

A snapshot of Oklahoma today:

Tulsa ranked #9 in gender wage gap.
Men's annual earnings: \$57,478
Women's annual earnings: \$37,749
Gender wage gap: 34%

- Women in OK earn only 75 cents for every dollar men earn
- One in 3 families living in poverty is a female-headed household
- Single women head nearly 3/4 of all poor families in OK
- OK ranks as one of the 10 worst states for teen pregnancy
- Nearly 60% of OK births are funded by Medicaid
- Nearly 20% of OK girls never graduate from high school
- The Institute for Women's Policy Research ranks OK as the 48th overall worst state for women based on a review of the demographics, economics, health, rights and political participation of women around the nation. (Source: <http://www.womeningovernment.org/oncology>)

Elected to the Legislature: Oklahoma ranks **49th** in the % of women serving in our state legislature (14 women serve in the House and 5 in the Senate out of 149 seats or **12.8%**. Approximately 1,744 women serve in the 50 state legislatures in the 2012 legislative session. Women are **23.6%** of all state legislators nationwide. (Decrease from 24.5% female legislators in 2011.)

Things to consider:

Oklahoma is the only state in the U.S. that saw life expectancies for women decline at the state level during part of the last decade, according to the study, "Falling Behind: life expectancy in U.S. counties from 2000 to 2007 in an international context, conducted by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington. Women's life expectancy in Oklahoma fell from 78.5 years in 1987 to 77.9 years in 2007. For men, life spans increased slightly, by a little over a year. The authors believe that high rates of obesity, tobacco use and other "preventable risk factors" cause high blood pressure and elevated blood glucose are the likeliest causes for declining life expectancy.

Where we rank?

Women & Children

#47 Early prenatal health
46 Immunizations
#41 Infant mortality
#26 Low birth weight
#46 Preterm birth
#46 Teen Births
#46 Child poverty

Mental Health

#46 Depression
#39 Suicide
#48 Poor mental health
#48 Brain health

Crime

#1 Most incarcerated women
#39 Most violent crime
#17 Most death due to firearms

General Health

#47 Premature death
#44 Preventable hospitalizations
#49 Primary care physicians
#48 Smoking/tobacco
#43 Diabetes
#39 Health Insurance
#40 Obesity

Economy

#26 Income disparity
#41 Median household income
#34 Personal income
#11 Most in percentage below the poverty line

#15 Most death by homicides of females
#10 Most prisoners held
#23 Most murder & negligent homicide

The rankings above show where Oklahoma ranks in comparison with other states. The sources include America's Health Rankings (based on data from the US Census Bureau and other reliable sources), the Annie E. Casey Foundation and StateMasters.com