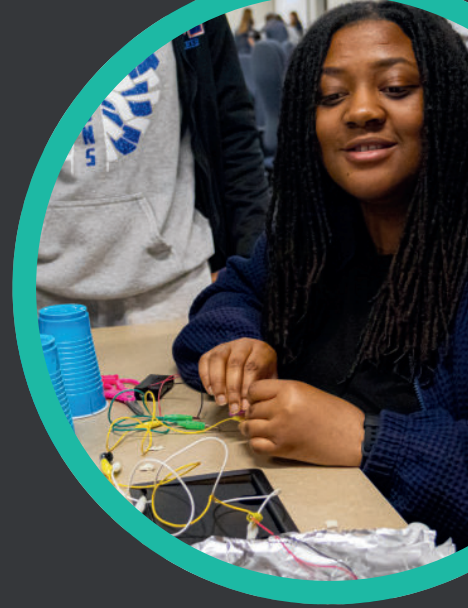




OKLAHOMA CITY
INNOVATION
DISTRICT



2024
ANNUAL
REPORT



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THANK YOU

To the Oklahoma City Innovation District's Founding & Visionary Partners



A LETTER FROM THE CEO



OKCID President and CEO

Welcome to the 2024 edition of the Innovation District Annual Report! As the newly appointed President/CEO of the Oklahoma City Innovation District

(OKCID), I am as excited as you to thoughtfully examine the impact of OKCID and its work on many fronts.

Taking the role of CEO, I want to be clear that I appreciate the complex and multi-faceted role OKCID has in building and caretaking different parts of our ecosystem. This role, when knitted together correctly, can lift not only scientific and innovation outcomes but also create economic opportunities for a broader swath of our friends, neighbors and residents.

It is my vision that OKCID fulfills a dual-purpose mandate. First, to support the thoughtful construction of a built environment in NE OKC that creates more opportunities for scientific discovery, cluster development, entrepreneurship, community interaction and a sense of place while respecting and preserving the history and culture of NE OKC for future generations.

The second mandate calls for the creation of more economic opportunities in the broader Oklahoma City region focusing on cutting edge science discovery. I believe innovation comes not only from pushing the boundaries of science but also equipping our residents with tools, resources, capital and networks to build, launch and grow ideas into the companies and products of the future. When supported correctly, I believe the inventors of our future city will better reflect our community in all its forms. This success will allow generations born in all parts of our city-including NE OKC-to claim ownership of the successes we create through personal economic gain.

I am so greatly looking forward to building the relationships and trust necessary to execute on both portions of this calling. Whether we shake hands, meet for coffee or compare notes on your next scientific discovery, I am looking forward to working together to build a great and vibrant community we can all feel proud to call home.

Best,

Jeff Seymour

DISTRICT OVERVIEW

OKCID envisions a cohesive community where people can not only work but also live, play, and stay in Oklahoma to contribute to its rapidly evolving economy. The vision of OKCID is ambitious—to elevate the city's profile by enhancing connectivity and promoting collaboration, positioning Oklahoma City as the rising star of innovation across America.

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INNOVATION HALL

Innovation Hall, a MAPS 4 building, operated by the Innovation District, is a public space that the community can use for meetings, conferences, symposiums, workshops or even just to grab lunch and relax!



Event space for 250+ people with modern AV technology and a massive LED screen for presentations.



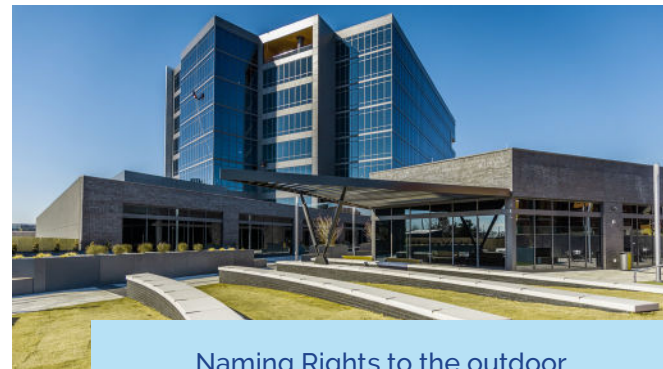
Rentable conference rooms that are separated by a partition and can be converted into a larger space.



7,500 sf Biomanufacturing Workforce Training Center, BioTC



Public cafe featuring coffee, lunch specials, grab and go options, and a full bar for happy hour events.

