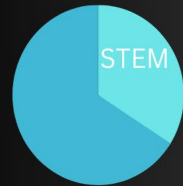


New Mexico STEM Workforce

Source: Science is US, People of Science: An inclusive analysis of the U.S. STEM workforce and its economic impact. (<https://scienceisus.org/people-of-science>)

New Mexico Ranks **14th** in the nation for percentage of the state's economy directly attributed to STEM activity.



34% of the state's workforce is made up of STEM professionals



34th largest STEM workforce in the nation



52% of these STEM professionals have less than a bachelors degree.



41.7% of the state's GDP comes from STEM



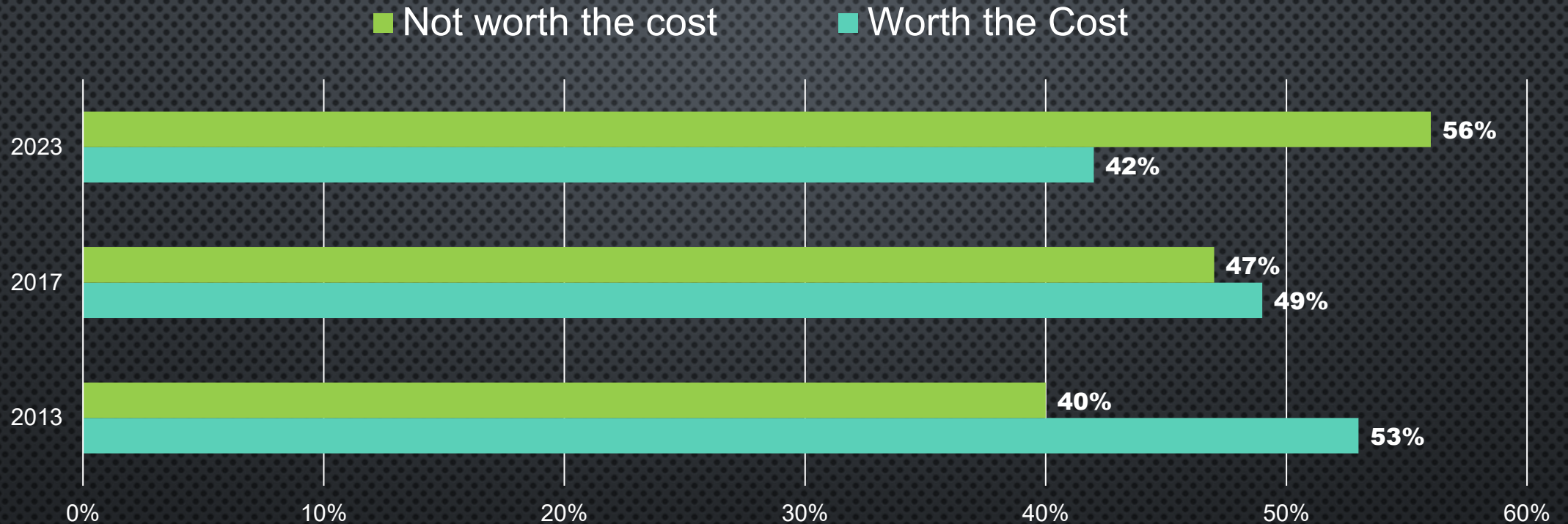
STEM contributes **\$49.4 Billion** to the state's economy.



The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that by 2031 STEM employment will **increase by more than twice the rate** of non-STEM employment.



Is a College Degree worth the investment?



- Student survey conducted by NORC, (National Opinion Research Center) - University of Chicago
- *Don't know/skipped/refused responses *not shown*.
- Skepticism strongest among ages 18-34
- 42% of people with college degrees in the most recent survey said it wasn't worth it.

GEN Z RISING: ATTRACTING, ENGAGING AND RETAINING THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

- Study conducted by The Conference Board
- Goal-Hear from Gen Zers to find out how employers can best support them
- Defined as people who were born in 1997 or later. Below are their imperatives for the workplace.

