

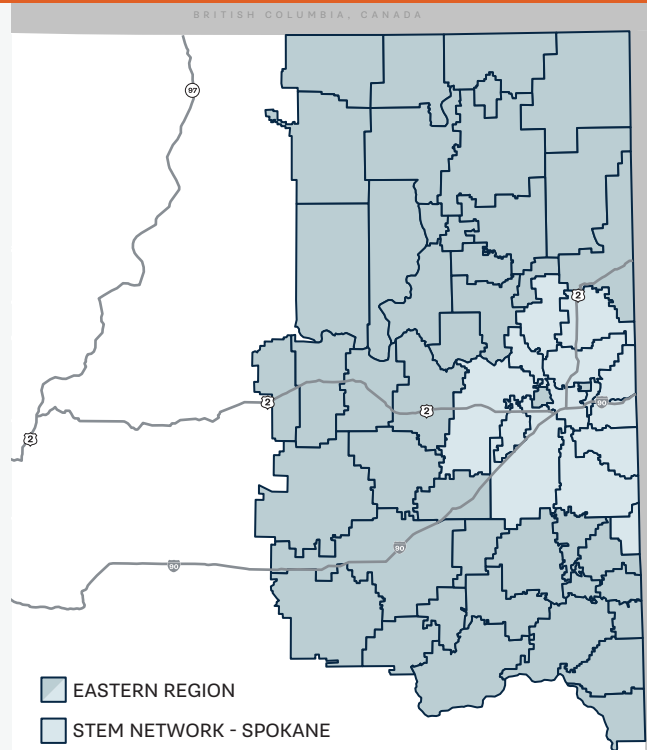


STEM BY THE NUMBERS: EASTERN REGION

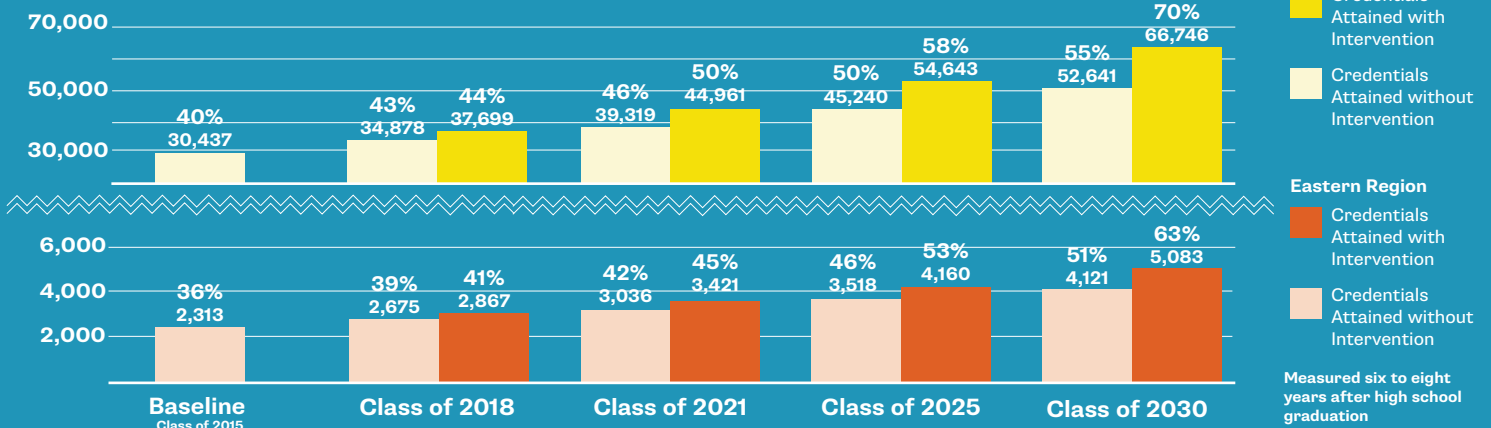
The Eastern Region is home to growing healthcare, education, manufacturing, construction, finance, IT, and engineering spanning from Colville to Pullman.



The region is made up of 59 school districts, 14 of which are in Spokane County and served by the Spokane STEM Network. The Network and its business, education, and community partners are working to close credential attainment gaps, especially for students of color and students from rural and low income families. They aim to increase the number of local students who become healthcare, business and IT professionals, construction apprentices, engineers, and teachers, which combined have 3,877 annual projected openings over the next five years.