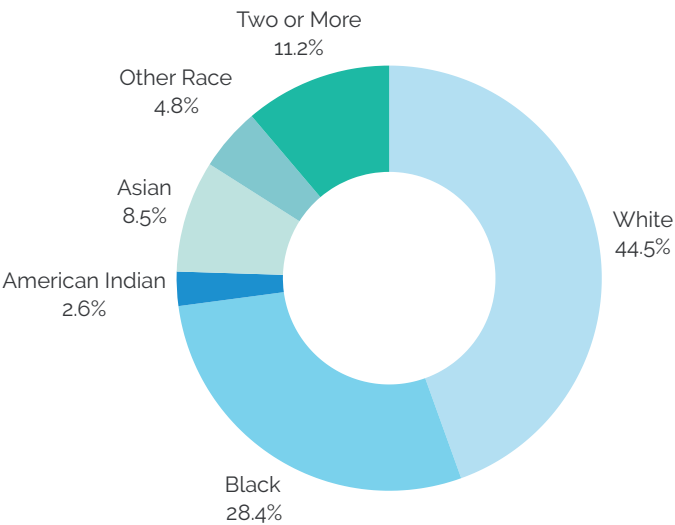


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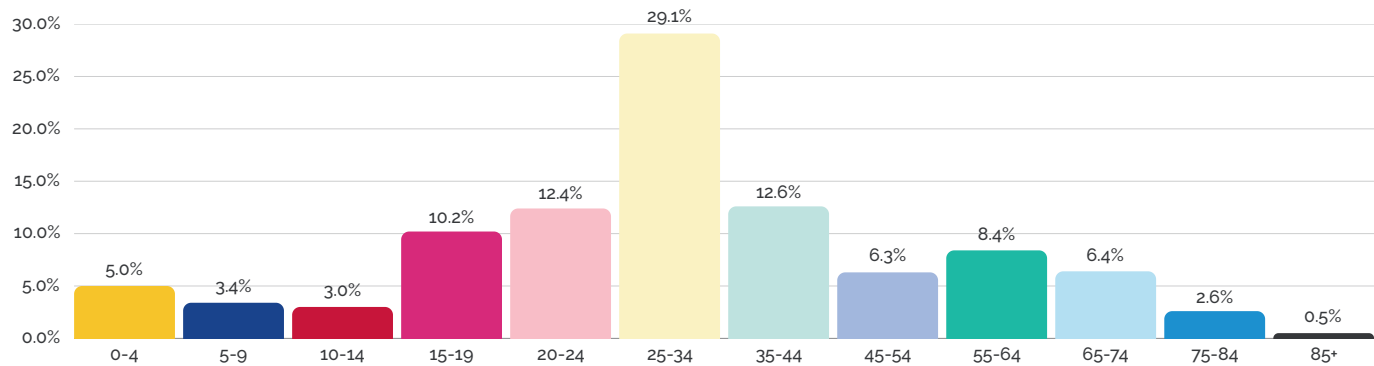


DEMOGRAPHICS

In 2024, the population of the Oklahoma City Innovation District grew by 139 individuals, reaching 2,602 residents. This reflects a gradual increase in local residency over the past year.



POPULATION BY AGE



TOTAL POPULATION: 2,602 | MEDIAN AGE: 29.9

\$250,781
Median Home Value

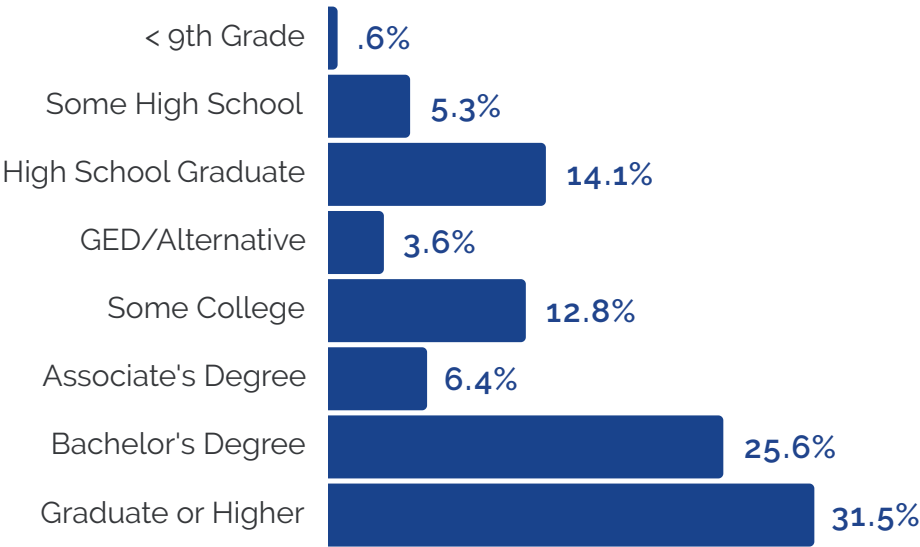
\$45,707
Per Capita Income



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

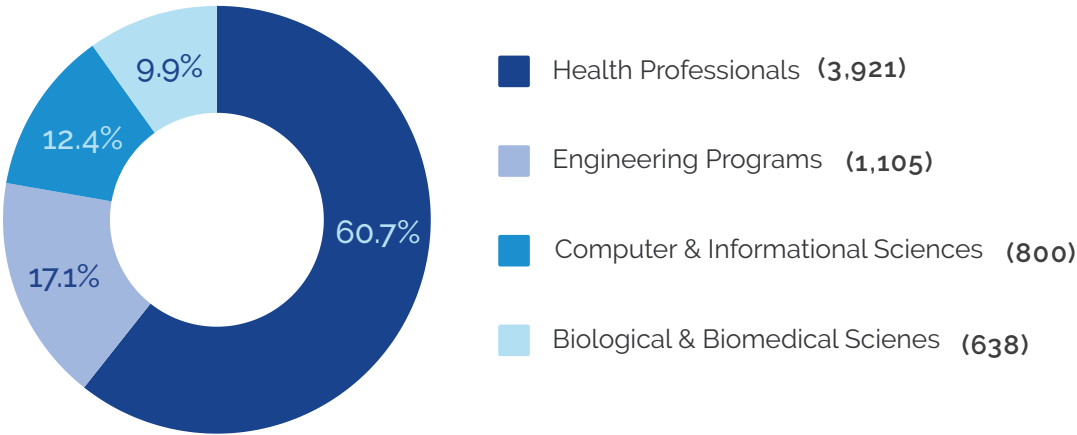
32%
of Residents in the
district have a Graduate
Degree or Higher

+13%
from 2022



Source: ESRI BAO forecasts for 2024; Community Profile; U.S. Census Bureau

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES IN KEY OKC INNOVATION DISTRICT INDUSTRIES (2023)



Sources: Lightcast 2024.3 via Waymaker Group



POSTDOC SPECIALTIES & ATTAINMENT

The Oklahoma City Innovation District hosts the Postdoc Society, nearly 100 researchers from OU Health Sciences Center and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. This group advances careers through grant-funded research, benefiting funders and the OKC Metro area, including Edmond and Norman.

