



# Coal County, OK

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## Report Parameters

### 1 County

40029      Coal County, OK

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### Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

## Economy Overview

**5,265**

Population (2024)

Population **decreased by 246** over the last 5 years but is projected to **grow by 14** over the next 5 years.

**1,541**

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **decreased by 98** over the last 5 years but are projected to **grow by 101** over the next 5 years.

**\$48.2K**

Median Household Income (2023)

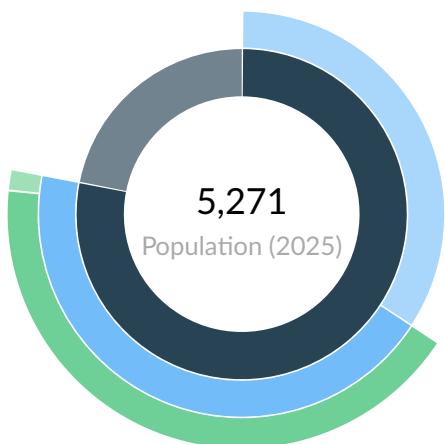
Median household income is **\$30.4K below** the national median household income of \$78.5K.

## Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population **declined by 4.5%** since 2019, falling by 246. Population is expected to **increase by 0.3%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 14.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs **declined by 5.9%** in Coal County, OK from 1,638 to **1,541**. This change **fell short of the national growth rate of 4.1% by 10.0%**. As the number of jobs declined, the **labor force participation rate increased from 54.7% to 56.2% between 2019 and 2024**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **10.5% of Coal County, OK residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (11.0% below the national average), and **7.7% hold an Associate's Degree** (1.2% below the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Education and Hospitals (Local Government), Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals, and Animal Production.

	Population (2025)	Labor Force (Apr 2025)	Jobs (2024)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	5,271	2,311	1,541	93.7	\$194.68M	\$364.30M	\$242.68M
State	4,117,309	2,000,196	1,952,015	93.3	\$267.26B	\$264.02B	\$324.90B

## Apr 2025 Labor Force Breakdown



	Population
● 16+ Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population	4,112
● Not in Labor Force (16+)	1,801
● Labor Force	2,311
● Employed	2,234
● Unemployed	77
● Under 16, Military, and institutionalized Population	1,160

## Educational Attainment

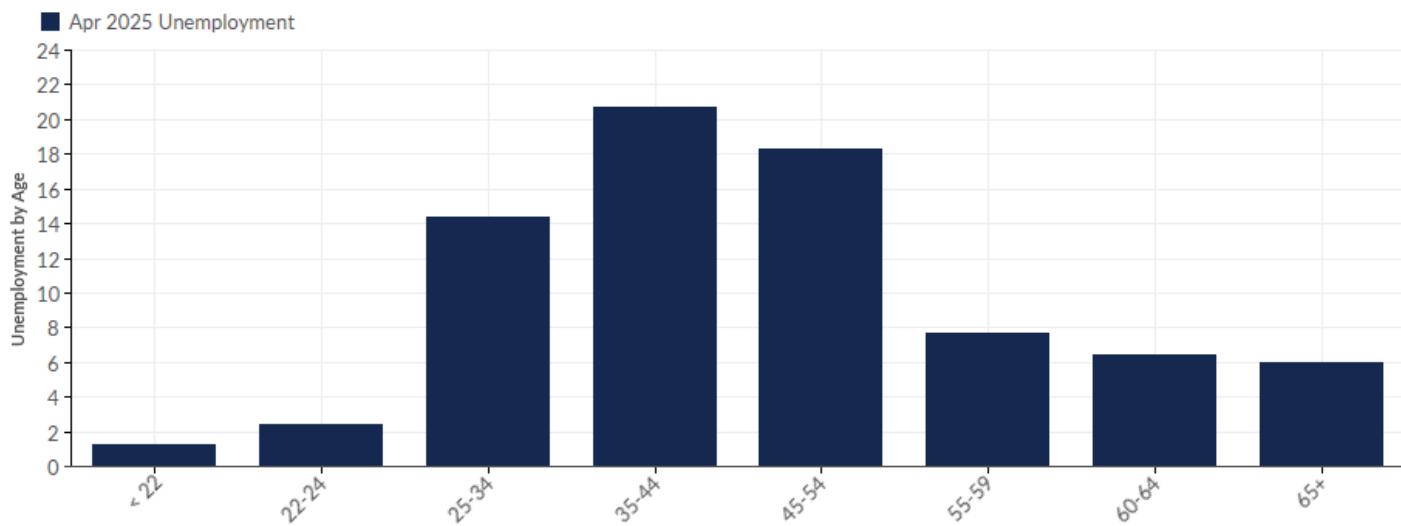
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	% of Population	Population
● Less Than 9th Grade	4.7%	168
● 9th Grade to 12th Grade	11.0%	394
● High School Diploma	40.6%	1,456
● Some College	18.5%	664
● Associate's Degree	7.7%	276
● Bachelor's Degree	10.5%	377
● Graduate Degree and Higher	7.1%	256

# Unemployment by Demographics

## Unemployment by Age



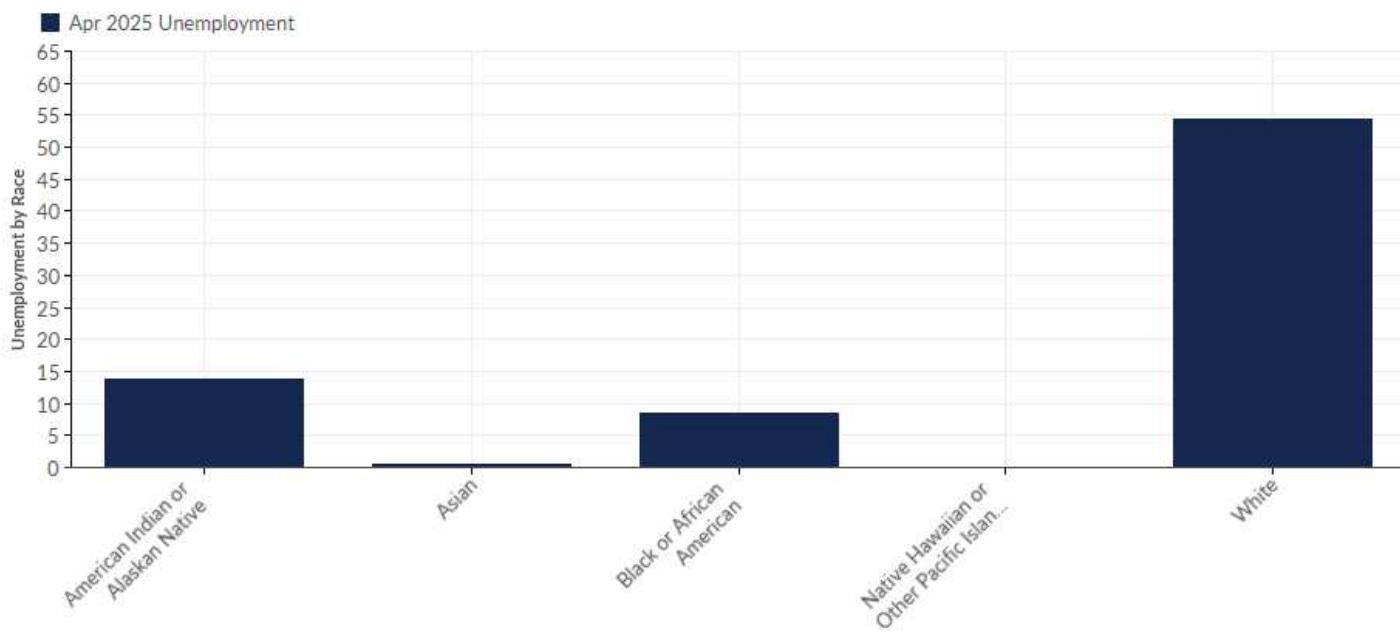
Age	Unemployment (Apr 2025)	% of Unemployed
< 22	1	1.30%
22-24	2	2.60%
25-34	14	18.18%
35-44	21	27.27%
45-54	18	23.38%
55-59	8	10.39%
60-64	6	7.79%
65+	6	7.79%
Total	77	99.00%

