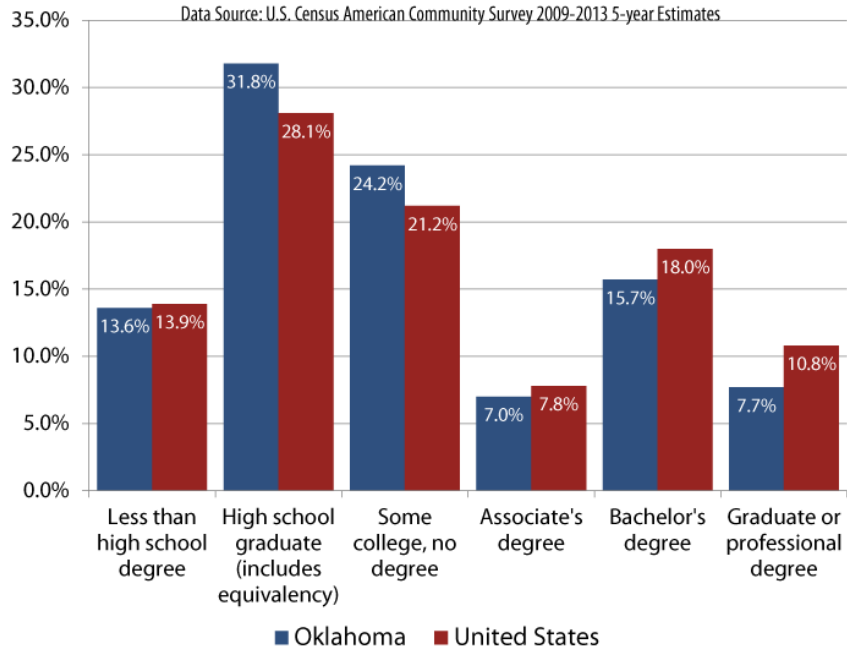


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### Educational Attainment of Residents 25 and Older: Oklahoma and United States



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*A scientific poll of Oklahomans showed a large majority (68 percent) believe an educated and well-trained workforce is more important for attracting business than low-personal income tax rates.*

Despite this shift in thinking, Oklahoma remains near the bottom of US states on per-student spending. The FY16 budget shows no increase in education spending.

From University of Oklahoma President, David L. Boren:

*I am sorry to say that budgetary pressures because of falling state support are greater than ever. The state's \$600 million shortfall led to budget cuts of \$4.6 million.*

*I am deeply concerned by the state's shrinking share of the cost of educating our students. Income tax cuts alone, which amount to only \$18 per year for the average Oklahoman have left the state with over \$100 million less which could have been invested in education. This long-range revenue trend threatens the accessibility and affordability of higher education for many families and students. The chart {below} highlights the decreasing share of the state in funding our budget. The financial situation has required the University of Oklahoma {state flagship} to raise tuition and mandatory fees this year by 4.8%.*

