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COLLEGE GRADUATES EMPLOYED IN IDAHO; RATES, REPORT AND DATA AVAILABLE ON STATE BOARD'S RESEARCH WEBSITE

Just over 13,000 people graduate each year from Idaho's public colleges and universities. The Idaho State Board of Education's research team has released a new report titled [“Educated in Idaho, Employed in Idaho”](#) which takes a close look at workforce outcomes for Idaho college graduates.

As expected, resident graduates are more likely to stay in and work in Idaho compared to nonresident graduates. About three-quarters of resident graduates find employment in Idaho within a year of graduation compared to about a third of nonresident graduates.

But a lot depends on the types of degrees the graduate's hold. Resident graduates who majored in health professions are among those who are most likely to have jobs in Idaho. Those who major in engineering (bachelor's degrees), or liberal arts (associate degrees) are less likely to be employed in Idaho.

“There are also differences in the employed-in-Idaho (EIR) rate across the postsecondary institutions,” State Board Chief Research Officer Dr. Cathleen McHugh said. “Differences in graduates' choices of degrees or majors only explain

some of these differences across institutions. It is likely that factors such as geographic location and the mobility of the student population served also drive the difference in EIR.”

The Board office also developed an [interactive dashboard](#) with the report enabling users to explore the data in the report for themselves.

A [tutorial video](#) is also available on how to use the dashboard.

For example, users can choose different ways of measuring employment or exclude students who graduated and then re-enrolled and see how those changes impact EIR.

Users can see more detailed data about resident and non-resident EIR than what is available in the report and also look at specific rates for each of Idaho’s public institutions.

“We want to make it easier for Idahoans to take an active role in data exploration and be able to use the data to answer their specific questions,” said Briana Krebs, the Board’s research and communications specialist, and developer of the interactive dashboard.

Explore this, and many other reports, publications and data dashboards on the Idaho State Board of Education Research website:

<https://dashboard.boardofed.idaho.gov/Publications.html>

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