## Unemployment by Gender



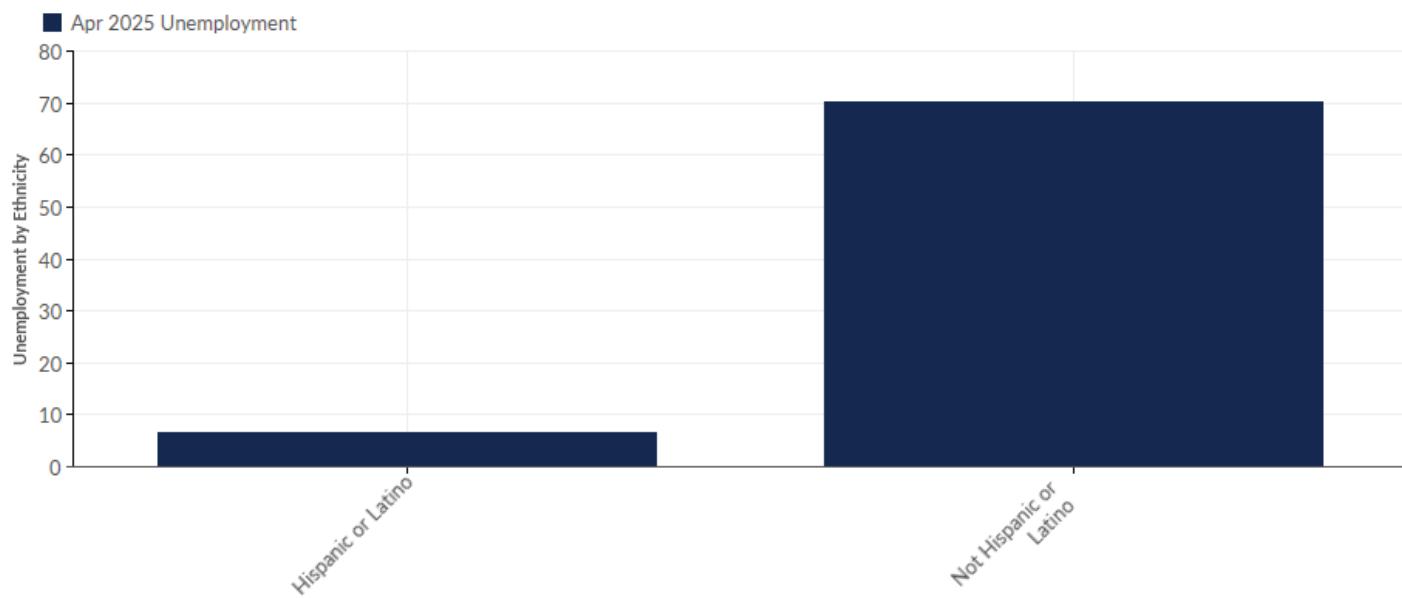
Gender	Unemployment (Apr 2025)	% of Unemployed
Females	39	50.65%
Males	38	49.35%
Total	77	100.00%

## Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Apr 2025)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	14	18.18%
Asian	0	0.00%
Black or African American	8	10.39%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
White	54	70.13%
Total	77	99.00%

## Unemployment by Ethnicity

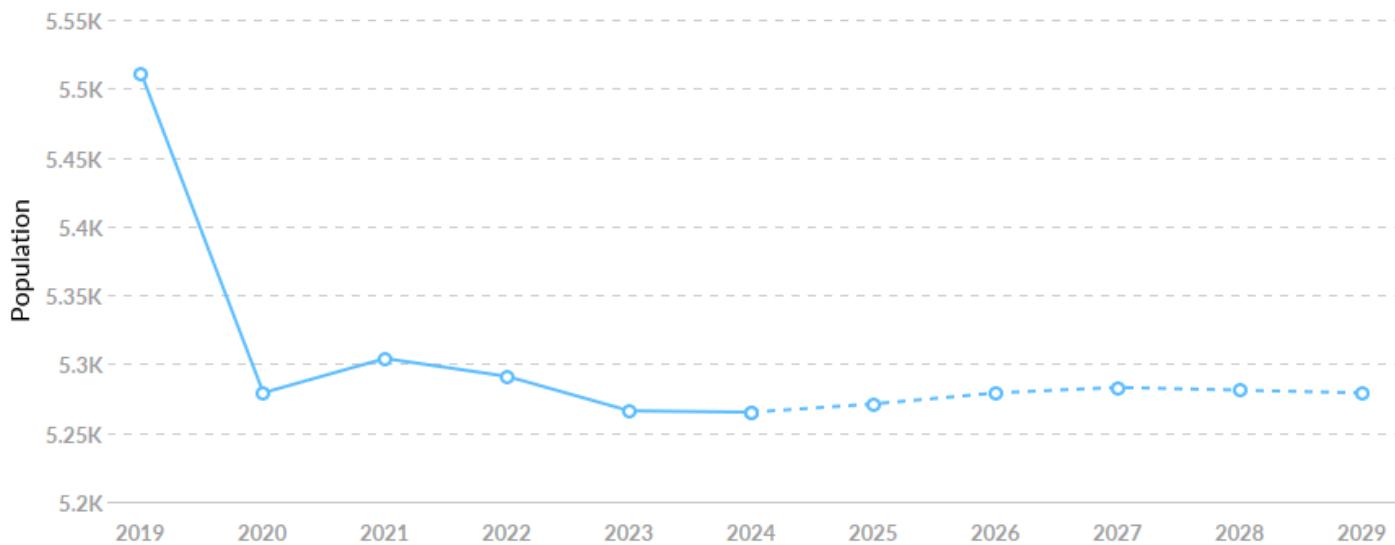


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Apr 2025)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	7	9.09%
Not Hispanic or Latino	70	90.91%
Total	77	100.00%

# Historic & Projected Trends

## Population Trends

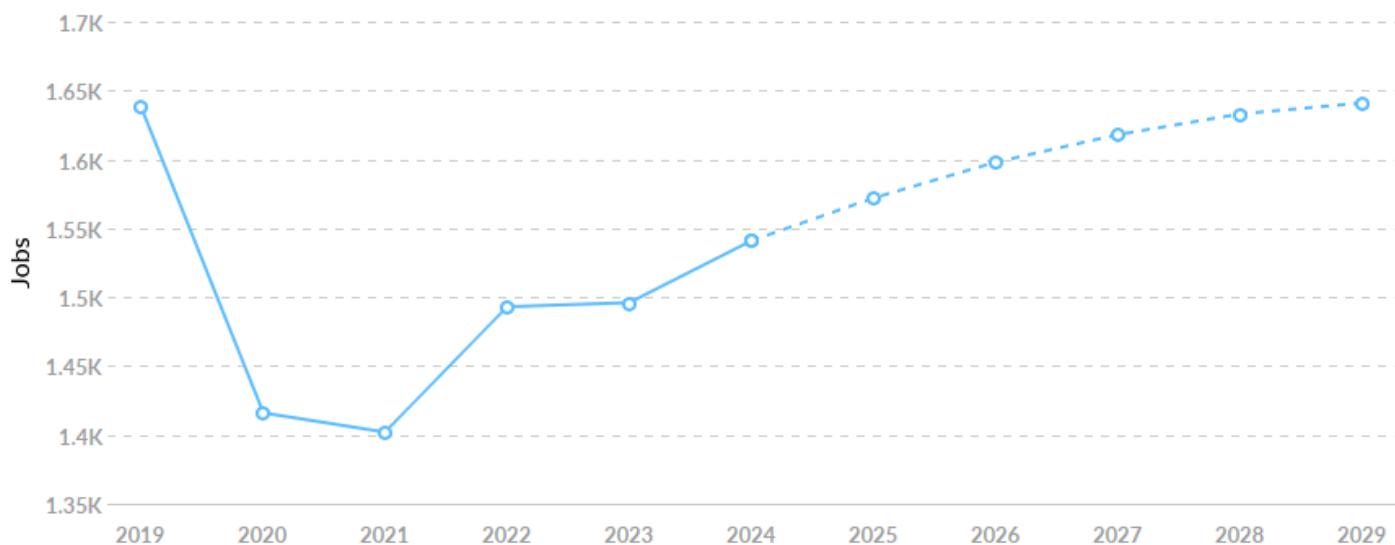
As of 2024 the region's population **declined by 4.5%** since 2019, falling by 246. Population is expected to **increase by 0.3%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 14.