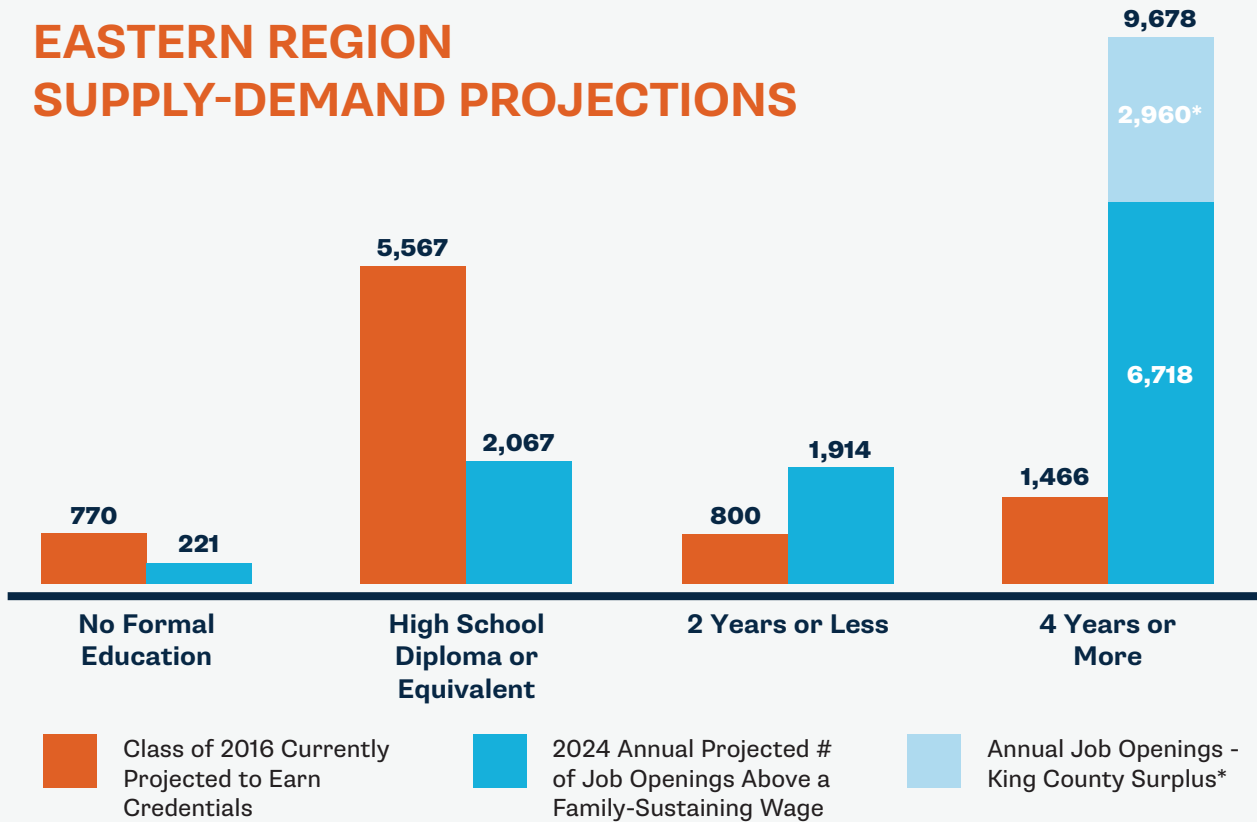


185 MORE CREDENTIALS PER YEAR = REGION ON TRACK



THE OPPORTUNITY: A STRONG DEMAND FOR STEM TALENT

EASTERN REGION SUPPLY-DEMAND PROJECTIONS



By supporting more students to be on track to earn high-demand credentials, the Spokane STEM Network and its partners in the Eastern Region will ensure that up to 10,920 family-sustaining jobs (those that pay a regionalized wage of \$34,674 or more a year) could be filled by local young adults.

*Over the next 12 years, there will be a surplus of jobs in King County compared to the number of new, local, credentialed individuals in King County. That means that if other regions throughout the state only attended to their own regional job openings, King County would be sorely under-supplied by Washington state-originating kids. This surplus represents a proportion of the surplus jobs that could be supplied by students from the Eastern Region.