96

Postdocs Working in
the OKC Innovation
District in 2024

\$5.8
million

Funding Received in 2024

\$61,008

Minimum Salary

35+

Postdoc Research Specialties in the OKC Innovation District

- Aging & Metabolism
- Arthritis
- Biochemistry
- Cancer Research
- Cardiovascular
- Cell Biology
- Diabetes
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Genetics & Human Disease
- Geriatrics
- Geroscience
- Hematology
- Immunology
- Infectious Diseases
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Nephrology
- Neurosciences
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic
- Otolaryngology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Pediatrics
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Physiology
- Pulmonary
- Radiation Oncology
- Rehabilitation Sciences
- Rheumatology
- Surgery
- Urology
- Vision

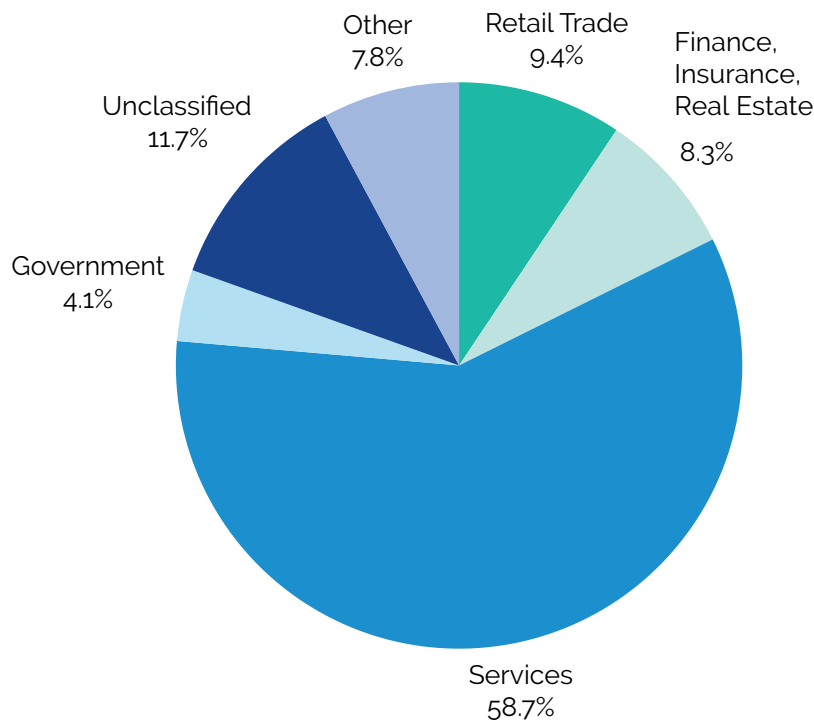
Source: National Institutes of Health; OU Health Sciences Center; OU, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs; Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS SUMMARY

In 2024, the Oklahoma City Innovation District continues to expand as a prominent center for employment and business growth. With a total of 906 businesses and 44,080 employees, the District has shown steady growth, since 2023. Services make up the majority of industry presence, representing 58.8% of all businesses, with a particularly high concentration in health services and educational institutions, employing 22,217 and 9,586 people respectively.