Timeframe	Population
2019	5,511
2020	5,279
2021	5,304
2022	5,291
2023	5,266
2024	5,265
2025	5,271
2026	5,279
2027	5,283
2028	5,281
2029	5,279

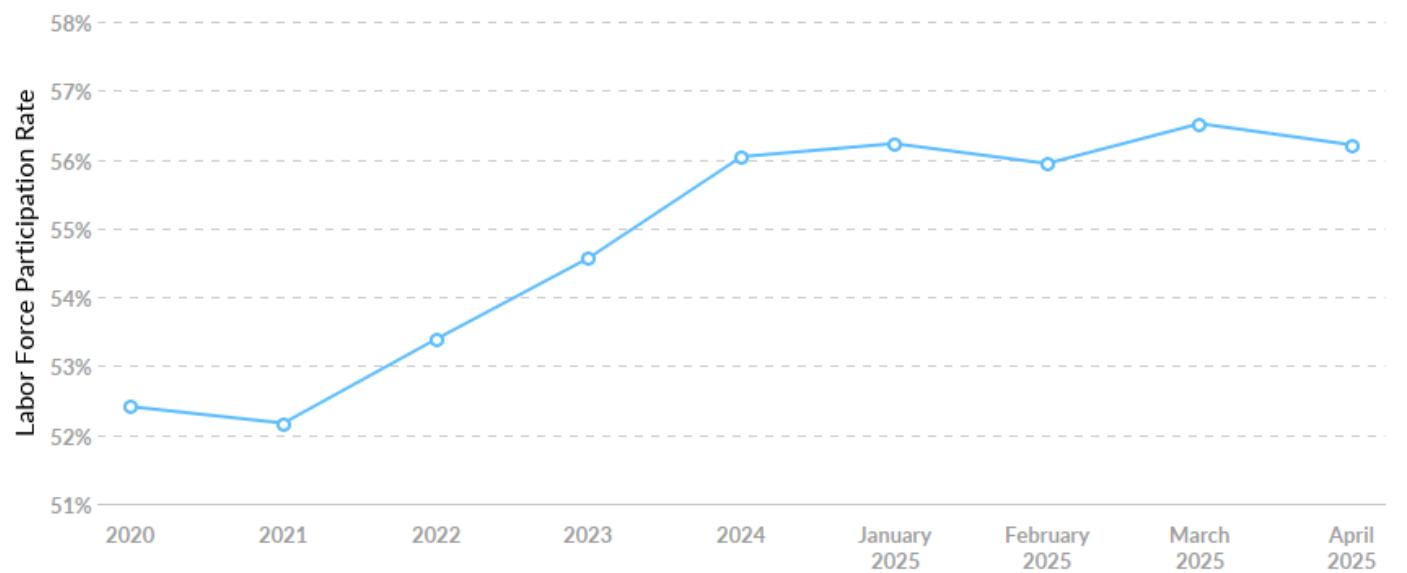
## Job Trends

From 2019 to 2024, jobs declined by 5.9% in Coal County, OK from 1,638 to 1,541. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 4.1% by 10.0%.



Timeframe	Jobs
2019	1,638
2020	1,416
2021	1,402
2022	1,493
2023	1,496
2024	1,541
2025	1,572
2026	1,598
2027	1,618
2028	1,633
2029	1,641

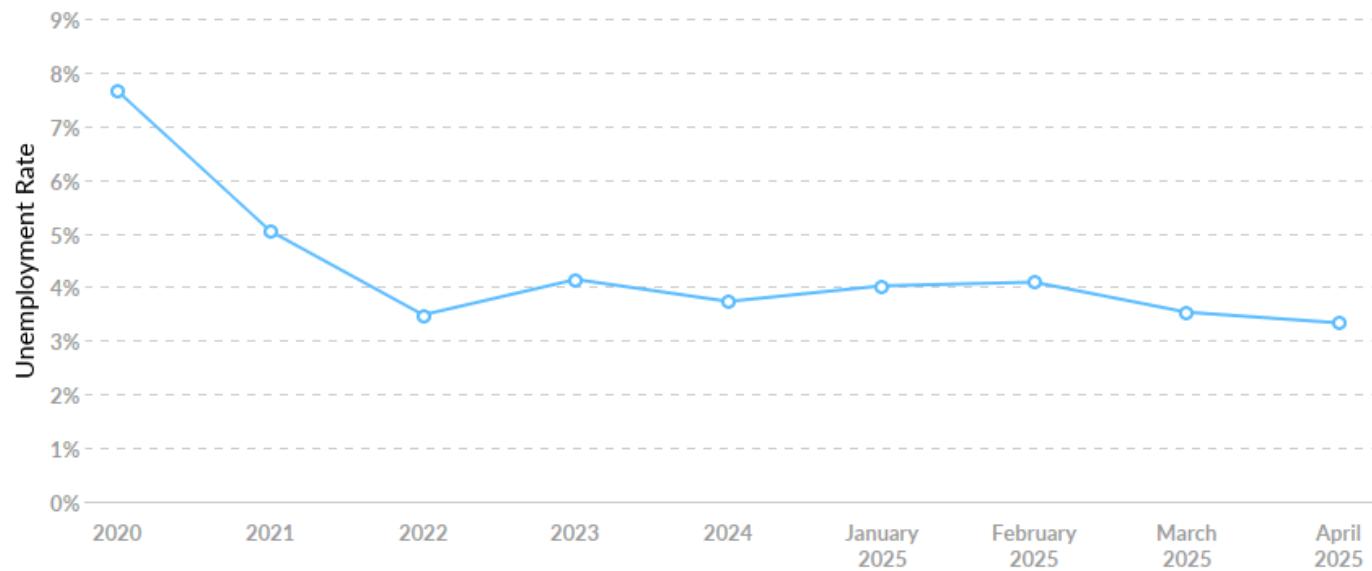
## Labor Force Participation Rate Trends



Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2020	52.41%
2021	52.17%
2022	53.39%
2023	54.57%
2024	56.04%
January 2025	56.23%
February 2025	55.94%
March 2025	56.52%
April 2025	56.21%

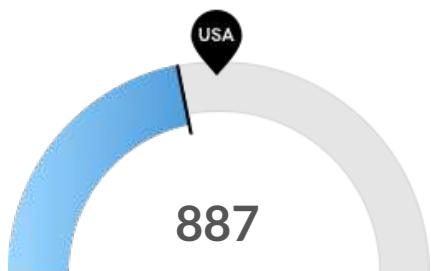
## Unemployment Rate Trends

Coal County, OK had an April 2025 unemployment rate of 3.33%, decreasing from 7.65% 5 years before.

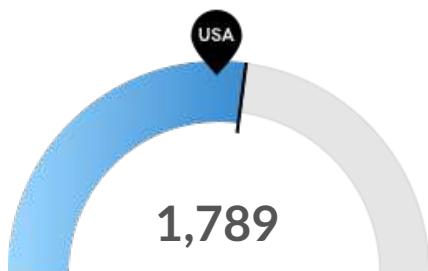


Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2020	7.65%
2021	5.04%
2022	3.48%
2023	4.14%
2024	3.73%
January 2025	4.02%
February 2025	4.09%
March 2025	3.53%
April 2025	3.33%

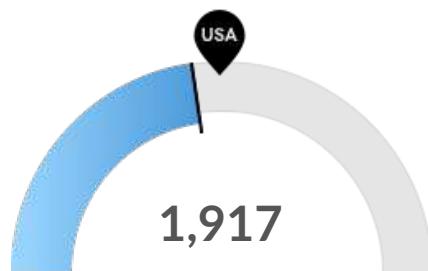
## Population Characteristics



Millennials



Retiring Soon

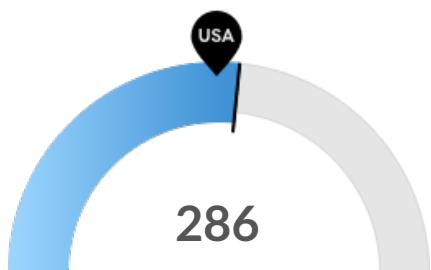


Racial Diversity

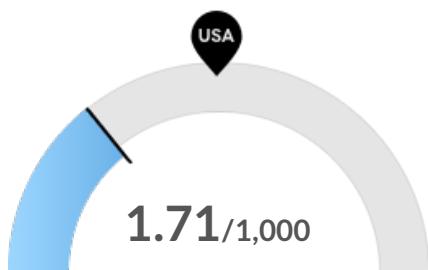
Coal County, OK has 887 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 1,070.

