

State Spotlight: New Mexico



Home of internationally renowned scientific research facilities, New Mexico is a national leader in science, technology, engineering, medicine and math. But New Mexico's STEM economy extends beyond its universities and national laboratories. With over \$49 billion in direct contributions to the state's economy, STEM is responsible for 42% of New Mexico's GDP. That makes New Mexico currently the 14th most STEM intensive state economy in the United States.

The over 363,000 STEM professionals in New Mexico account for 34% of the state's workforce. A number that

continues to grow in both absolute terms and in the percentage of New Mexicans who work in STEM fields.

More than half of New Mexico STEM professionals (54.2%) do not have a bachelor's degree. These People of Science are livestock breeders, licensed practical nurses, physicists, hydrologists, foresters, electricians and accountants, among others. Most earned their training through community colleges, apprenticeships, the military, vocational training and other career technical education programs.

New Mexico's STEM Employment Continues to Grow

2021

363,000

STEM Professionals

34%

of New Mexico's Workforce

2017

360,000

STEM Professionals

33%

of New Mexico's Workforce

New Mexico has One of the Most STEM-Intensive State Economies in the Country

42%

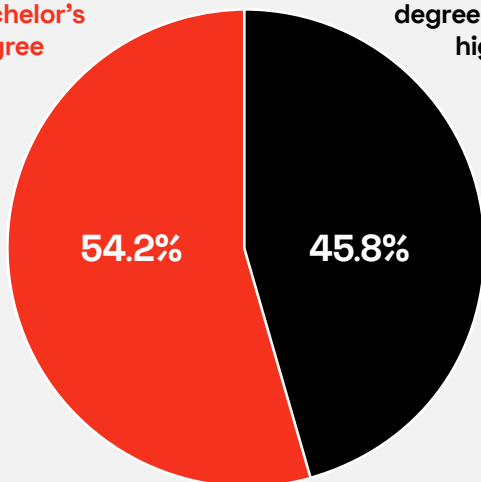
of the State's GDP Directly Due to STEM

14th

Largest STEM Share of the Economy in the USA

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

Less than a bachelor's degree



Bachelor's degree and higher

STEM Drives New Mexico's Economy

2021

\$49B

Direct STEM Contribution to New Mexico's GDP

2017

\$43B

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