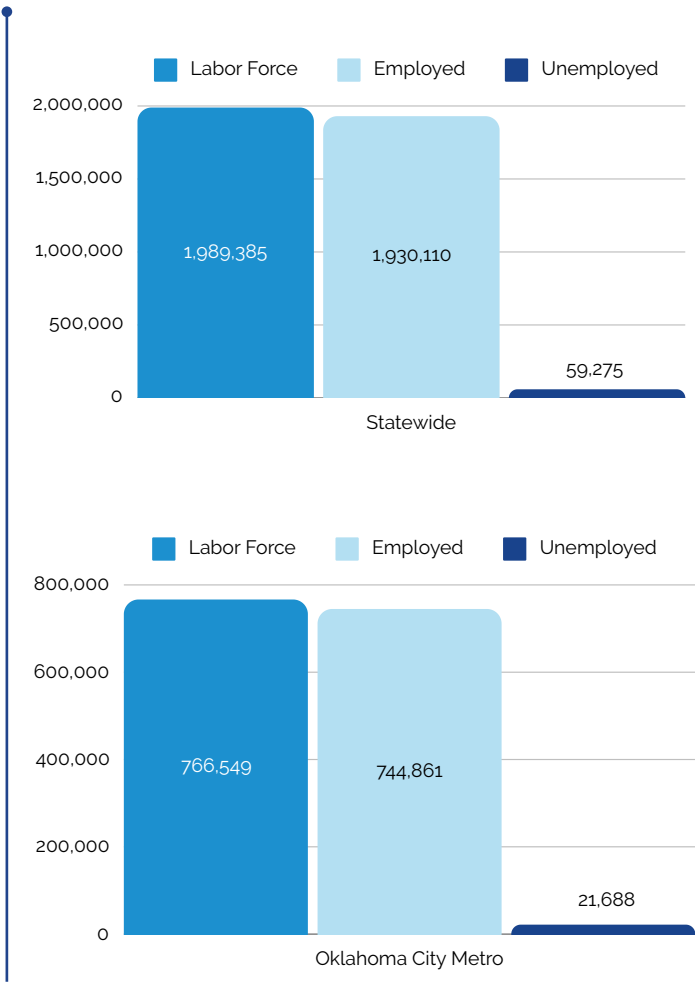
906
businesses

44,080
employees



JOBS AND EMPLOYEES

November 2024 Statistics



Over the past five years, the Oklahoma City Innovation District has experienced significant job growth within its 1.3 square mile boundary. Between 2022 and 2024 alone, nearly **1,000 new employees** joined the workforce within the District's boundaries.

This growth reflects the broader strength of the Oklahoma City's economy, which boasts a **2.8% unemployment rate as of November 2024**, significantly lower than the national current national average of 4.1%. While the healthcare and energy sectors have driven recent job posting activity, aerospace and biotech remain key industries anchored in the Innovation District.

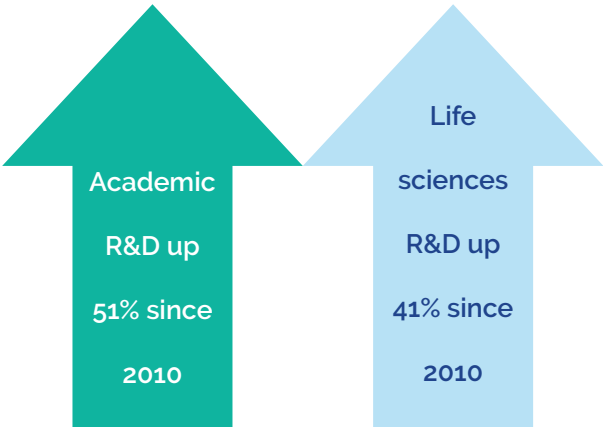
Source: ESRI BAO forecasts for 2024, Demographic & Income Profile, U.S. Census Bureau; Business Summary, Data Axle, Inc.; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



RESEARCH FUNDING

Entities located in The Innovation District, *received nearly 75% of Oklahoma's \$815 million in NIH funding since 2019*, leading in cancer, diabetes, immunology research, and driving a *\$6.7 billion* bioscience sector.

In October 2024, the NIH awarded the University of Oklahoma a \$17.2 million, five-year grant to improve cancer outcomes in Native American communities. Led by OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center's NACCHE, the project focuses on prevention, screening, and care coordination, partnering with 16 tribal nations. Key initiatives include increasing lung cancer screenings, improving care coordination, and addressing arsenic and uranium in drinking water. Building on a decade of tribal collaboration, the grant aims to reduce cancer disparities and enhance health equity.



Sources: National Institutes of Health; OU Health Sciences Center; The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; Newmark Robinson Park, OKC Market Report (2024)



PATENTS

3,812 patents

were created in Oklahoma from 2015-2020



689 patents

were created in 2020 alone



15 NIH patents

originated in the district from FY 2023-2024



72.9% (\$110,433,174)

of Oklahoma's total NIH funding came to assets in the OKC Innovation District

Source: National Institutes of Health; OU Health Sciences Center; The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Office of Tech Commercialization, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office via FRED

KEY INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

Oklahoma City thrives on diverse industries fueling business growth and economic expansion. The OKC Innovation District highlights this, spanning academia, aerospace, bioscience, energy, healthcare, retail, and research. With a low cost of living, central location, and strong talent, OKC attracts startups and venture capital.

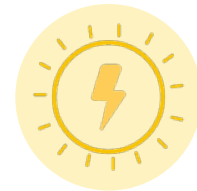
Employment concentrations show how an area's industry share compares to the nation, with values over 1.2 indicating specialization.



Each job in the biotech cluster supports 2.1 jobs in the larger regional economy



Each job in the aerospace cluster supports 2.87 jobs in the larger regional economy



Each job in the energy cluster supports 4.39 jobs in the larger regional economy

Venture capital firms have invested in over
40 OKLAHOMA STARTUPS
driven by OKC's startup-friendly ecosystem, affordability, and strong research capabilities.

In 2023, Oklahoma saw **71 new and expanding business announcements**, creating a projected

6,500+ JOBS

Sources: Greater OKC Chamber; Lightcast 2023 annual numbers using 2024.4 edition, 10-County Greater Oklahoma City Region; Oklahoma Department of Commerce: New Growth + Expansions Report 2023, Crunchbase.com, Cortado Ventures: Cortado Ventures Invests in Gener8tor, Pitchbook.com, I2E.org FY2023 Annual Report Final, BoydStreetVentures.com: 2023 Year End Review

BIOSCIENCE



Each job in the biotech cluster supports 2.1 jobs in the larger regional economy

OKLAHOMA CITY STATISTICS



31,000 workers with a 10% employment growth since 2015

businesses
563

average wages
\$84k

\$316M

in annual bioscience-related university/ biomedical institution R&D expenditures

In 2022, the Oklahoma Biotech Innovation Cluster (OBIC), supported by multiple public, private, and academic partners. OBIC was chosen as one of 21 winners from the EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge, allocating \$35m towards Oklahoma City's 6 Build Back Better Investments. Projects include:



Photo by Freestyle and Stride Bank

1. OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center for Therapeutics
2. Oklahoma Biotech Startup Program
3. The University of Oklahoma Biotech Core Facility
4. OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center Early-Phase Clinical Trial Network
5. Oklahoma Bioscience Cluster Initiative
6. Biomanufacturing Workforce Training Center (BioTC)

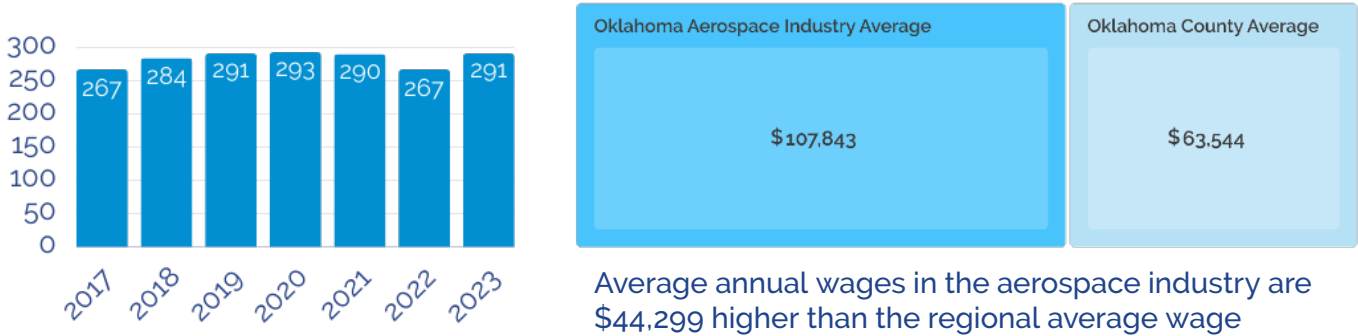


AEROSPACE



Each job in the aerospace cluster supports 2.87 jobs in the larger regional economy

ESTABLISHMENTS IN AEROSPACE SECTOR



OKLAHOMA CITY STATISTICS



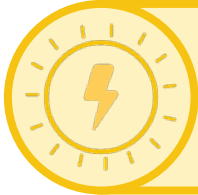
43,200 aerospace workers in Greater Oklahoma City



Nearly 300 aerospace firms in the region

Aerospace firms produce **\$11.6 Billion** in goods and services locally

ENERGY



Each job in the energy cluster supports 4.39 jobs in the larger regional economy

OKLAHOMA STATISTICS

Oklahoma's oil and natural gas industry contribute **\$55.7 billion** to the state's GDP accounting for **22% of statewide economic activity**.



\$31 billion

in household earnings

(\$1 in every \$5 of total statewide income is linked to this sector)

The industry provided a record **\$2.9 billion** in total taxes



\$146 million
directly to
school districts



\$177 million
to county roads
and bridges

The energy, aerospace and biotech clusters stand out for driving growth in middle- and high-skilled jobs, bolstering Oklahoma's innovation ecosystem and the OKC Innovation District.

Source: Oklahoma Energy Resource Board, 2023 Economic Impact Update; Greater OKC Chamber; Lightcast 2023 annual numbers using 2024.4 edition, 10-County Greater Oklahoma City Region

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Oklahoma continues to grow its support for entrepreneurs, ranking #16 nationwide and #14 for new business growth. Oklahoma also ranks in the top 10 for job creation and has higher-than-average startup survival rates, thanks to its supportive, low-cost business environment. Examples of these programs are:

Gener8tor

gBETA is a free seven-week mentorship program that has **supported 30 companies and raised \$1.3 million in funding.**

The program recently started its 7th cohort in October 2024 with 5 new companies.

**In 2024, Forbes ranked
The Oklahoma City metro
second-best place for small
businesses nationwide!**

The Verge

The Verge offers coworking space for entrepreneurs to share resources, as well as incubator programming. Since their programming launched in 2023, The Verge has been a valuable asset to around **250 businesses!**

i2E

Through the E3 program, i2E has supported **over 200 companies** since its inception in 2015. In January 2024, the Bridge2 program was launched and has already helped 10 companies secure pre-seed funding. Celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2024, the Entrepreneur's Cup has awarded **\$2.6 million in cash prizes and \$348k in scholarships** to college students

Oklahoma City Minority Founder Accelerator Program (OMFA)

Launched in 2022 by the OKC Innovation District, alongside partner organizations Northeast Renaissance and i2E, OMFA provides a comprehensive support system tailored to the needs of its participants. In 2024, OMFA had nearly **40 founders** participate in cohorts 3-5 with the opportunity to receive a non-dilutive grant, ranging from **\$10-20k**, from the Alliance of Economic Development of Oklahoma City

Source: Forbes Advisor, The Most and Least Risky Cities for Small Businesses; gener8tor; The Verge OKC; i2E; Northeast OKC Renaissance, OMFA FAQ Report

STEAM EDUCATION

Higher
Education

Innovation
Week

TIF
Education



Photo by Jonathan Kyncl

The district hosts over **3,500 students** at top institutions like OU Health Sciences Center and OSU's OAIRE program. These efforts fuel life sciences, engineering, and tech growth, building Oklahoma City's skilled workforce and advancing STEAM opportunities.

For grades K-12, OKCID supports education through programs like the STEM Education & Workforce Development Committee (SEWDC) and Innovation Week.



Photo by Scott Laske

Innovation Week is an opportunity for 7th graders from typically under-served communities to experience hands-on STEAM activities alongside industry experts. Students are able to discover job opportunities and education pathways that can be achieved right here in Oklahoma.

