2019)
Life Expectancy	74.44	75.70	-1.24	77.30	-2.84	Average number of years a person can expect to live (2018-2020)
Infant Mortality Rate	4.80	7.70	-1.10	5.40	+1.20	The number of all infant deaths (within 1 year), per 1,000 live births (2014-2020)
<b>Families &amp; Communities</b>						
Juvenile Affairs Referral Rate	13.30	12.25	+1.05	NA	NA	Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) Referrals per 1,000 residents under the age of 18 (FY2019)
% Homeowners	69.48%	64.10%	+5.38%	64.1%	+3.38%	Percentage of occupied housing units that are owned (2014-2020)
% w/ Broadband Internet	74.78%	81.70%	-6.92%	85.0%	-10.22%	Percentage of households with broadband internet connection (2015-2020)
Violent Crime Rate	473.40	428.00	+45.40	386.00	+87.40	The number of reported violent crime offenses per 100,000 population (2014 & 2014)
Child Maltreatment Rate	20.22	15.00	+5.19	NA	NA	Substantiated child maltreatment cases per 1,000 children (FY2020)
<b>Education</b>						
% Completed High School	88.00%	89.00%	-1.00%	89.0%	-1.00%	Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent (2015-2019)
% Completed Some College	55.00%	60.00%	-5.00%	67.0%	-12.00%	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education (2015-2020)
Third Grade Reading Proficiency Rate	21.00%	23.00%	-2.00%	NA	NA	% of third grade students scoring at or above the proficient level on the Oklahoma 3rd grade reading state test (2017-2018)
Eight Grade Math Proficiency Rate	23.00%	25.00%	-2.00%	NA	NA	% of eighth grade students scoring at or above the proficient level on the Oklahoma 8th grade math state test (2017-2018)
Child Care Rate	3.30	9.81	-6.51	NA	NA	The number of children needing care per licensed child care slots (2020)
<b>Economic Security</b>						
% Unemployed	3.63%	8.10%	-4.47%	6.1%	-2.47%	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work (2020)
% of Children in Poverty	17.80%	19.00%	-1.20%	14.0%	+3.80%	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty (2020)
% Food Insecure	15.30%	14.70%	+0.60%	10.9%	+4.40%	Percentage of population who lack adequate access to food (2019)
Median Household Income	\$2,747.00	\$3,840.00	-1,093.00	\$7,521.00	-14,774.00	The income where half of households in a county earn more and half of households earn less (2020)
% of residents on SNAP	28.00%	14.00%	+14.00%	13.0%	+15.00%	% of residents enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (2021)





# Questions?

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## Together

- Danielle Dill
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# PARENT VOICE & PARTNERSHIPS

- OSDH Family Support & Prevention Services
- OKDHS Child Welfare Services
- OSDH Oklahoma Family Support Network (OFSN)
- Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness (OPSR)
- Children's Trust Fund Alliance (CTFA)
- OSDH Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP)
- National Family Support Network (NFSN)
- National Fatherhood Initiative ®
- Children's State Advisory Workgroup (CSAW)
- OSU Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity (CIRCA)



**Many other  
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# PARENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD



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# OCCY PPB UPDATES & ACTIVITIES

- Advisory Capacity to OCCY Commissioners and Staff
- Advisory Capacity to Child Serving Agencies – OPSR, AETNA®, OICA & OCCY Fall 2022 Legislative Interim Studies
- Parent Presentations - OSDH OKDHS Bi-Annual Collaborative Meeting (April) – Sunnie Jamerson and OPSR Early Childhood Research Symposium – Lana Turner Addison
- Training & Leadership Development - OICA Legislative Lab; Clifton Strengths® Assessment/Strengths Finders Workshop; and Strategic Sharing Workshop
- Community Leadership – Back to School Parent & Community Engagement Extravaganza (Tulsa); Community Health Fair (OKC); and Prevention & Recovery in the Park (OKC)