ENGAGING IN EARLY STEM

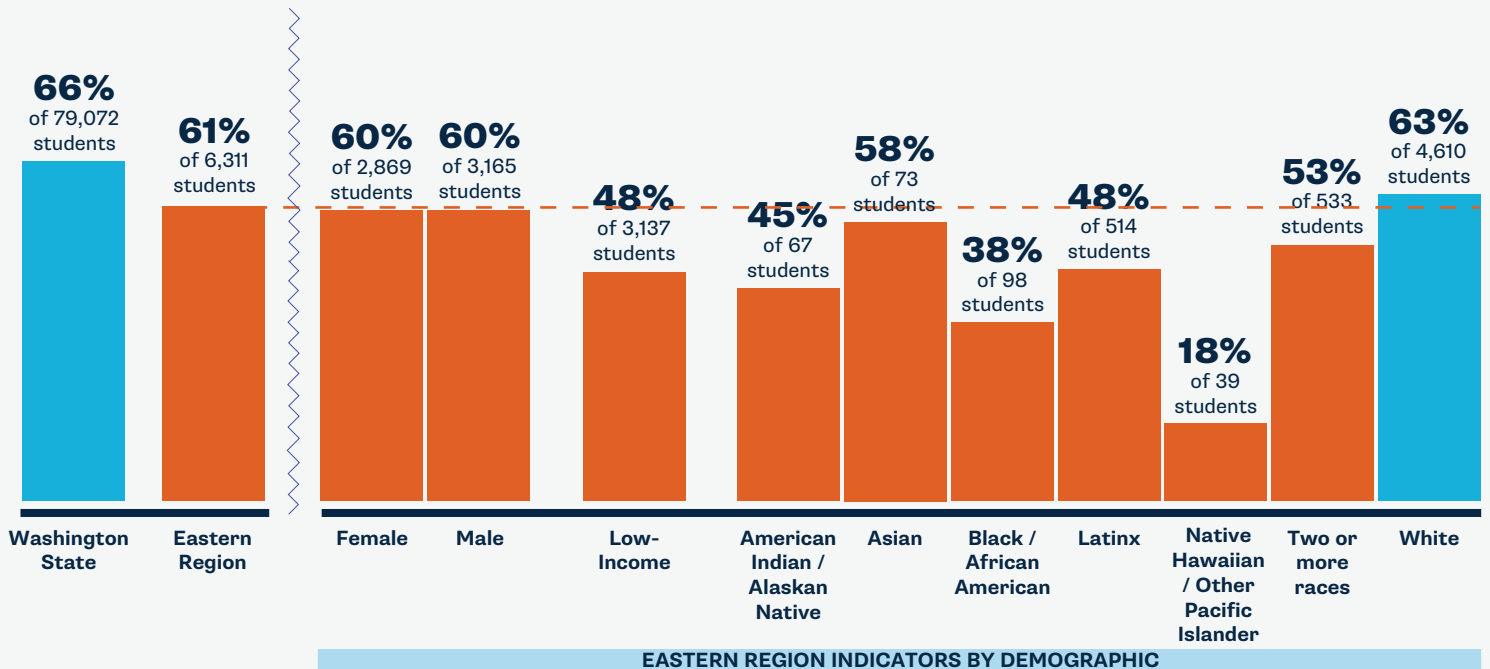
Recognizing preschoolers' need for hands-on activities that encourage playful STEM learning, Spokane STEM Network partners Spokane County Library District and Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance created 786 "Ready for School with STEM" kits. The kits, available at libraries, allow kids to explore their curiosity about nature, weather, building structures, and even robotics. The organizations also provided 24 training sessions for childcare providers and librarians and offered almost 200 related family Play-and-Learn events.



