The STEM Labor Force of Today

Scientists, Engineers, and Skilled Technical Workers

55% Percentage of STEM workers who do not have a bachelor’s degree.

Found primarily in health care; construction trades; installation, maintenance, and repair; and production occupations.

2019 Unemployment Rates

Even as rates rose for all workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, STEM workers still had lower rates of unemployment.

2% STEM labor force versus 4% Non-STEM labor force

Representation in STEM versus non-STEM

Women: 34% versus 52%
Black or African American: 9% versus 13%
Hispanic or Latino: 14% versus 19%
American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.4% versus 0.6%