# OCCY PPB MEMBER RECRUITMENT

- Serve in an advisory role to OCCY Commissioners, staff, and other child-serving agencies
- Accepting applications for additional board members for two-year terms (2023 & 2024)
- Fathers/male caregivers, parents with children impacted by the juvenile justice system, rural Oklahoma, military and/or other under-represented populations
- Build connections; community leadership; gain knowledge & skills; and collaborate with other parents to strengthen families, communities, and systems

**Application:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/occyparentpartnershipboard>





# NATIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

## Developing & Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees

### VIRTUAL TRAINING:

- NFSN training provided annually through OCCY at no cost to attendees
- For professionals / staff teams that are exploring setting up a new parent advisory committee or are seeking to strengthen existing ones
- Parent Advisory Committees – example of high-quality work in the nationally adopted Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support
- September 22 & 23 virtual training – 33 attendees representing 14 partner agencies



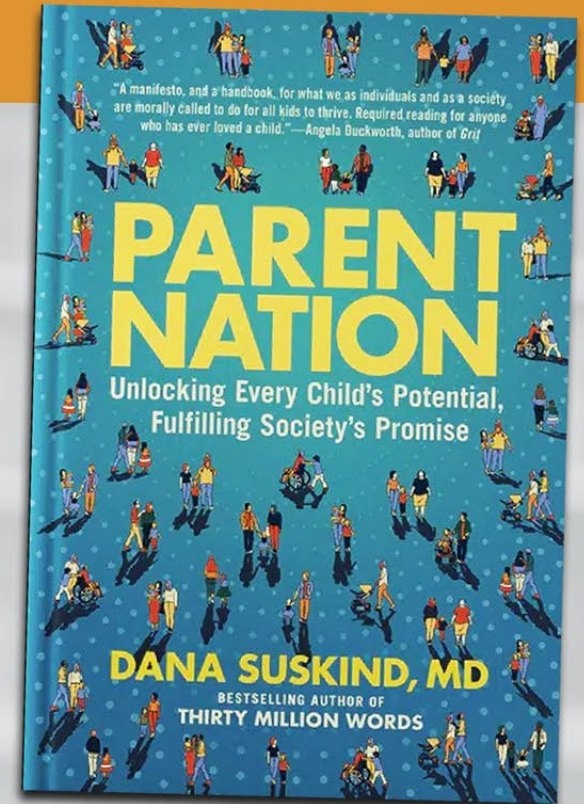
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# COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP)

## Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees

- CoP Launch – Tuesday, October 25th
- Cohort – individuals completing the NFSN Parent Advisory Committee Developing & Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committee Training
- Dana Suskind, MD & Author of “Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child’s Potential, Fulfilling Society’s Promise”
- Learn from peers; make connections; discuss/share best practices & strategies; & joint problem solve
- Sponsored and facilitated by OCCY & the Oklahoma Family Support Network





# 2022 FATHERHOOD SUMMIT • OCTOBER 14th

## PURPOSE:

- To recognize, honor and celebrate the important roles fathers play in the lives of their children.

## GOALS:

- Increase awareness of community resources and programs to help fathers meet the social, emotional, and financial needs of their children and families
- Increase engagement between fathers and their children and families
- Increase positive engagement of service providers in their efforts to provide equitable services for fathers, children, and families
- Build community partnerships and momentum around amplifying fathers voices



**OKLAHOMA FATHERHOOD SUMMIT**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
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# CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE REVIEW (CFSR)

## OKDHS Planning and Implementation Team



- In partnership with and facilitated by OKDHS / continuous quality improvement
- Parent representative – OCCY PPB Member - Tamara Bryan
- Opportunity to provide insight and feedback from the parent/lived experience, as part to the CFSR process to include the statewide assessment, onsite review, and program improvement plan development and implementation
- CFSR Community of Practice (CoP) – facilitated through the Children’s Bureau, Capacity Building Center for States and Capacity Build Center for Courts (systemic factors, data needs and data plans)



# CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND ALLIANCE

## 2022 Children Trust Fund Alliance & Prevent Child Abuse American Annual Conference

November 14 - 17, 2022 • Denver, Colorado

- OCCY Parent Partnership Board Members, agency staff and Commissioners attending
- Conference theme: 'Building Thriving Communities'; features breakout session on strategic communications, protective factors, race equity, parent partnerships, child abuse prevention, and public policy
- OCCY Parent Partnership Board Member – Betty Hawkins-Emery appointed as co-chair of the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC) for the Children's Trust Fund Alliance (CTFA)

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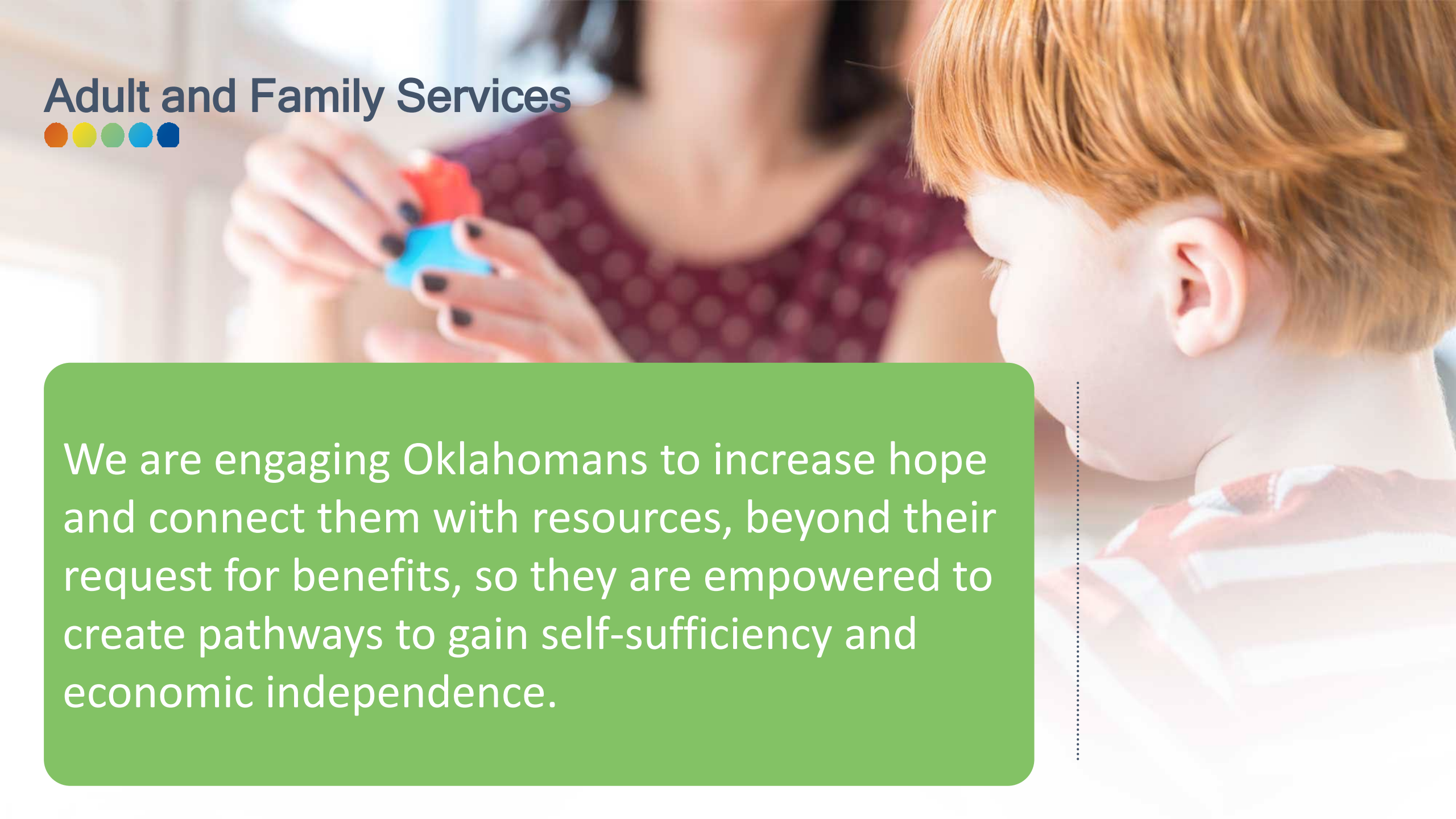
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# Adult and Family Services



We are engaging Oklahomans to increase hope and connect them with resources, beyond their request for benefits, so they are empowered to create pathways to gain self-sufficiency and economic independence.