EASTERN REGION K-12 STEM INDICATORS BY DEMOGRAPHIC

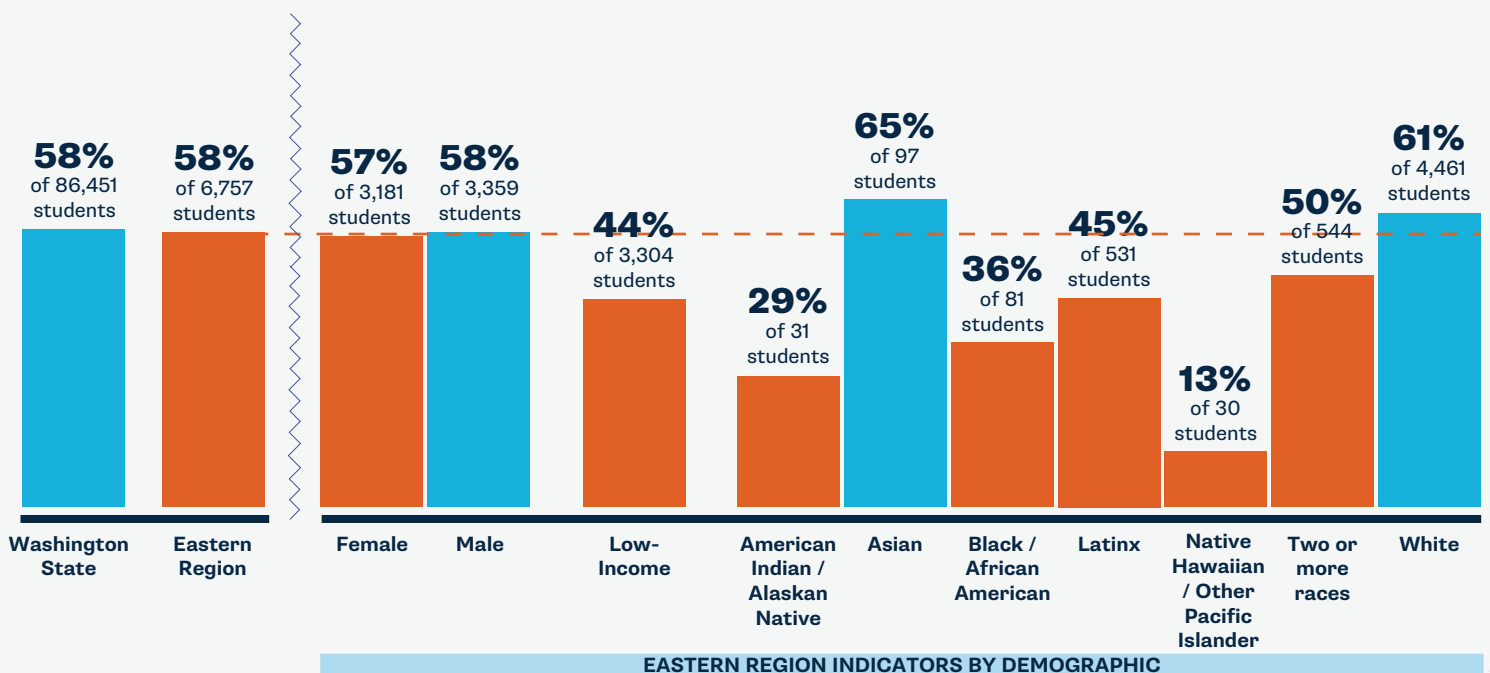
KINDERGARTEN MATH READY (2018)

61% of 6,311 Eastern Region children entering kindergarten are math ready compared to **66% of 79,072** children statewide.



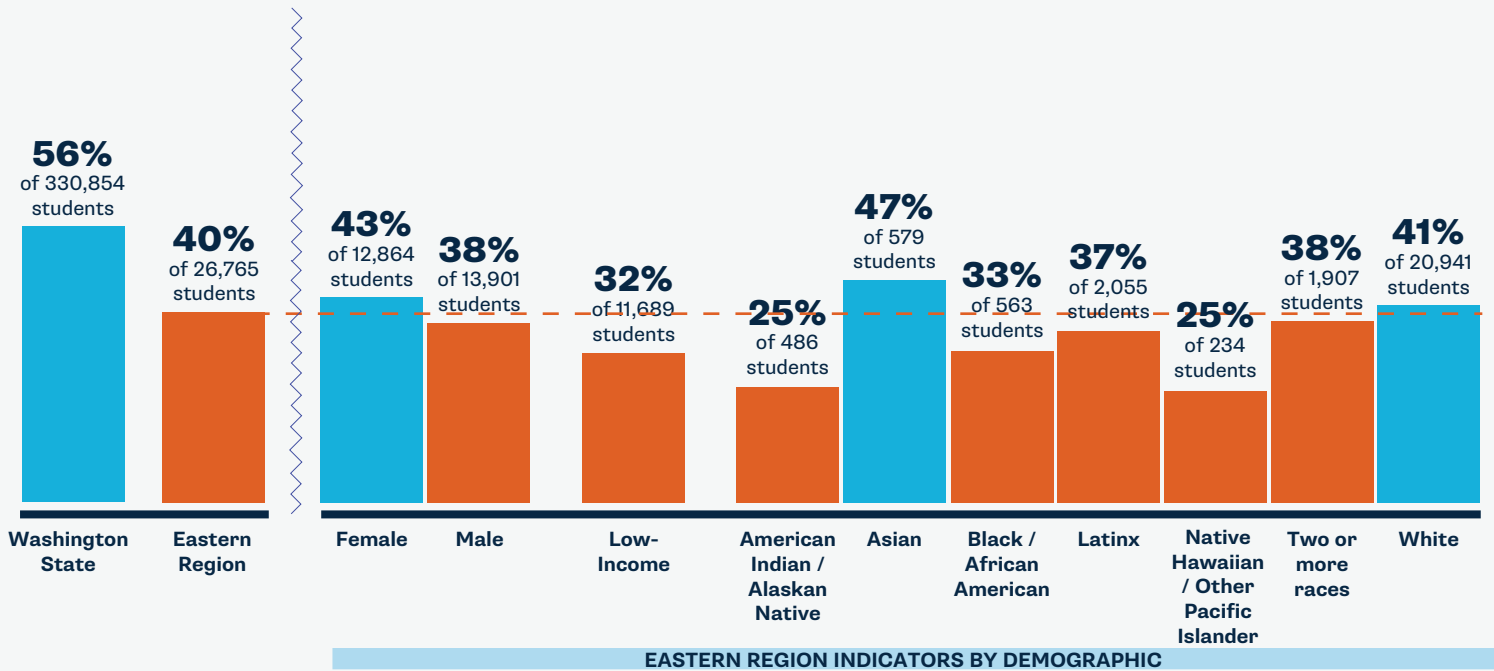
3RD GRADE MATH (2017)