Retirement risk is high in Coal County, OK. The national average for an area this size is 1,590 people 55 or older, while there are 1,789 here.

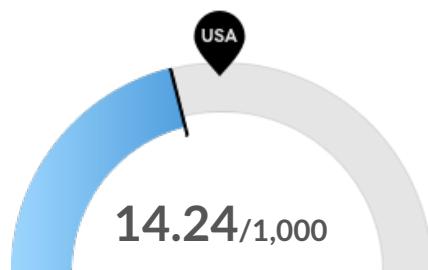
Racial diversity is low in Coal County, OK. The national average for an area this size is 2,193 racially diverse people, while there are 1,917 here.



Veterans



Violent Crime



Property Crime

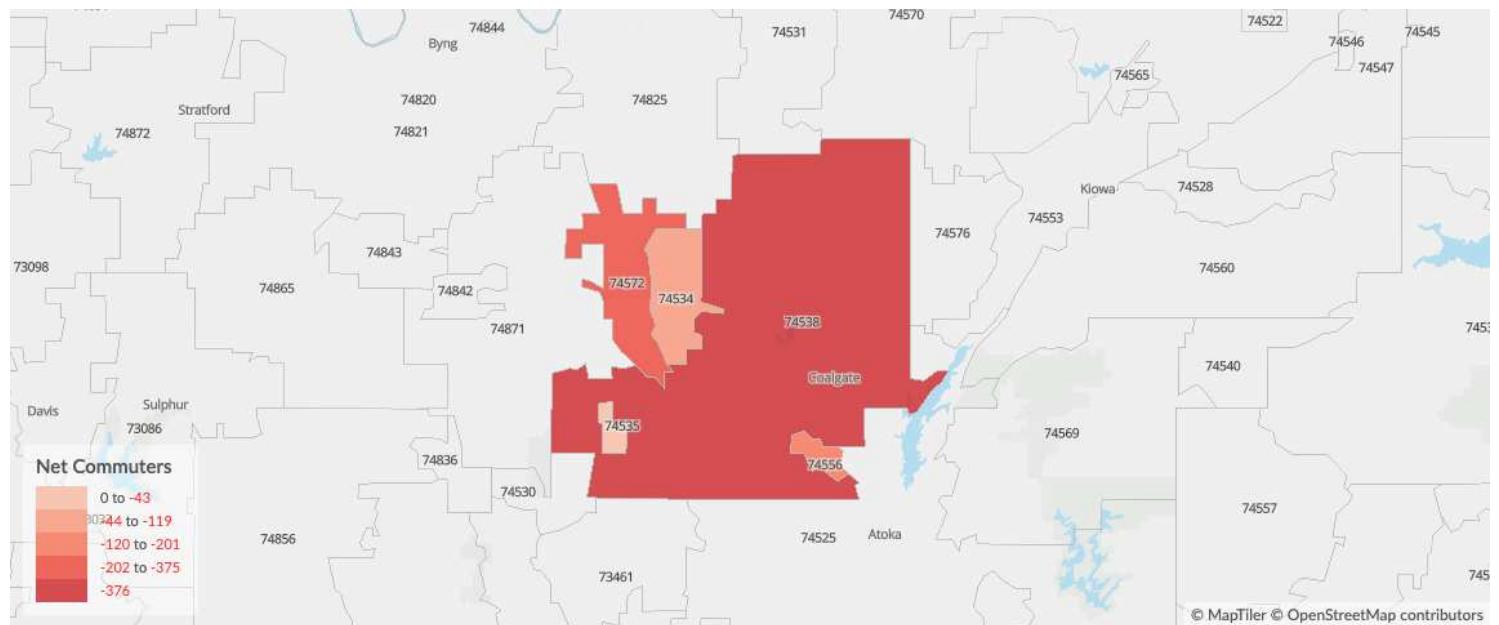
Coal County, OK has 286 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 261.

Coal County, OK has 1.71 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.54 per 1,000 people.

Coal County, OK has 14.24 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.02 per 1,000 people.

## Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Coal County, OK currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



### Where Talent Works

ZIP	Name	2024 Employment
74538	Coalgate, OK (in Coal co...	1,270
74572	Tupelo, OK (in Coal cou...	162
74534	Centrahoma, OK (in Co...	59
74556	Lehigh, OK (in Coal cou...	44
74535	Clarita, OK (in Coal cou...	<10

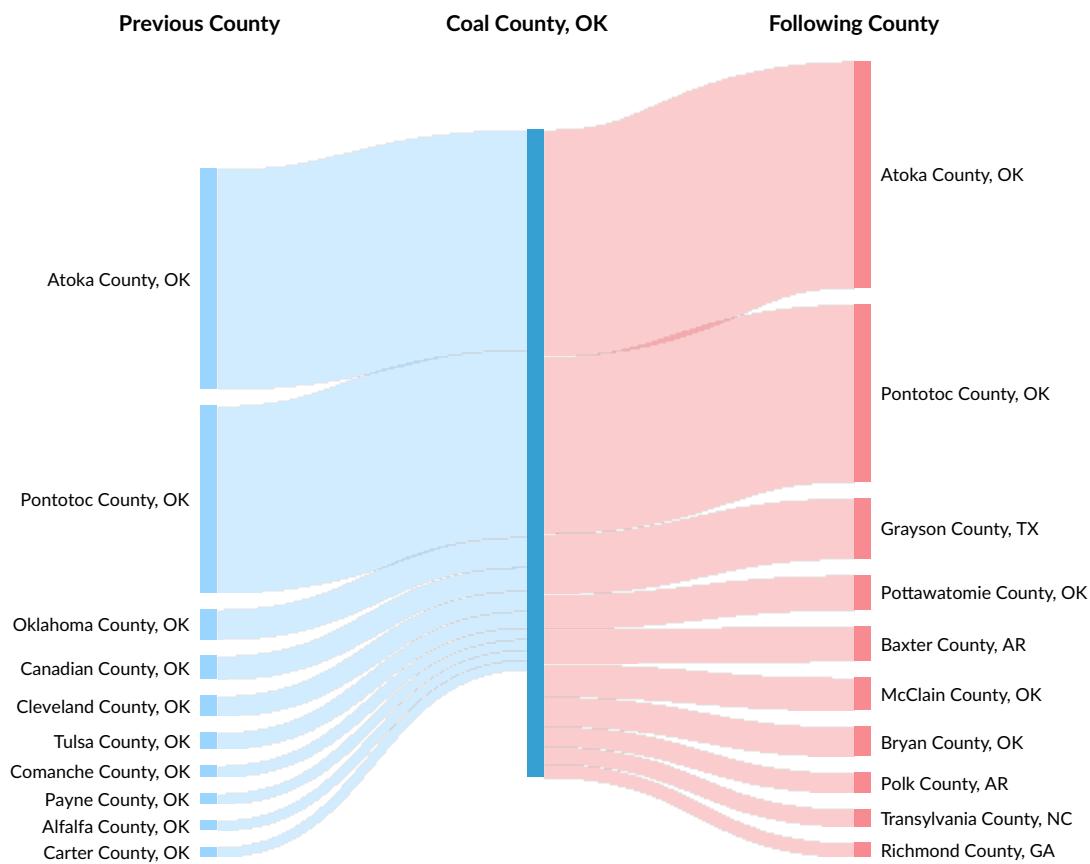
### Where Talent Lives

ZIP	Name	2024 Workers
74538	Coalgate, OK (in Coal co...	1,646
74572	Tupelo, OK (in Coal cou...	364
74556	Lehigh, OK (in Coal cou...	164
74534	Centrahoma, OK (in Co...	103
74535	Clarita, OK (in Coal cou...	36

# Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Coal County, OK. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Coal County, OK. The right column shows residents migrating from Coal County, OK to other counties.