## TANF PURPOSE AND GOALS

# TANF

Temporary  
Assistance  
for Needy  
Families

- 1. Provide assistance to needy families;**
- 2. End dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage;**
- 3. Prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and**
- 4. Encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent families.**



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# Work Services





# WRO'S WILDLY IMPORTANT & ACHIEVABLE GOAL:

*Embedding WRO Employment Hope Centers in local communities will produce a mutual benefit: low-income Oklahomans gain or regain self-sufficiency through employment, and the State realizes a hidden or unseen work-ready workforce*

**A statewide distribution system built to provide employment hope and results for financially vulnerable Oklahomans.**

- **Infuse best practices and innovative strategies**

Create and manage a self-sufficiency system informed by human-centered design and evidence-informed practices, leveraged by state and local community infrastructure and passion, supported by well-trained and equipped professionals and strong performance metrics

- **Rapidly establish a community network for workforce solutions that result in self-sufficiency**

In 18 months, operationalize contracted WRO Employment Hope Centers (7 sites in 2022 and 13 additional sites in 2023)

- **Equip and empower self-sufficiency**

Provide quality and consistent coaching, work readiness, job fit solutions, and barrier removal for financially vulnerable individuals to earn a living wage

- **Be a partner of choice for local employers**

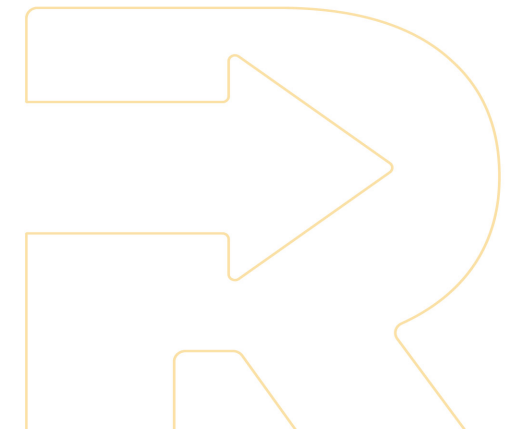
Build collaboration and serve as a resource for employers to access low-income Oklahomans who are employment ready

