From College to Jobs

Pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)



Where do college graduates work?

What career is guaranteed to you upon college graduation?

Why does it take Bachelor's degree recipients up to 21 years on average to pay off student loan debt if they have a career?

Why is the median income for Bachelor's degree recipients \$54,900 but the average starting salary is \$55,260?

College Major for Bachelor's Degree All workers All degrees

Majored in STEM: **36.6%** (+/- 0.1%) Work in STEM: **14.0%** (+/- 0.1%)

Occupation Groups

STEM

Computers and Math Engineering Physical Sciences Biological Sciences **27.6**% of 4-Year STEM Majors work in STEM occupations

10.2% to STEM-related

62.1% of 4-Year STEM Majors work in Non-STEM occupations

STEM

Engineer Scientist Architect

STEM-related

Health Care

STEM-related

Health Care

Non-STEM

Business Education Liberal Arts Communications Other

Non-STEM

Management
Business
Education
Service
Social Services
Legal
Sales
Office Support
Production
Agriculture
Construction

Note: The U.S. Census Bureau STEM code lists are available at

 $<\!\!\underline{\text{https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/code-lists.html}}\!\!>\!.$

