



OK WINDPOWER

Limitless Energy. Limitless Potential.

WITH MORE THAN
\$20 BILLION INVESTED
IN OUR SCHOOLS,
OUR COMMUNITIES
AND OUR LAND...

OKLAHOMA IS NOW

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IN THE NATION

IN WIND ENERGY
PRODUCTION

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OK WindPower Economic Facts

- The Wind Industry supports approximately **9,000 direct and indirect jobs in Oklahoma**. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports wind tech jobs will grow 96% during the next eight years.
- The Wind Industry is the **No. 1 tax payer in 14 counties**.
- Annually, the Wind Industry infuses capital into the State of Oklahoma by **investing more than \$36 million in land lease payments**.

This increases the economic impact of the Wind Industry by **allowing farmers and ranchers to reinvest and grow Oklahoma's output in agriculture** and save their land for future generations of Oklahomans.

The money coming into the County through landowner payments is **equivalent of paying 194 employees** at the county average wage – which would put it among the top-10 companies in the area.

- The Wind Industry provides **25 percent of all Oklahoma electricity**.

- Across 23 counties in Oklahoma, the Wind Industry has positively impacted **65 school districts** through the ad valorem taxes paid and also through school sponsorships and grants.

These investments have **successfully removed many of these schools from the state formula funding aid list**, therefore freeing funds for other districts across the state.

OK WindPower Fair Share Facts

- The wind energy industry is a responsive partner with the **Oklahoma Legislature and works collaboratively together**.
- During the last three legislative sessions, wind investors **agreed to end all tax incentives encouraging wind development**.
- The Oklahoma Wind Industry continues to bear an **ad valorem tax burden significantly heavier** than the gross production tax (GPT) burden borne by other industries.
- The Wind Industry has the **same ad valorem-based tax structure as all other electric generators in the state** – such as gas plants, coal plants and hydro dams.