As of 2022, **64** people have migrated from Atoka County, OK to Coal County, OK. In the same year, **66** people left Coal County, OK migrating to Atoka County, OK. The total Net Migration for Coal County, OK in 2022 was **-12**.

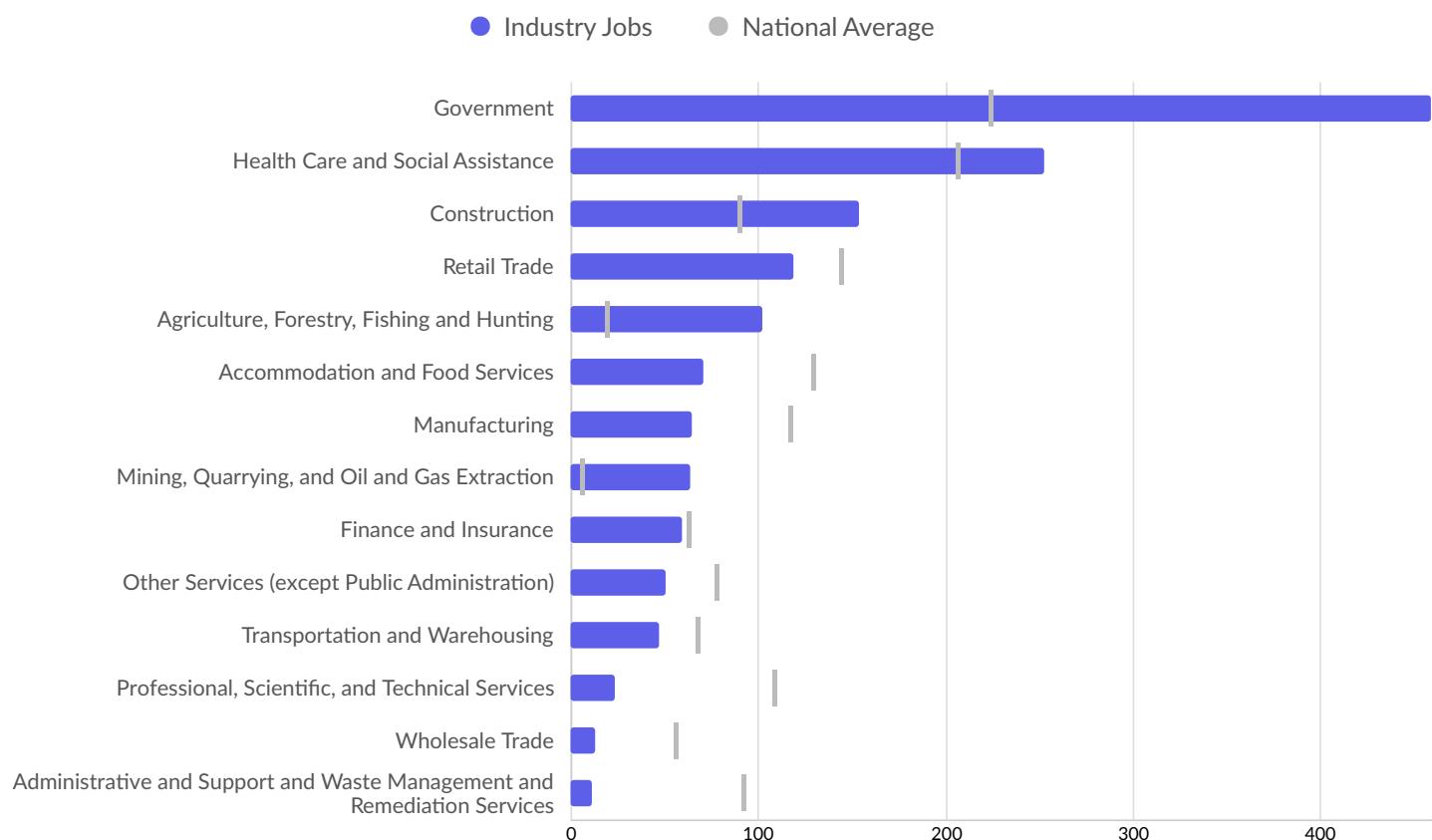


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Atoka County, OK	64
Pontotoc County, OK	55
Oklahoma County, OK	9
Canadian County, OK	7
Cleveland County, OK	6
Tulsa County, OK	5

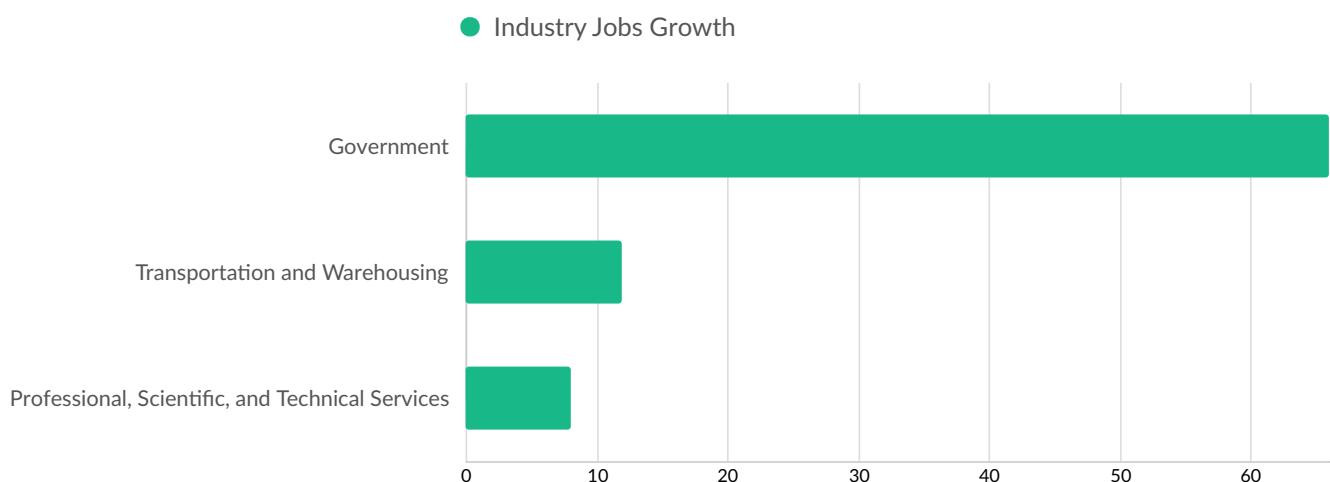
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Comanche County, OK	3
Payne County, OK	3
Alfalfa County, OK	3
Carter County, OK	3
Pottawatomie County, OK	3
Muskogee County, OK	3
Creek County, OK	3
Pittsburg County, OK	3
Garfield County, OK	3
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Atoka County, OK	66
Pontotoc County, OK	52
Grayson County, TX	18
Pottawatomie County, OK	10
Baxter County, AR	10
McClain County, OK	10
Bryan County, OK	9
Polk County, AR	6
Transylvania County, NC	5
Richmond County, GA	4
Sacramento County, CA	4
Pittsburg County, OK	4
Maricopa County, AZ	3
Garvin County, OK	3
Sedgwick County, KS	3

