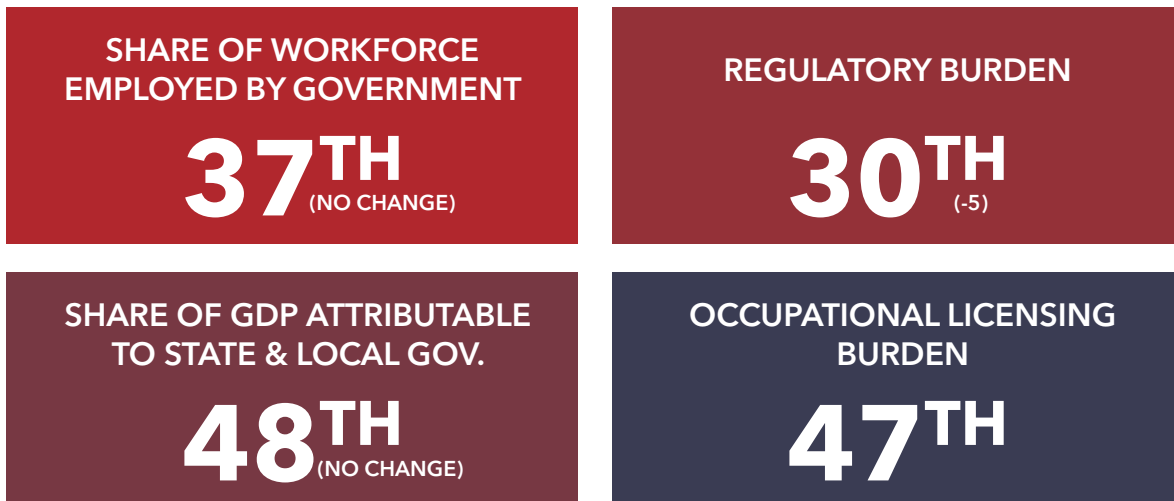


GOVERNMENT BURDEN



KEY FINDINGS:

- Oklahoma's government burden ranking declined from an already poor 41st in last year's Scorecard to 44th in the 2024 edition.
- Oklahoma's state government significantly burdens the private sector due to its relatively large size and the regulatory burden it imposes on individuals and businesses.
 - A large share of Oklahoma's population is **employed by state and local government compared to private sector employment**, ranking the state **37th in the nation** in this category.
 - A relatively high proportion of Oklahoma's **GDP is attributable to state and local government spending**, making the state **43rd of 50 states** in this category.
 - Oklahoma ranks 30th in regulatory burden, and **47th in occupational licensing burden**, making the state one of the worst states in the country when it comes to placing barriers to workforce expansion.
- Even when adjusted for its low population density and/or large land area—which might indicate a need for relatively larger state and local government—Oklahoma still ranks uncompetitively in the Government Burden component.



REGION

State	Regional Rank	National Rank
Missouri	1	4
Colorado	2	7
Kansas	3	22
Texas	4	31
Oklahoma	5	44
Arkansas	6	45
New Mexico	7	48

PEER STATES

State	Peer Rank	National Rank
Indiana	1	1
Nevada	2	3
Missouri	3	4
Colorado	4	7
Tennessee	5	14
Wisconsin	6	21
Kansas	7	22
Utah	8	25
Iowa	9	26
Kentucky	10	34
Mississippi	11	42
Alabama	12	43
Oklahoma	13	44
Arkansas	14	45

NATION

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE →

1. Indiana
2. Florida
3. Nevada
4. Missouri
5. Pennsylvania
6. Michigan
7. Colorado
8. Illinois
9. Ohio
10. Georgia
11. New Hampshire
12. Arizona
13. Maryland
14. Tennessee
15. Connecticut
16. Rhode Island
17. South Dakota
18. Massachusetts
19. Maine
20. Vermont
21. Wisconsin
22. Kansas
23. Idaho
24. Nebraska
25. Utah
26. Iowa
27. Minnesota
28. Montana
29. Delaware
30. Virginia
31. Texas
32. South Carolina
33. Louisiana
34. Kentucky
35. California
36. New Jersey
37. Oregon
38. North Dakota
39. Hawaii
40. Washington
41. New York
42. Mississippi
43. Alabama
- 44. Oklahoma**
45. Arkansas
46. West Virginia
47. Wyoming
48. New Mexico
49. Alaska
50. North Carolina

