# Wyoming Education Equity in 2021



# **Higher Education Act**

The current version of the Higher Education Act (HEA) was signed into law in 2008 and has been reauthorized eight times total. HEA was originally passed I 1965 to ensure higher education was accessible to all students through increased resources to postsecondary institutions and student financial assistance.

# Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Wyoming

CTE provides secondary and postsecondary students with academic and technical skills and knowledge to prepare for the current and future workforce. To realize our business, economic, and human potential, we must close equity gaps by gender, race and ethnicity, and special population status in high-skill, high-wage, programs of study.

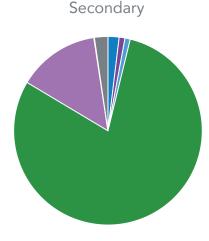
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**18,537** Male



**15,415** Female

# CTE ENROLLMENT BY RACE

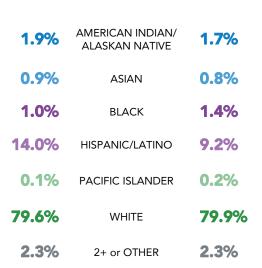


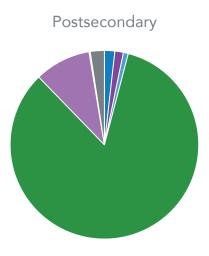
#### OUTCOMES, 2018-2019 school year

97%	of Wyoming high school students participating in CTE programs graduated
77 /0	programs graduated

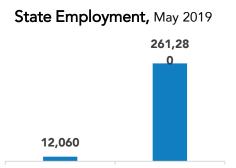
75%	of CTE high school students met performance goals
	for technical skills

of Wyoming CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate, or degree





# High-Skill, High-Wage, In-Demand: Middle Skill and STEM Jobs



**STEM** 

Wyoming



STEM share of total state employment

\$76,090 Average annual wage of a STEM job

\$48,520 Average annual wage of a non-STEM job

# **Minority Serving Institutions**

Non-STEM

**United States** 

Almost 700 institutions across the United States are Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) and produced 28% of graduates in 2017. MSIs admit a larger proportion of minority and low-income students than non-MSIs. They propel their students from the bottom to the top of the income distribution at higher rates than do non-MSIs, showing that MSIs are a viable path to climb the economic ladder.

2021 MSI Breakdown, public 2-year, public 4-year, private 4-year

0	24	Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH)
0	125	Asian American and Native American Pacific Island Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)
0	386	Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)
0	92	Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)
0	27	Native American Indian Serving, Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI)
0	101	Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)

#### **Adult Learners**

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An individual employer, group of employers, labor organization, education institution, or an industry association can sponsor an apprenticeship program. These programs provide hands-on learning and technical instruction for apprentices, often adults seeking to upskill or re-skill into a different industry.

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU)

#### State Apprenticeship Information, May 2019

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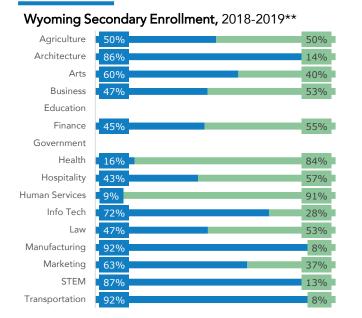
	Active Apprentices	Active Programs
National	585,026	238,549
Wyoming	455	78

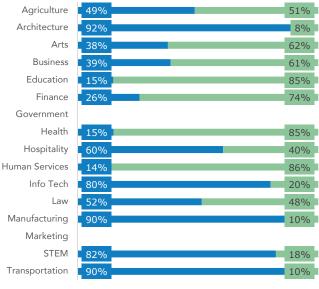
#### State Concentrator Enrollment



Male

Female





# Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Workforce Investment Act (P.L. 105-220) was enacted in 1998 and was last reauthorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (P.L. 113-128) in 2014. WIOA is the primary federal legislation governing federal workforce development programs. It is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

**United States** 



\$1,003,773,359 902,656 Funding

Participants\*



516,060 Men



386,596 Women

Wyoming



\$815,778 **Fundina** 

1,359 Participants\*



1,472



1,222

#### **PARTICIPATION**, by age

	Under 16	16-18	19-24	25-44	45-54	55-59	60+
National	15,698	257,973	171,210	221,206	105,234	49,885	51,656
Wyoming	8	402	462	892	421	211	191

#### **PARTICIPATION**, by race and ethnicity

	Al/AN	Asian	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	NH/PI	White	More than one
National	18,168	22,336	210,592	154,970	5,608	625,861	22,355
Wyoming	90	20	71	203	14	2,427	74

<sup>\*</sup>Total participants may not be a sum of Men and Women due to self reporting

<sup>\*\*</sup>Secondary and Post-Secondary Enrollment data shown reflects data that met DOL and DOE reporting standards Sources: Perkins Collaborative Resource Network, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Education.