# Industry Characteristics

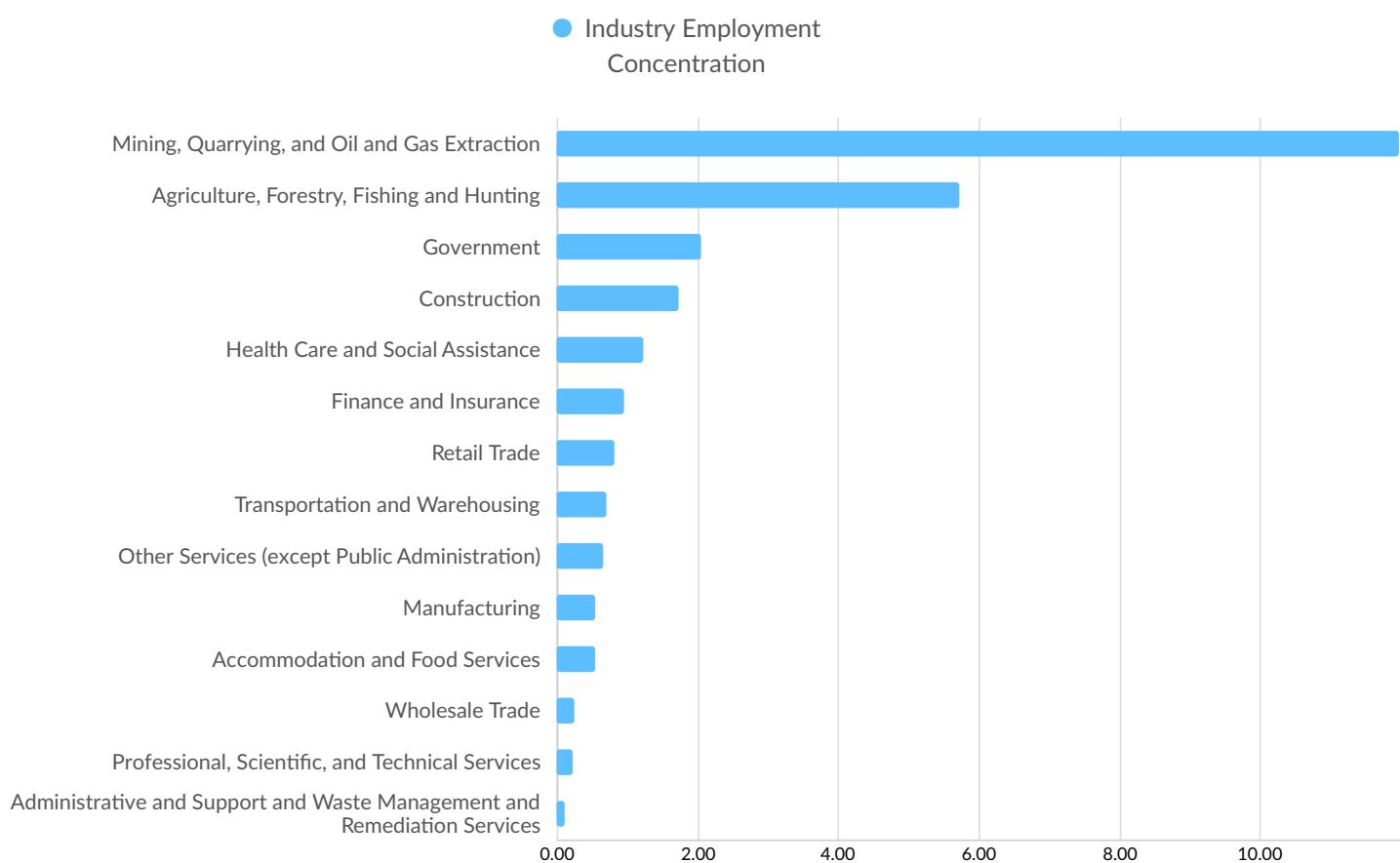
## Largest Industries



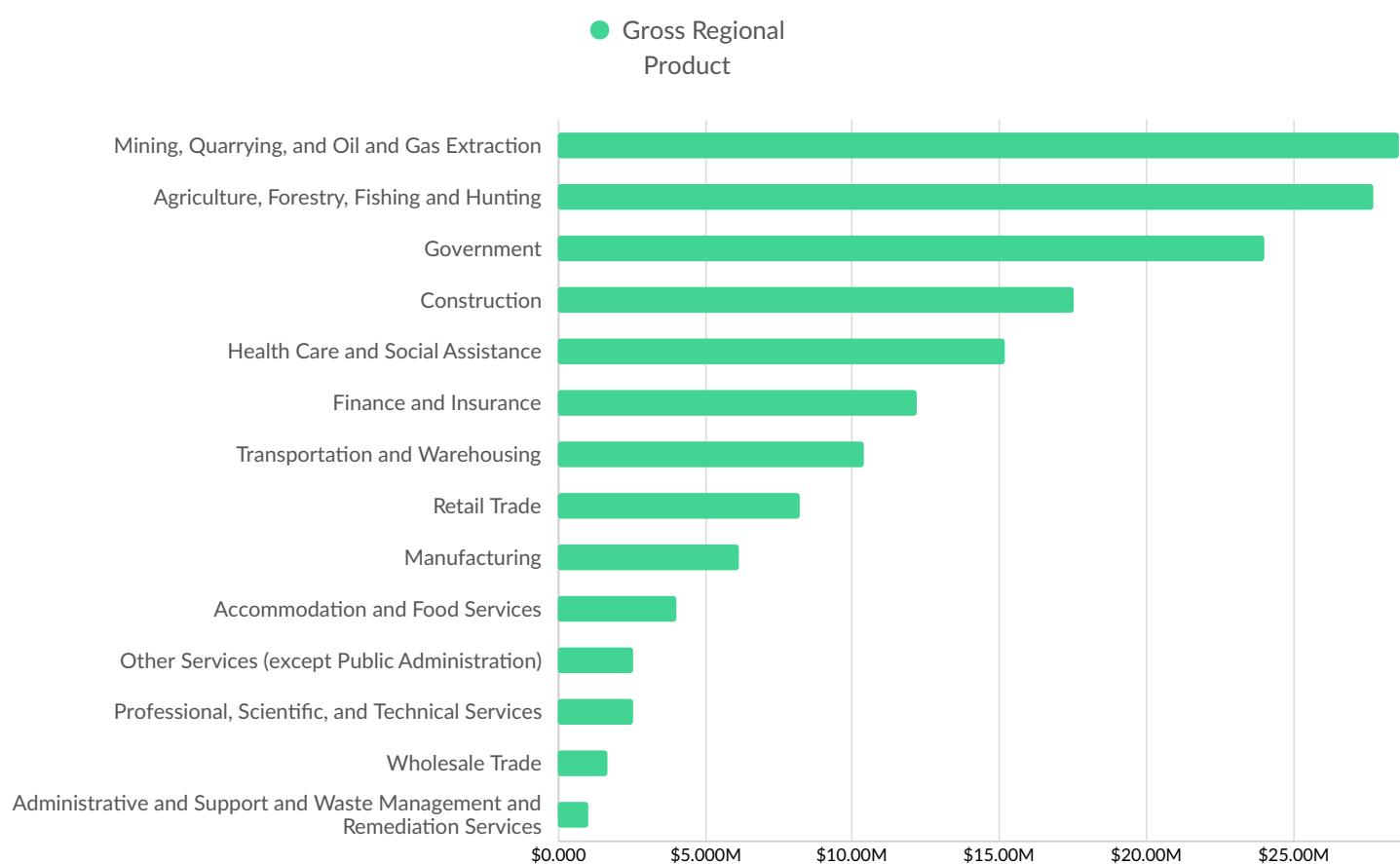
## Top Growing Industries



## Top Industry Employment Concentration



## Top Industry GRP



## Top Industry Earnings



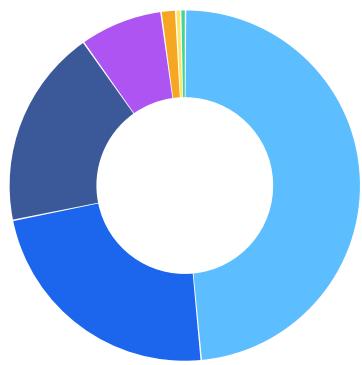
## Business Characteristics

### 435 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 435 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 30 companies in Coal County, OK posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Chickasaw Nation	13	TIC - The Industrial Company	22
Shamrock Bank Na	12	Choctaw Nation Of Oklahoma	14
State of Oklahoma	12	Norman Regional Hospital	13
Coal County General Hospital	10	Oklahoma State School Boards ...	9
Choctaw Nation Of Oklahoma	9	Res Agency	8
A & W Machine	6	Pacific Companies	7
Coalgate Public Schools	6	TMC Transportation	6
Targa Resources	6	Coal County General Hospital	5
Black Hawk Services	5	PRN Health Services	5
Coalgate High School	5	Driveline	4