- **Create Economic Opportunities for Financially Vulnerable Oklahomans**

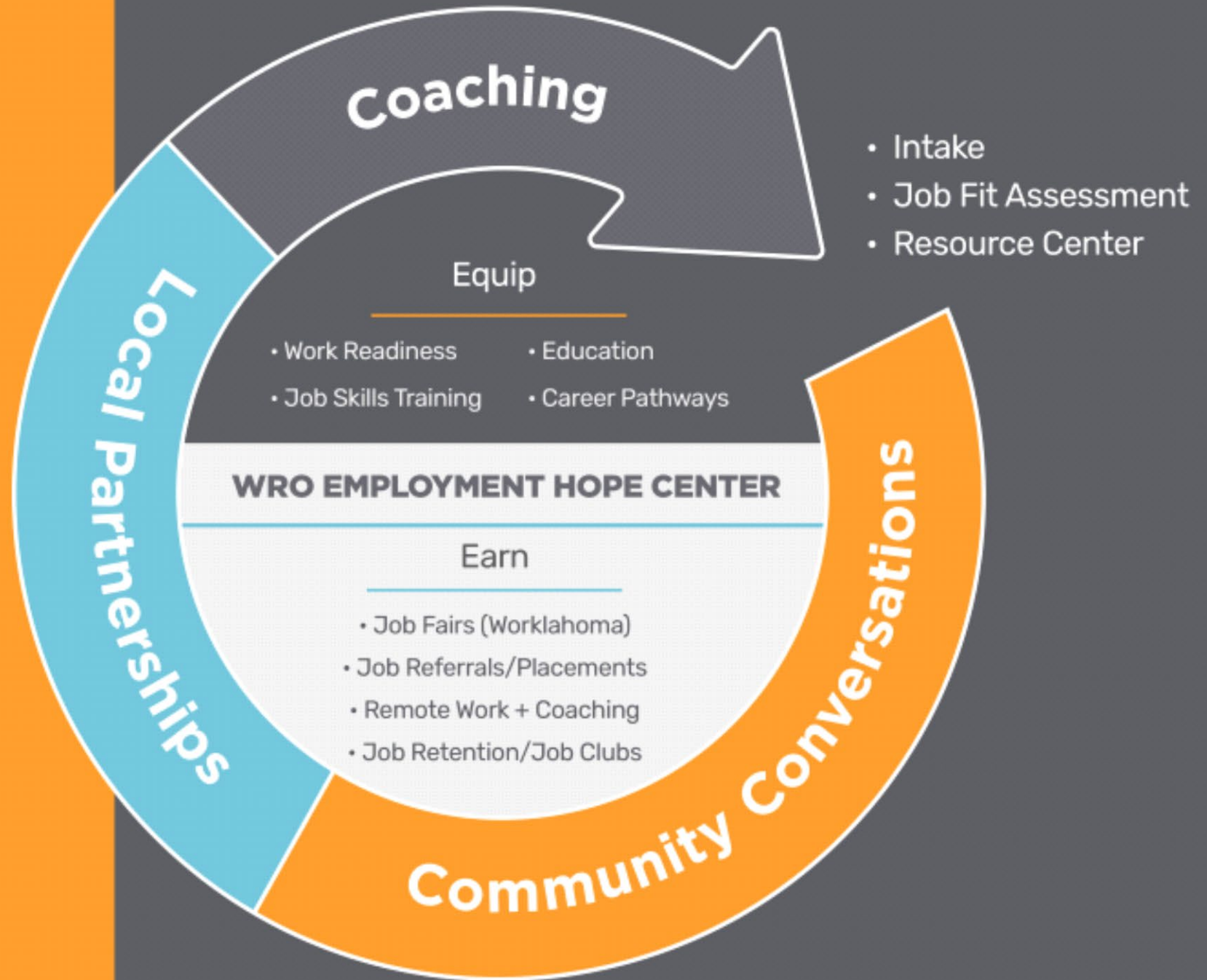
Expand opportunities for self-sufficient jobs through deployment of a statewide remote work plus coaching strategy