58% of 6,757 of Eastern Region third graders meet grade level math standards compared to **58% of 86,451** third graders statewide.



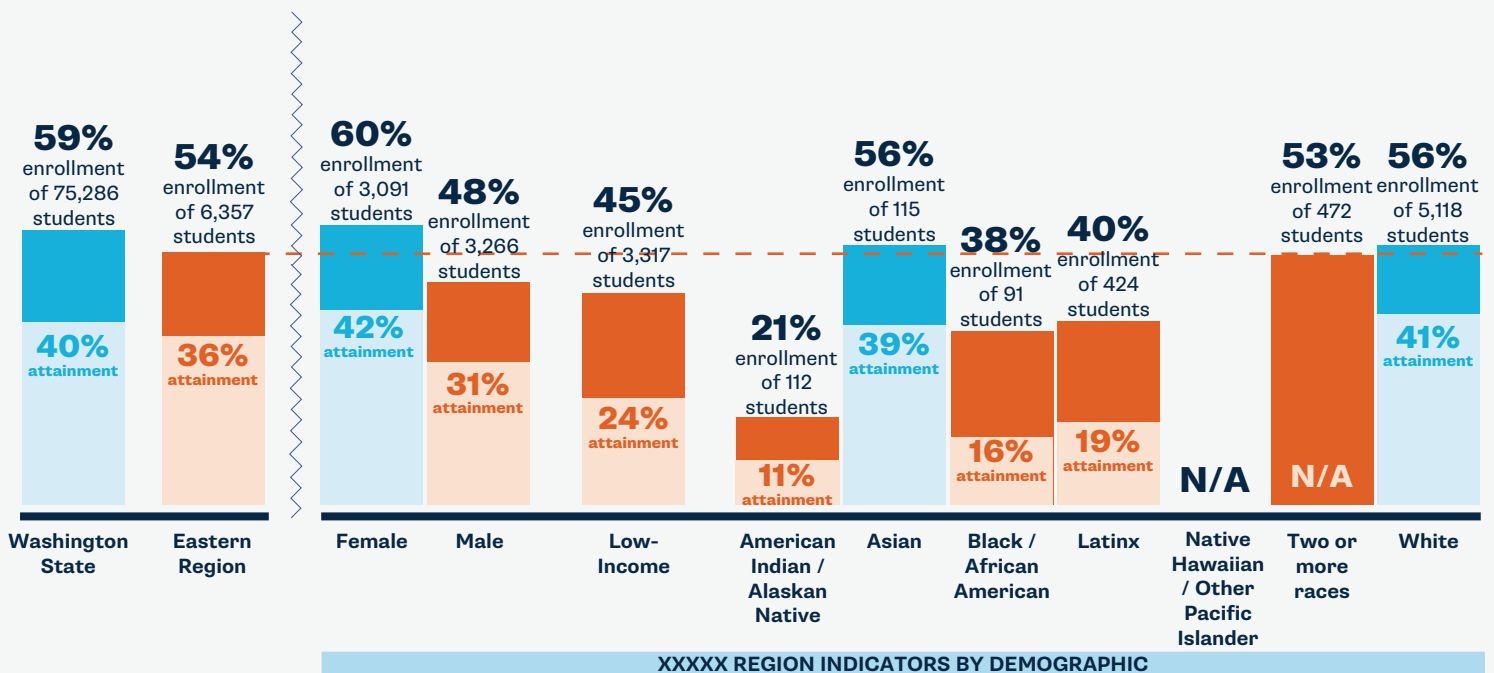
DUAL CREDIT (2017 9-12TH GRADERS)

40% of 26,765 Eastern Region high schoolers complete at least one dual credit course compared to 56% of 330,854 youth statewide.