## Business Size

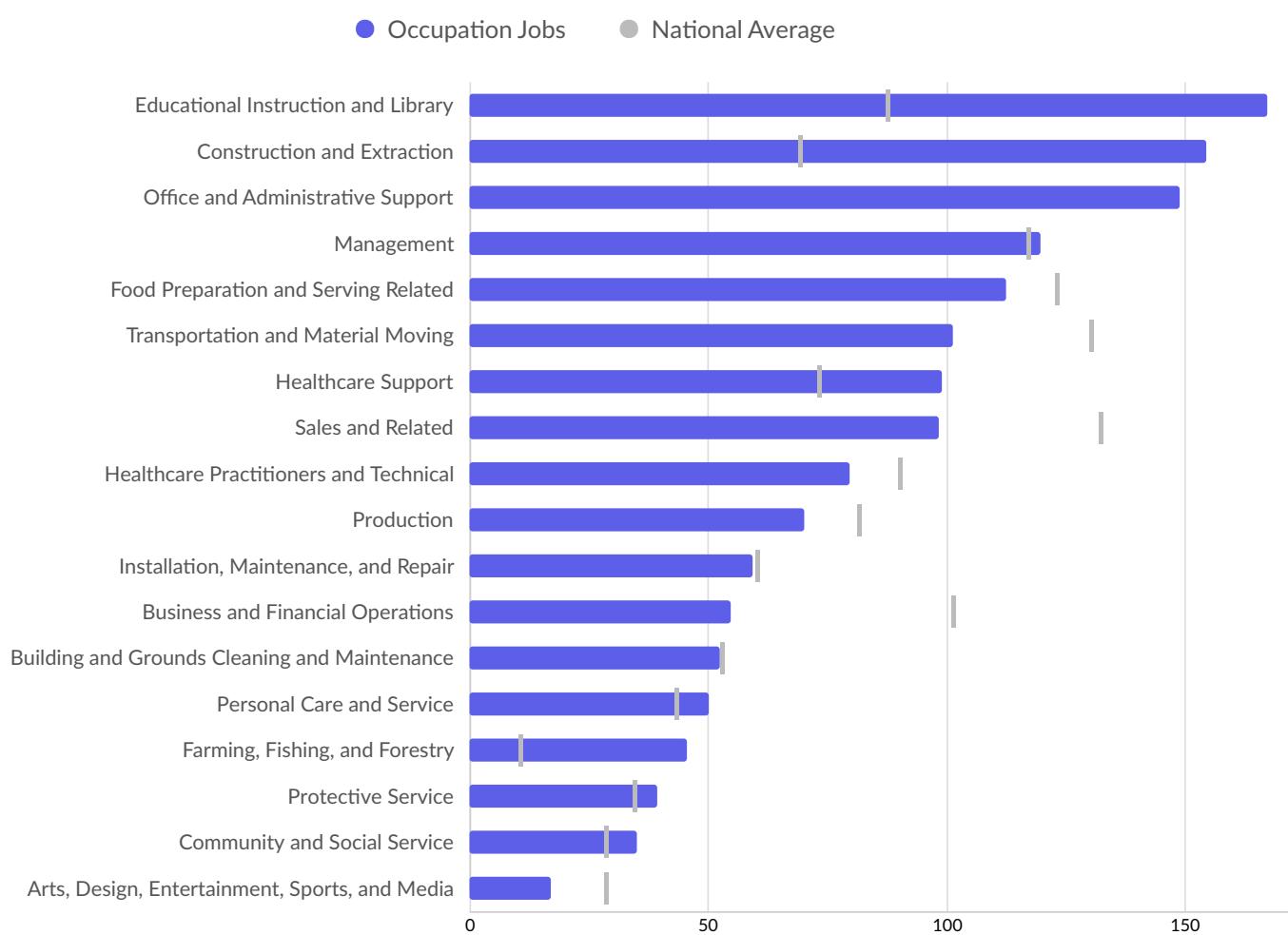


	Percentage	Business Count
1 to 4 employees	48.4%	108
5 to 9 employees	23.3%	52
10 to 19 employees	18.4%	41
20 to 49 employees	7.6%	17
50 to 99 employees	1.3%	3
100 to 249 employees	0.4%	1
250 to 499 employees	0.4%	1

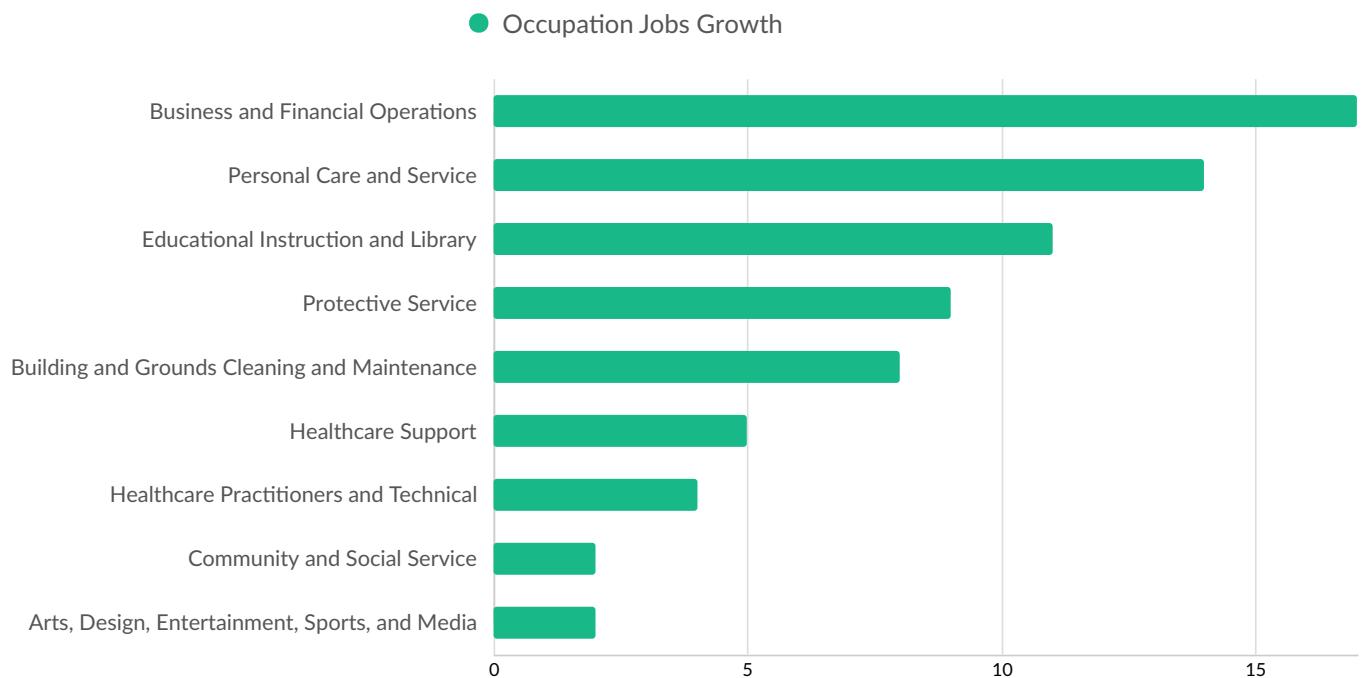
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# Workforce Characteristics