SEWDC manages funds from the Innovation District TIF to fund workforce initiatives over the next 25 years.

INNOVATION WEEK

OKCID's 2024 Innovation Week was the most successful yet, with record-breaking attendance and overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants.

1,041
students
total

27% increase
from 2023

83%
students of
minority descent

38% increase
from 2023

53%
of students
were female

Currently, only about
1/3 of STEM jobs are
held by women

91.8% of students
came from households
facing economic challenges



81 Volunteers Total
25 Unique STEAM booths
10+ Media Mentions

98%

students who
had a positive
experience

86%

students
who learned
something new

60%

students who were
more interested in
STEM after attending

"I think that this event was absolutely awesome, words
can't describe how excited I am! I loved it so much."

— 2024 Innovation Week Student

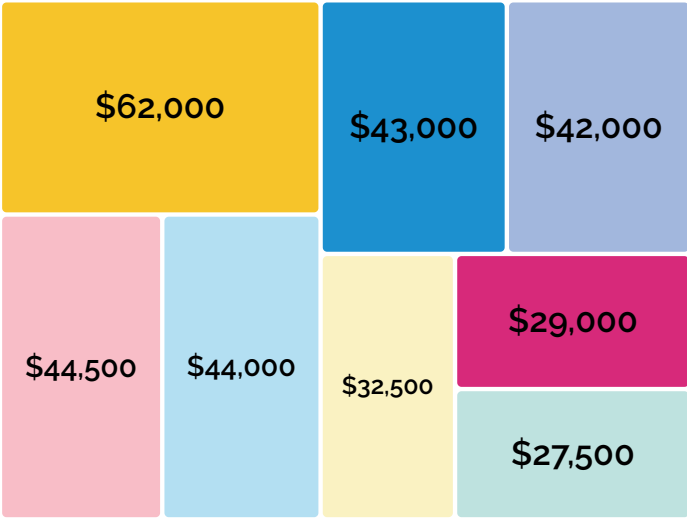


TIF EDUCATION



Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a funding mechanism used to support economic and community development projects by redirecting a portion of property tax revenue increases in a designated area. In 2023, Northeast Oklahoma City was allocated, \$350,000 in TIF funding to enhance STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education, impacting students, parents, and educators for the 2023-24 school year.

FUNDING ALLOCATION



- Workforce Development
- Urban Bridge
- Freedom City
- OSCC
- Science Museum Oklahoma
- Project Coordinator
- Marketing Contractors
- Class Matters

IMPACT

- 2,275** students served in Northeast Oklahoma City
- 877** parents and educators reached
- 87.1%** minority participants
- 55+** hours of "Teach the Teacher" training provided

Sources: Programs to Enhance STEM/STEAM Education for Northeast Oklahoma City Priority Service Area RFP Responses

BIOTC OVERVIEW



Photo by Freestyle and Stride Bank

At its core, BioTC is a rapid-response training hub designed to equip Oklahomans with the precise skills needed in today's booming biotech sector. Unlike traditional academic programs, BioTC offers intensive, hands-on certifications lasting just 1-3 weeks. This accelerated approach allows quick adaptation to the ever-evolving needs of the industry, ensuring Oklahoma's workforce remains at the cutting edge. The center's crown jewel is its state-of-the-art 7,200 sq. ft. Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) lab, a \$16M investment that simulates real-world GMP environments. Here, participants don't just learn—they experience the future of biomanufacturing firsthand. Led by industry veterans with deep expertise, BioTC's programs promise to transform participants into highly sought-after technicians, ready to take on roles critical to the region's biotech growth.

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BioTC strengthens OKC's position as a biotech leader by bridging the skills gap with targeted technical education while creating accessible pathways to high-quality jobs.

2024 BIOTC EVENTS



LOCAL EVENTS

- Innovation Day at the Capital
- Innovation Week
- Hough Science Day Camp
- Mission Life Launch
- Asian Night Market
- OKC Pride Parade
- OKCPS Academic Advantage Healthcare Symposium
- Shawnee High School Senior Conference
- Emmerson South Mid-High School Career Cafe



NATIONAL EVENTS

- (Ex)²: Career Evolution & Innovation in Biomanufacturing
- North Carolina Benchmark & Network
- BIO International Convention (San Diego, CA)



PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- NIIMBL
 - United States Biopharma Workforce Partnership Conference (Boston, MA)
 - June National Meeting (Washington, DC)

BioTC participated in 14 events in 2024 with the goal of spreading awareness of this transformative educational program, gaining insight into job opportunities for cohorts, building meaningful partnerships to support their career pathways, and inspiring young minds to explore and enjoy opportunities in STEM fields.



Photo Credit: Greater OKC Chamber



BIOTC PARTNER BIOTECH ORGANIZATIONS

BioTC's establishment has been greatly enhanced by the support of key industry partners and collaborators within Oklahoma's life sciences ecosystem. These partnerships have provided critical resources, expertise, and infrastructure to ensure BioTC's success as a premier biomanufacturing training center. Partners include:

Wheeler Bio (wheelerbio.com)

Contributed technical expertise by providing process data and a cell line for training activities. Additionally, Wheeler has donated facility space for equipment and material storage and supported cell line generation ahead of BioTC's official lab opening.

Oklahoma State University–Oklahoma City (osuokc.edu)

A key educational collaborator, fostering opportunities for workforce development in life sciences and offering complementary training support.

