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State Spotlight: Florida

Florida's dynamic and diverse economy continues to produce new jobs in science, technology, engineering, medicine and math-related fields and more than half of STEM professionals in the Sunshine State do not hold a bachelor's degree.

These People of Science are skilled licensed practical nurses, aeronautical engineers, soil scientists, water quality technicians, electricians and more.

On the whole, 55% of Florida's STEM professionals do not hold a bachelor's degree—earning their training through community colleges, apprenticeships, the military, vocational training and other career technical education programs.

STEM also directly accounts for a large share of the state's economy. With over $447 billion of economic activity, STEM is responsible for 36% of Florida's GDP.

Science is US is a foundation-supported effort that brings together a diverse group of science, engineering, industry, higher education and labor organizations to demonstrate the value of, and build support for, science and engineering.

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Florida's STEM Employment Continues to Grow

2021

4.1M
STEM Professionals

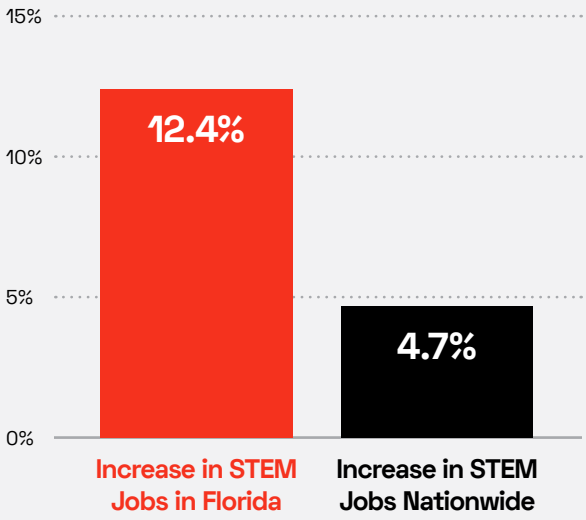
33%
of Florida's Workforce

2017

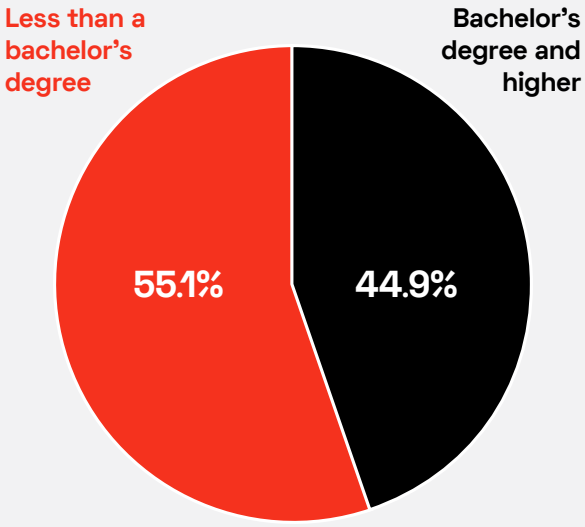
3.65M
STEM Professionals

32%
of Florida's Workforce

Florida Added More than 450,000 STEM Jobs in Five Years—More than Twice the National Average



Florida's STEM Workforce Includes Workers at Every Level of Educational Attainment



STEM Drives Florida's Economy

2021

$447B
Direct STEM Contribution to Florida's GDP

2017

$336B
Direct STEM Contribution to Florida's GDP

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