- **Contribute to building and equipping the Oklahoma workforce**

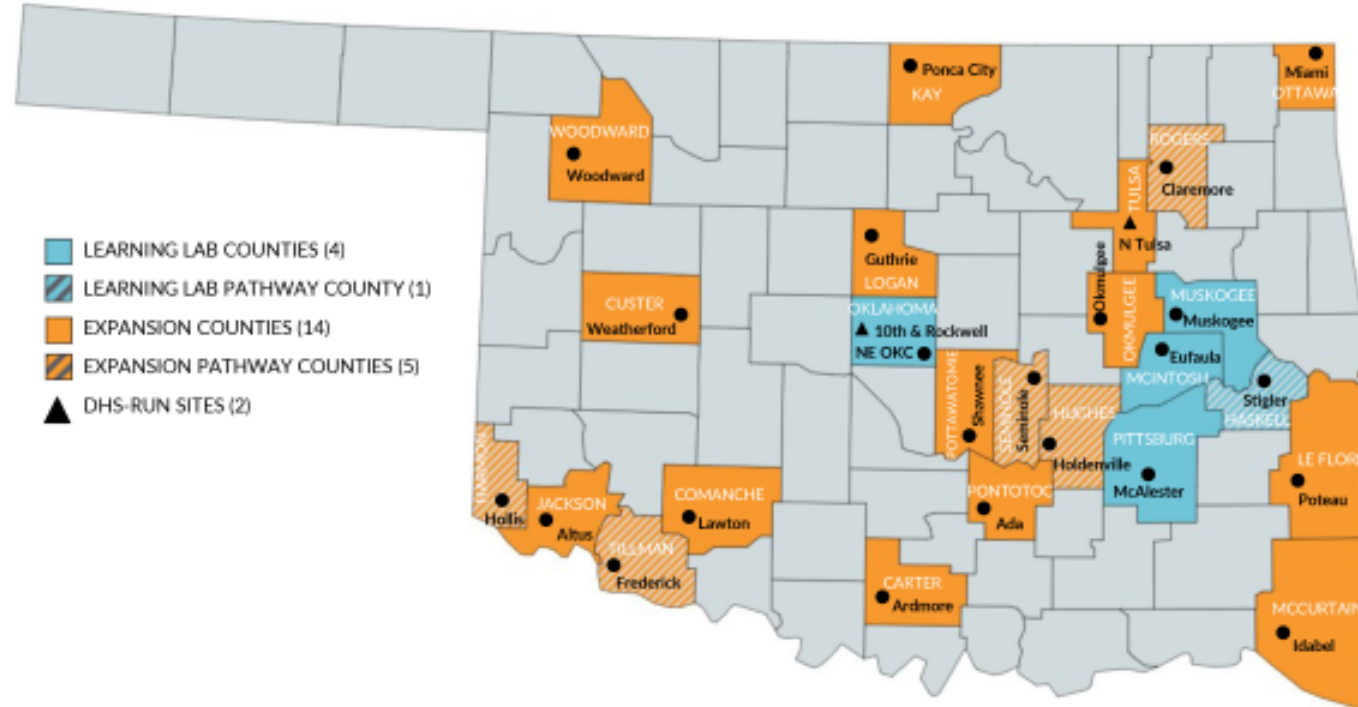
Leverage capacity to address the supply imbalance for skilled, low-wage workers for fast growing, in-demand industries



**WRO  
EMPLOYMENT  
HOPE CENTER  
SERVICES  
TANF, SNAP,  
WORK + FAMILY**



## WORK READY EMPLOYMENT HOPE CENTERS STATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



- LEARNING LAB COUNTIES (4)
- LEARNING LAB PATHWAY COUNTY (1)
- EXPANSION COUNTIES (14)
- EXPANSION PATHWAY COUNTIES (5)
- DHS-RUN SITES (2)

REGION I: CUSTER, KAY, LOGAN, WOODWARD (4)

REGION II: CARTER, COMANCHE, HARMON, JACKSON, POTTAWATOMIE, TILLMAN (6)

REGION III: OKLAHOMA (1)

REGION IV: HASKELL, HUGHES, LE FLORE, MCCURTAIN, MCINTOSH, MUSKOGEE, OKMULGEE, PITTSBURG, PONTOTOC, SEMINOLE (10)

REGION V: OTTAWA, ROGERS, TULSA (3)

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# A SELF-SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY FOR RURAL OKLAHOMA

## RURAL OKLAHOMA PROOF OF CONCEPT (NOVEMBER 2021—APRIL 2022)

McIntosh, Muskogee and Pittsburg Counties



**\$1.28M** Annual Payroll + **\$1.16M** Annual Payroll = **\$2.435M** (65 JOBS) Annual Payroll

### REALIZED RESULTS

- Unforeseen work opportunities • Prepared and supported low-wage workforce
- Living-wage jobs plus benefits • Diversification of available jobs
- Reduced barriers to employment • Poverty reduction

ONE YEAR PROJECTION  
**130 JOBS** = **\$4.88M**  
 Annual Payroll



## Hope & Results

A SELF-SUFFICIENCY SYSTEM INFORMED BY



Human-Centered Design and Evidence-Informed Practices



Community Infrastructure and Passion



Well-Trained and Equipped Professionals



# Family Services



# Familyhood



## Families are different

We've designed a collection of services that celebrate all kinds of families.