Cytovance Biologics (cytovance.com)

Generously donated supplies from its inventory and provided storage space for equipment and materials, playing a crucial role in bridging logistical gaps during the lab's pre-launch phase.

OU Bioprocessing Core Facility (ou.edu)

This facility brings additional technical expertise and resources, strengthening BioTC's capabilities in pre-clinical material generation and advanced bioprocessing.

Life Sciences Oklahoma and OkBioStart (lifesciok.com) | (okbiostart.com)

Collaborative efforts include exploring solutions to offer pre-clinical material generation services to BioTC cohort members at reduced costs, further lowering barriers to entry for bioscience innovation.

BIOTC FEDERAL FUNDS USAGE

BioTC has strategically utilized state and federal funding to establish state-of-the-art facilities and procure industry-standard equipment essential for its biomanufacturing training programs. These investments directly support its mission to close the skills gap in Oklahoma's life science sector and prepare a diverse workforce for high-demand roles.

Curriculum

Licensed from National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing (NCTM) including lecture and lab activity materials, and training for instructors

General Curriculum: 1 Week

-  Hands-on
-  Basic laboratory equipment information
-  Create model protein

Advanced Certification: 2-3 Weeks

-   Virtual/Hands-on
-  Basic laboratory equipment information
-  Create model protein and protein purification
-  Analytical techniques

BioTC Equipment

Autoclave: Microbiology International HX780
Systec Autoclave- High Capacity Steam
Sterilization Chamber

DynaDrive 50L: Two x pilot-scale (50L) single-use
bioreactors operated with a single control tower
for a total mammalian bioprocessing (pilot-scale)
capacity of 100L.

Distek Bioreactors and Dual Fermenter: Five
x 5L Distek BiOne 1250 bioreactors for a total
mammalian bioprocessing (bench-scale)
capacity of 25L; One x 5L Distek BiOne 1250

Fermenter Dual which allows for 2x 5L vessels to be
controlled from a single tower at the same time for a total
microbial bioprocessing capacity of 10L

Waters BioAccord Mass Spec: High Throughput LC-MS
system designed for sophisticated analysis of protein
products, byproducts and processes.

Cytiva Akta Pilot 600: Pilot-scale chromatography system
used to purify biologics from mammalian or microbial
cell cultures at flow rates up to 1200 mL/min. The Cytiva
chromatography systems are used widely throughout the
industry including at both of our local industry partners.

BIOTC PROJECTED IMPACT



Training and Employment

BioTC hopes to certify over 400 biomanufacturing certificates by 2027. More than half of these graduates are expected to secure biotech jobs in Oklahoma with salaries at or above the regional median wage.



Economic Mobility

At least one-third of trainees will come from under-served or economically displaced populations, including veterans, tribal members, and residents of Northeast and South Oklahoma City.



Community Reach

By sourcing talent statewide through schools, workforce agencies, and tribal partnerships, BioTC aims to create a diverse and inclusive workforce that drives economic growth and positions Oklahoma as a regional biotech leader.

At least 1/3 of those certified and placed in jobs are planned to come from NE or South OKC under-served, minority populations, low-income or economically displaced workers, veterans, or members of tribal nations.

Metrics that will be tracked to support BioTC's impact include the following:

- Number of cohorts per year
- Number of trainees per cohort
- Trainee demographics
- Job placement percentage of program graduates
- Starting salary of placements



EVENTS AND OUTREACH

In 2024, OKCID hosted impactful events that fostered connections, even without a dedicated space while Innovation Hall was under construction. Thank you to the community partners who supported us and the local businesses that opened their doors. Your generosity made these meaningful moments possible.

Additionally, thank you to the following media partners who extended our community outreach:

- KFOR
- News 9
- KOCO
- Yahoo News
- Oklahoma Daily News
- SWOSU News
- Microsoft News
- News 6 (Tulsa)
- KOSU
- Journal Record
- Greater OKC Chamber - Velocity
- Global Institute of Innovation Districts (GIID)
- Pharma's Almanac
- Jim Stafford's BlogOKC
- Oklahoma City Free Press
- Greater OKC Chamber - OKC Retail
- Oklahoma Business Voice
- i2E
- AURP
- Presbyterian Health Foundation Blog
- Design Develop Construct Journal

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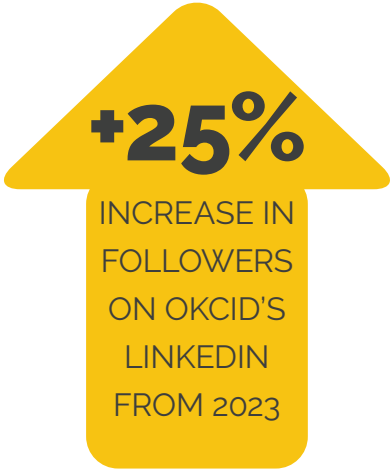
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SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

12.6K+ followers across platforms, with notable LinkedIn growth and steady engagement across TikTok and Instagram.

LinkedIn led with **223,000+ combined impressions**, spiking in October for OKCID (+84%) and July for BioTC (+179%).

On Facebook, our followers spent a total of **19 hours** watching our content, **up 30.4%** from the previous year,



TOP PERFORMING INSTAGRAM POSTS



The announcement of Jeff Seymour as OKCID's new CEO organically reached 1,000+ accounts from our post alone, and even more from shares.



Our Aerospace Week announcement video had a total watch time of 51 minutes and 19 seconds.



