

INTRODUCTION

Southwestern Oklahoma State University *Fact Book* provides a ready source of information to answer frequently asked questions about the University and its operations. The *Fact Book* is compiled annually to assist the university with strategic planning, academic program reviews, grant writing, accreditation, and institutional information to help guide decision-making. The report is designed to help faculty, staff, and administrators better understand the student body and university trends. The data analyzed for this report was collected from 2008 to 2017.

Unless otherwise noted, the information in the Fact Book is collected on the tenth class day of each fall semester from standard internal reports as well as standard reports provided to State and Federal offices. The Fact Book includes multiple data sections that describe general information about the University. Data is provided for up to the previous decade.

Additional pages were added this year to reflect federal regulations and accreditation requirements. These pages include information on retention, persistence, and completion rates for all degree programs in the last year. This *Fact Book* was compiled and developed by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Comments and suggestions are appreciated. We hope the reader will find this 26th annual Fact Book useful.

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