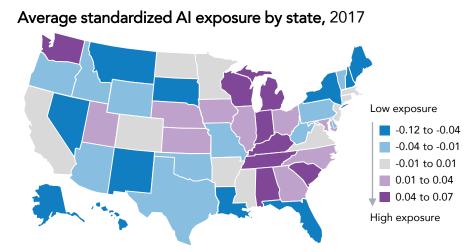
# Artificial Intelligence and the Workforce

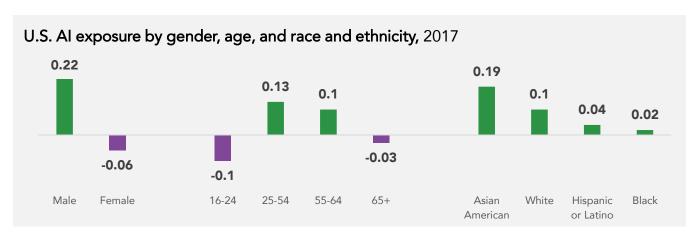
The likeliness of workforce exposure to AI depends on gender, age, race and ethnicity. AI could affect work in virtually every occupational group. AI exposure is calculated by quantifying the overlap between the text of AI patents and the text of job descriptions, identifying occupations likely to be affected by AI specifically, as opposed to those affected more broadly by other automation technologies.

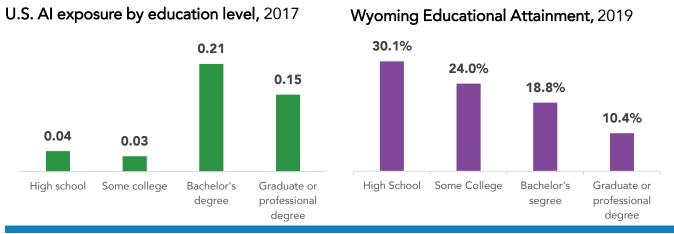


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Average Standardized
Al Exposure Score:

-0.02

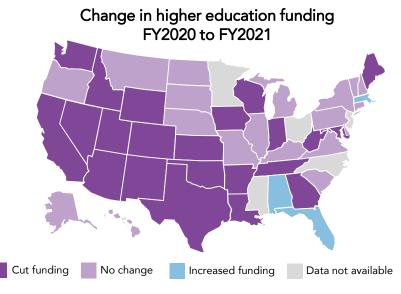






### **COVID-19 Impact on Education**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, schools and educational institutions adapted by shifting in-person instruction to remote learning. In the past year, 22 states have cut a combined \$1.9 billion in funding for higher education for the fiscal year that ends in June 2021. Enrollment at continuing education and undergraduate institutions has decreased. Twenty-three states have avoided higher education cuts in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.



# H.R. 1319: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021



The ARP is a COVID-19 relief package that provides \$1.9 trillion in mandatory funding, program changes, and tax policies with the goal of mitigating the effects of the pandemic. President Biden signed the bill into law on March 11, 2021. ARP includes:

- \$122.7 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to be continued through September 30, 2023.
- \$3.03 billion in additional funding for IDEA in FY 21
- \$2.75 billion to governors through the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program for non-public schools with a significant percentage of low-income students
- \$800 million to support the identification, enrollment, and school participation of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including through wrap-around services.
- \$850 million for grants to Bureau of Indian Education-operated and funded elementary and secondary schools and Tribal Colleges or Universities.
- \$40 billion through the existing Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) Fund.
- \$3 billion to HBCUs, tribal colleges, and minority-serving institutions.
- \$400 million to for-profit college financial aid grants to students.
- \$200 million for institutions with the greatest unmet need of those not served by the HEER formula.

The ESSER Fund of \$122 billion supports efforts to safely and equitably reopen K-12 schools and expand opportunity for students who need it most. These funds were made available to state educational agencies (SEAs) for distribution.



Wyoming ESSER Funds received:

\$303,709,391