EVENT DATA

40+

EVENTS
IN 2024

25+

NONPROFITS AND
ORGANIZATIONS
PROMOTED

300+

PEOPLE ATTENDED
OUR WORKSHOPS,
TECH TALKS, AND GET
FUNDED SERIES

COCKTAILS & COLLABORATION

Occurring on the second Tuesday of each month, we highlighted 18 nonprofits and organizational resources for the community,

- Tech++
- ArtsUp?!
- Code Fellows
- Make-a-Wish
- Kidvation
- Hough Ear Institute
- OK Bitcoin Association
- Woven Life
- Rise Above
- OKBioStart
- BioTC
- Haworth
- The Verge OKC
- BancFirst
- CSC Leasing
- Right to Start

11 TOPICS AND INDUSTRIES WERE REPRESENTED

- Aerospace
- Cyber Security
- Crypto Currency
- Disabilities
- Entrepreneurship
- Funding
- Networking
- Public Relations
- Small Business Law
- Sustainability
- Trade Secrets

COMMUNITY SERVICE



IN 2024, OKCID
EMPLOYEES SPENT

**OVER
600
HOURS**

VOLUNTEERING IN
THE COMMUNITY

300 of those hours were directly encouraged by OKCID
and represented the following organizations/events:

- Restore OKC
- Hough Ear Institute
- Minority Enterprise Development Week
- Global Entrepreneurship Week
- Asian Night Market
- Make-A-Wish Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Pride Week
- MLK Parade



FUTURE IMPACT

There's a lot to look forward to in the Innovation District! New businesses are moving in, and Innovation Hall will be buzzing with free events and resources for the community. As MAPS 4 revitalization and safety plans take shape, we're excited to see the district grow as a dynamic, welcoming place to work, connect, and thrive.

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2025 EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATES

FOR THE 2025
CALENDAR YEAR,
THERE ARE

80+

OKCID-HOSTED
EVENTS SCHEDULED
AT INNOVATION HALL



Coffey & Consult has partnered with the Oklahoma City Innovation District to host a Tech Talk Series consisting of four total Tech Talks occurring once a quarter in 2025.



Cocktails & Collaboration will occur the second Tuesday of each month at Innovation Hall. The first 50 attendees will receive a complimentary drink.

Large Signature Events



Scan QR code to view all events or
visit www.okcinnovation.com/events

SOUTH OF 8TH STREET PROJECT



Historic Image of the Jewel Theatre

The **South of 8th** project aims to revitalize key portions of Oklahoma City's historically Black neighborhoods, focusing on inclusive economic development and community-driven growth. Led by Open Design Collective and the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority, the initiative involves extensive collaboration with over 200 residents to ensure their voices shape the future of the area.

By preserving cultural landmarks like the Jewel Theater and engaging with Black developers and local entrepreneurs, the project seeks to address decades of underinvestment, foster small business growth, and increase quality of life. Open design is plugged into community activation including the NEOKC town halls, community events, and more to create a model for equitable development in northeast Oklahoma City.

MAPS 4 UPDATES

In September 2024, the Oklahoma City Council approved the first phase of neighborhood connectivity improvements in the Innovation District as part of MAPS 4.

The **\$5.1 million** allocated to Phase 1 improvements include:



More than **three miles of sidewalk** accessibility improvements, including ADA compliance of sidewalks and curb ramps at intersections.



Tier 1 protected **bike lanes** along NE 8th Street that will connect to existing bike lanes along N Lottie Avenue.



Advanced **pedestrian signals** and traffic monitoring at six intersections to increase pedestrian safety.



Beautification projects and landscaping, including 178 new shade trees, 35 benches, **aesthetic enhancements** and bike racks.

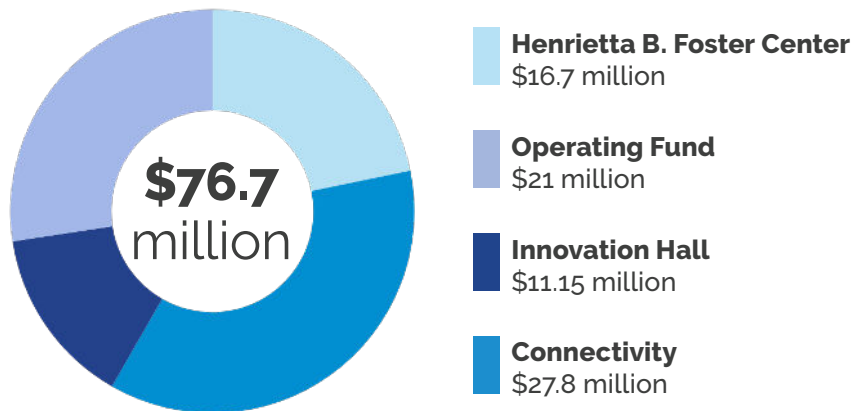


Innovation District study area for neighborhood connectivity improvements

MAPS4 PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT

As part of ongoing developments within the Innovation District, MAPS 4 will also fund the transformation of the Henrietta B. Foster Center, with \$15 million dedicated to creating a small business support center that will serve minority-owned businesses.

OKCID will operate Innovation Hall, a venue expected to play a crucial role in fostering collaboration and innovation, aligning with the district's goal of becoming a hub for cutting-edge research, technology, and business development. These improvements, alongside the neighborhood upgrades, are designed to create a more connected, sustainable, and accessible Innovation District for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.



Source: The City of Oklahoma City, MAPS 4 Innovation District

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