## Families want support

That's why we've developed this network of services to support our communities.



## Families have hope

We want to share in your vision and plan for a closer family and stronger neighborhood.



## Families make us stronger

We believe the strength of our state starts at home. Join us in putting the heart in heartland.

## TANF + TIS

**Purpose 4:** Encouraging the formation and maintenance of two parent families.



Enhance healthy choices for **future relationships**

Promote **healthy starts** during the prenatal period, birth and post-partum

Promote great **parenting skills**

Promote healthy **family interactions**

Promote **parental involvement** in the lives of children

Multi-generational programs promoting **family stability** and healthy relationships



# OUR PARTNERS

Cohort partners are doing great work!

**Tulsa Community Foundation**  
Birth Equity Initiative

**Tulsa Community Foundation**  
Strong Tomorrows

**Remerge**  
Strengthening Families

**Parent Promise**  
Healthy Families America

**Parent Promise**  
Exchange Parent Aide

**NorthCare**  
Safecare: Rural

**NorthCare**  
Safecare: OKC

**Lilyfield**  
Bright Futures: Tulsa

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**It's My Community Initiative**  
TRUE Dads

**Family & Children's Services**  
Parenting in Jail: Tulsa

**Family & Children's Services**  
Safecare Expansion: Tulsa

**Family & Children's Services**  
Safecare Expansion: Rural

**Community Crisis Center of NE OK**  
Family Stability Staff Positions

**Center for Children & Families**  
Strengthening Families

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9y8UUhiaWoMpPCNUAIzcZChhj3zNXzj6>





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keep  
at-risk  
families  
together.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3L8--V6QnjU&list=PL9y8UUhiaWoMpPCNUAIzcZChhj3zNXzj6&index=3>

A photograph of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a white textured sweater, smiling warmly at a young child. The child is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and has their back to the camera. They appear to be in a bright, indoor setting, possibly a home or a community center. The lighting is soft and natural, coming from a window on the right.

# family expectations

## **Grow together as a family**

Family Expectations is a free program to help parents prepare for their new baby, strengthen their relationship with the co-parent; and connect them with job opportunities to better provide for their family.

Parents can join if they are 18 years or older and pregnant or just had a baby in the last 3 months. Currently available to parents in Oklahoma County and surrounding counties.



Wellspring offers free weekend events that bring Oklahomans together – around common life experiences – in a safe and welcoming environment that inspires community support, personal growth and **hope**.





# TANF Cohort 2 – Youth Supports

Youth Support programs that can receive this funding often look like structured out-of-school time programs, used as a means of preventing high-risk behavior from youth who might not have a safe afterschool environment.

Improve success in **educational outcomes**  
Enhance healthy choices for **future relationships**  
Promote healthy **family interactions**  
Multi-generational programs promoting **family stability** and healthy relationships

# TANF – Fatherhood Services

Fatherhood programs will provide high quality father-specific services to low-income families. We aim to accomplish the following goals:

- Increase fathers' **parenting knowledge and skills**
- Enhance fathers' relationship skills and co-parenting **relationship quality**, and
- Improve **economic stability** for fathers and families



Children win when parents work together, have solid jobs and good relationships. TRUE Dads is a free program that helps parents bring their "A" game so their kids have a brighter future! Currently available in Oklahoma and surrounding counties.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMk7tCyPmbs&list=PL9y8UUhiaWoMpPCNUAIzcZChhj3zNXzj6&index=10>





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# THANK YOU

We look forward to our continued collaboration with you in developing a child and family well-being network!

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
In person @ OU-DHS Training Center,  
617 W. Rock Creek Rd, Norman, OK
- **Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## STAY CONNECTED

- **Family Support and Prevention Service** <https://oklahoma.gov/health/fsps.html>
- **Family First Prevention Services Act** <https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cws/ffpsa.html>
- **ourOKDHS** <https://www.ouokdhs.org/s/>