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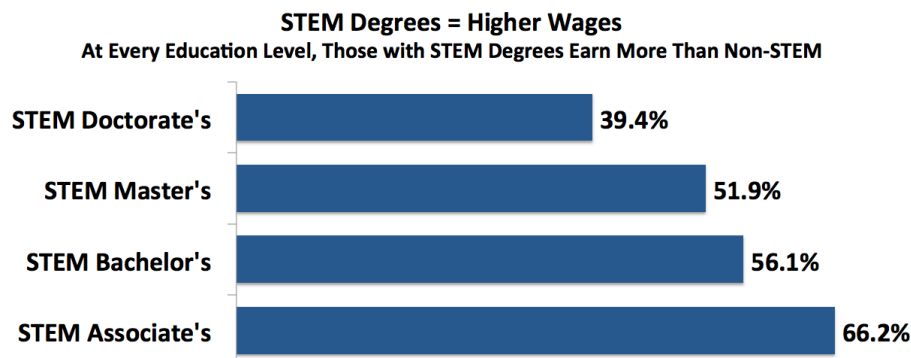
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STEM Education Pays Off for America and Americans

STEM Jobs Are Among the Nation's Highest Paid and Fastest Growing

A new report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, "[STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics](#)," shows getting a degree in a STEM field leads to higher earnings, compared to non-STEM fields:

- STEM earnings exceed those for nearly all jobs at each educational level, and at the graduate level are only higher in certain managerial and health care careers.
- Even STEM majors working in non-STEM occupations still earn more over their lifetimes than those who majored in other fields.



Percent of STEM Degree Holders Earning Higher Than Average Wage for Same Education Level
Source: Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce

STEM occupations will also be the second-fastest growing occupational cluster through 2018, growing faster than the economy as a whole, at a rate of 17 percent – making it a smart choice for America's workforce.

America's CEOs [support policies](#) to encourage more STEM students – Congress should too!

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