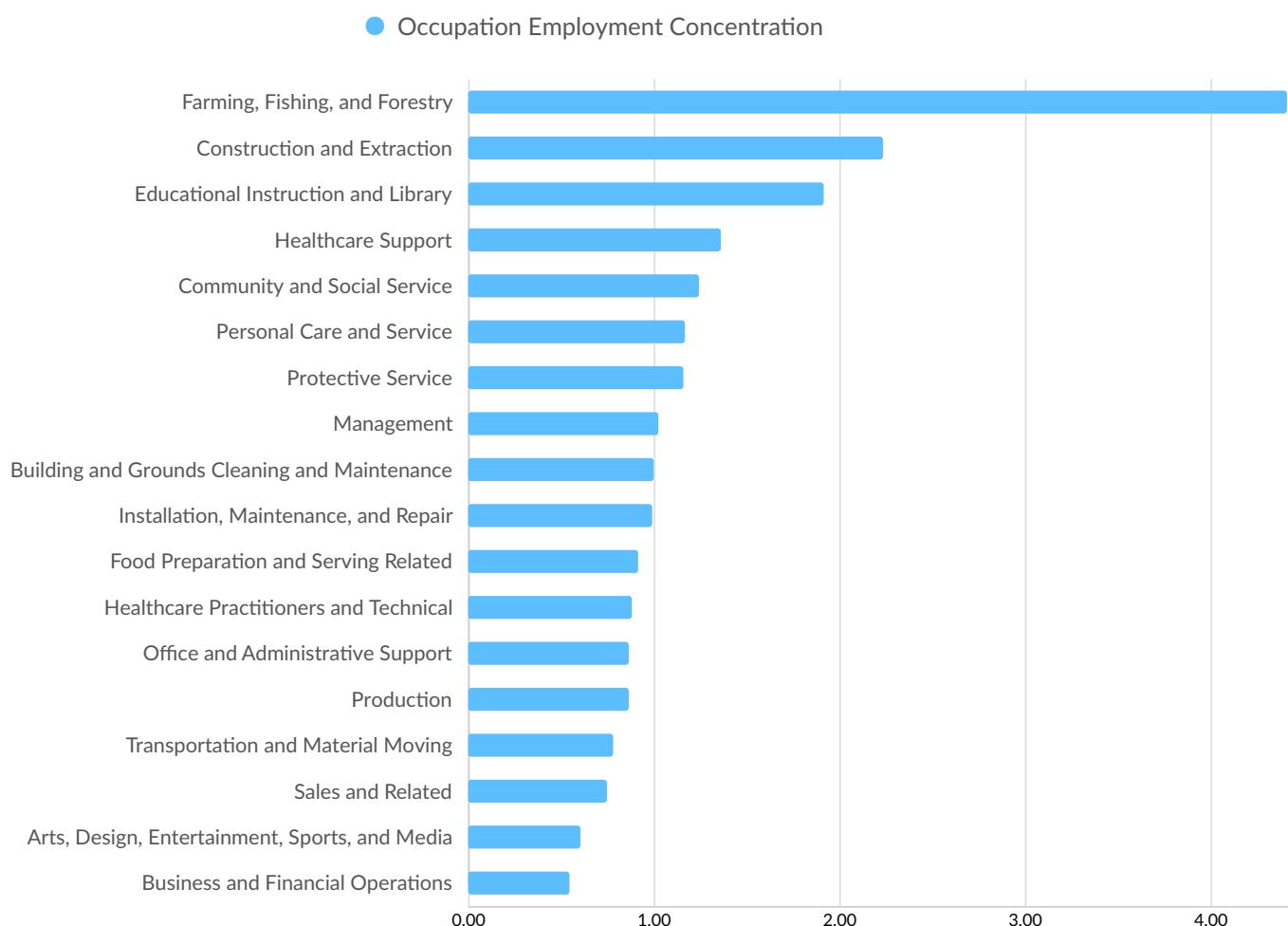
## Largest Occupations



## Top Growing Occupations



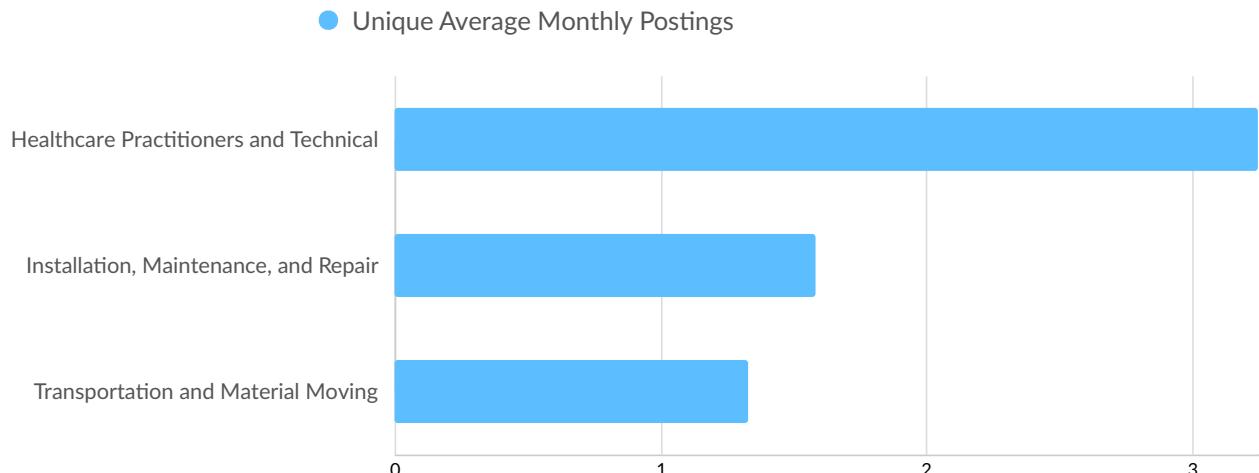
## Top Occupation Employment Concentration



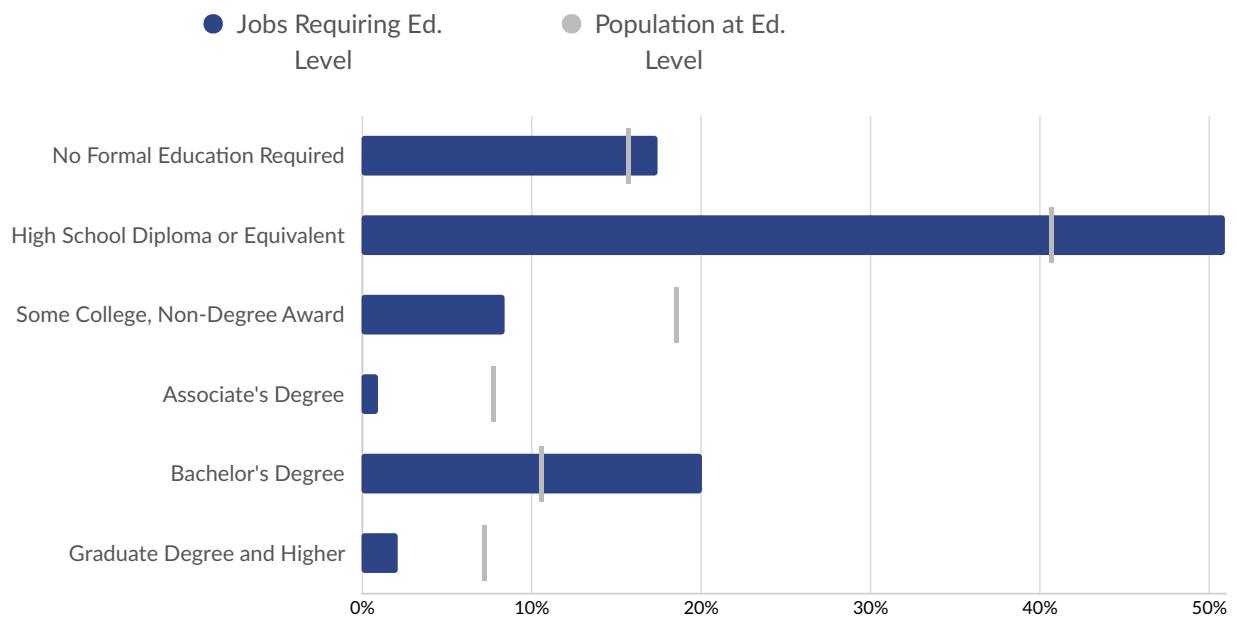
## Top Occupation Earnings



## Top Posted Occupations



## Underemployment



## Educational Pipeline

Over the last 5 years, no schools in Coal County, OK produced graduates.

## In-Demand Skills

