Irresponsible use of social media such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter can eliminate a job applicant from consideration for employment. A lack of business etiquette and soft skills can cost not only job applicants but also employers, who can lose profits due to a decrease in business and eventual increase in employee turnover. The number of Oklahomans employed in low-wage jobs is 30%.

While the national unemployment rate in 2017 was 5.4%, the unemployment rate for young veterans was reported to be 6.3%. Veterans may have lost their job during deployment due to company downsizing. Others may have difficulty finding jobs because companies do not want to hire someone who could deploy again or will be likely to miss work due to war-related health problems.

**Societal Outcomes**

Increased community action to develop and sustain assets such as developing partnerships of agencies and organizations interested in improving financial skills and increasing employment opportunities will decrease the number of Oklahomans who are living in poverty, on public assistance or underemployed.
Promoting positive change is a key outcome of the Jobs and Employment Team and your local Extension Educators are available to help.

Regardless of the work experience or environment, there are resources available to advance and grow employment opportunities.

- Alzheimer's Caregiving at Home
- Pathways to Success: Part A
- PRIDE Program
- Reality Check
- Poverty Simulations
- Welcome to the Real World

Contact your local Extension Educator to schedule a jobs & employment Program. To learn more, visit fcs.okstate.edu

Partners

- Local County Educator
- OSU Extension Specialist
- Program Advisory Committee
- Various partnering organizations

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