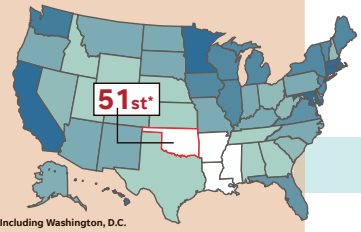
OKLAHOMA WOMEN

Oklahoma ranks as the worst state for women

Two key factors were used to determine ranking, "Women's Economic & Social Well-Being" and "Women's Health Care & Safety."

Source: WalletHub study using U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Education Statistics, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other federal and research data..



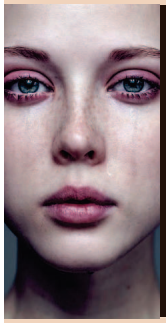
The gender gap in wages

Oklahoma women **75¢** on average for every dollar earned by men.

According to recent estimates, if equal pay were a reality in Oklahoma, women's earnings would increase by approximately **$5.4 billion**

The poverty rate for working women would be reduced by nearly **50%**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, United WE Commission 2022



Oklahoma is ranked **3rd** in the nation for women killed by men in single victim-single offender, homicides.

40% of Oklahoma women experience intimate partner violence, intimate partner rape and/or stalking in their lifetimes.

Source: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
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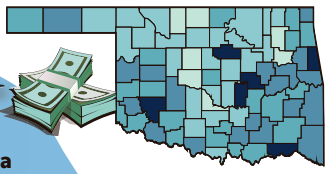
Oklahoma women in poverty

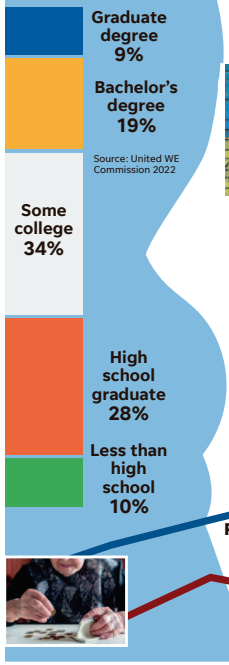


8.5%-12.73% | 12.74% - 16.97% | 16.98%-21.21% | 21.22% - 25.45% | 25.46% - 29.7%

The status of women in Oklahoma is not good.

Despite significant strides over the past decades, like women nationally, Oklahoma women still face challenges for equity. Our state ranks last for women's economic and social wellbeing, according to WalletHub. When considering the cost of health care and its accessibility, plus family friendliness, we are 44th in a study of the best/worst place to have a baby! Today's Grading Oklahoma shows examples of areas where challenges persist.

Oklahoma women education ages 25-64



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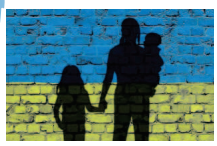

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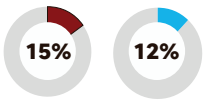
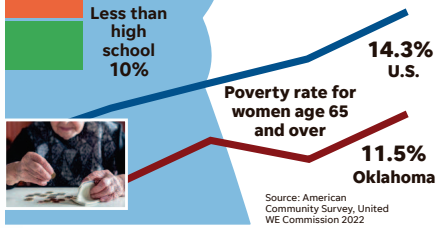
Women ages 25-64 in poverty





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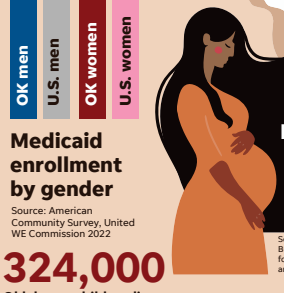

In a study comparing the best/worst states to have a baby, Oklahoma ranks **44th**

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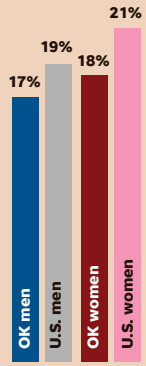


Medicaid enrollment by gender

Source: American Community Survey, United WE Commission 2022

324,000 Oklahoma children live in single-parent families

12% of Oklahoma households consist of single mothers.

Oklahoma teen births per 1,000

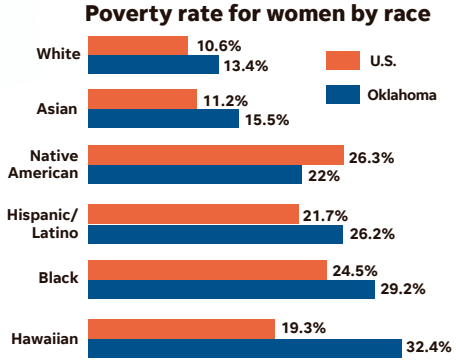
2010	2020
59	25

Source: Oklahoma State Department of Health

Hughes County has the highest annual birth rate of teens age 15 to 19* **56** live births per 1,000

Source: Oklahoma teen birth report, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Poverty rate for women by race



Percentage of adults who voted 2014 – 2020

Women in politics

Percentage of women in state legislatures, US and Oklahoma, 2015 – 2021.

Oklahoma	U.S.
21%	31%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Oklahoma depression

Percentage of women ages 18-44 who reported being told by a health professional that they have a depressive disorder, including depression, major depression, minor depression or dysthymia.

32%

Source: America's Health Rankings

Oklahoma women in state correctional facilities

2023	2,170
2022	2,137
2019	2,670

Source: Oklahoma Department of Corrections, April 10, 2023