CREDENTIAL ENROLLMENT/ATTAINMENT

54% of 6,357 of the originating ninth graders in the Eastern Region enroll in a postsecondary program and 36% of those originating ninth graders earn a credential by age 26.



Data citations and region-by-region analyses will be posted at www.washingtonstem.org/STEMbythenumbers.

For more information on the Spokane STEM Network and its work in the Eastern Region, contact Network Director Meg Lindsay at mlindsay@greaterspokane.org.

EASTERN REGION STEM INDICATORS

Ready for Kindergarten

While 61 percent of all Eastern Region kids are math ready by kindergarten, high-quality early learning opportunities need to be more accessible to families of color and those that are lower-income to close math-readiness gaps.

TBD we are determining availability of high-quality early learning for families and supports for professionals in this region

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K-8 STEM Learning

Between kindergarten and third grade, math-readiness and skills gaps widen for many students, which is correlated with success in related areas of study. School districts need resources and assistance to remove barriers and create opportunities in STEM for all students.

TBD we are determining the STEM indicators for each school district in this region in partnership with LASER

58% of Eastern Region third graders meet grade level math standards

Secondary Pathways

While students in the Eastern Region are overall less likely to complete dual credit** courses than their peers across the state, students of color and low-income students experience reduced access to and completion of these courses compared to their peers.

TBD we are determining availability of dual credit courses and career pathways programs by type and subject area in this region

40% of Eastern Region high schoolers complete at least one dual credit course

**Dual credit programs give students the opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. Completion of dual credit coursework is highly correlated with higher education enrollment and completion.

Credential Enrollment/Attainment

Of the originating ninth graders across the state, 59 percent enroll and 40 percent complete a credential. While Eastern Region students enroll and complete at comparable rates, the region is working to expand credential pathways capacity to close opportunity gaps for key student groups.

TBD we are determining local higher education and career training program capacity in this region

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STEM by the Numbers is a series of regional reports which examines data that tells us about Washington students' access to credentials and family-sustaining jobs. Together with our partners, we are advocating for and developing regionalized, cross-sector, and longitudinal data. We highlight student outcomes above, and in future publications we will report on systems indicators, like high school course offerings and availability of STEM professional learning and supports.

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REGIONAL TOP INDUSTRIES AND STEM JOBS

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

REGISTERED NURSE & MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Annual # of Openings: 1,347

Credential: Certificate → Bachelor's

Average Regional Wage: \$37,000 → \$79,875

TRADES PROFESSIONAL

Annual # of Openings: 990

Credential: Apprenticeship

Average Regional Wage: \$55,190

K-12 TEACHER

Annual # of Openings: 604

Credential: Bachelor's

Average Regional Wage: \$60,700

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Annual # of Openings: 374

Credential: Bachelor's

Average Regional Wage: \$78,304

BUSINESS & FINANCE PROFESSIONAL

Annual # of Openings: 362

Credential: Bachelor's

Average Regional Wage:
\$64,000 → \$72,000

ENGINEERING

Annual # of Openings: 200

Credential: Bachelor's

Average Regional Wage:
\$80,000 - \$106,000

FORGING CAREER PATHWAYS

Spokane STEM Network builds student interest, exploration, and awareness of regional career opportunities through their Business AfterSchool Program. Middle and high school students engage in hands-on activities at Spokane's top employers, many of which are in the high-demand fields of STEM and healthcare. Over the 2017/18 school year, 380 students were introduced to 60 careers in the Spokane region through Business AfterSchool.

Spokane STEM Network also partners with employers like local utility company Avista and the Providence Medical Group to support the launch of apprenticeship programs which allow high school graduates and out-of-school youth to receive postsecondary credits paired with real-world experience. Spokane STEM is currently partnering with Career Connect Spokane to refresh the access2experience digital connection tool aiming to increase relationships that further the ability for business and education to expand regional career exploration and apprenticeship opportunities.



By 2030, Washington STEM and our statewide partners aim to **triple the number of students** of color, students from low-income and rural families, and young women who are on track to earn high-demand credentials and enter family-sustaining careers in the state.