



BY THE NUMBERS

New and small firms have created over

ONE MILLION JOBS PER YEAR

over the past three decades.

NEW BUSINESS FORMATION

During the last three decades, the high-tech sector was 23 percent more likely and ICT 48 percent more likely than the private sector as a whole to witness a new business formation.

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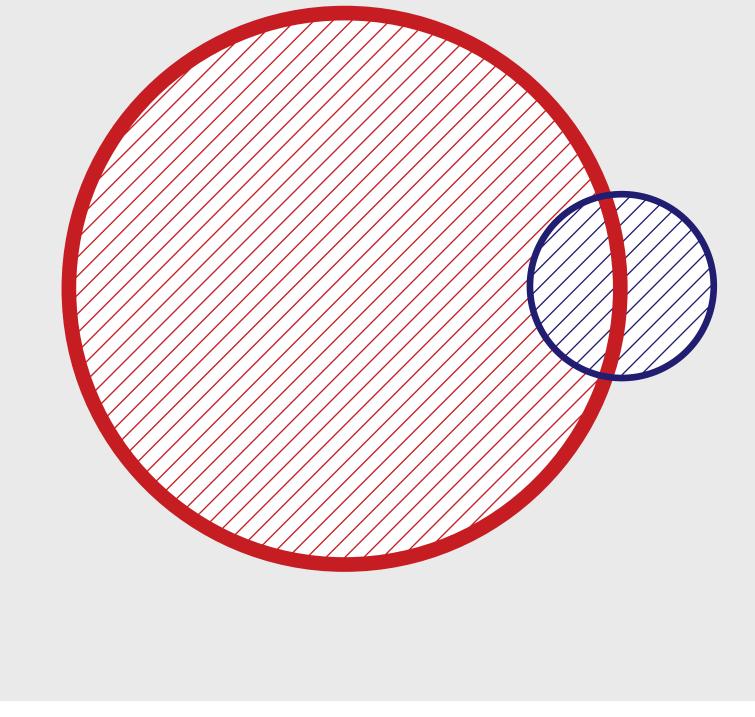
EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

Between 2002 and 2011, employment growth in STEM occupations has outpaced job gains across all occupations 27:1



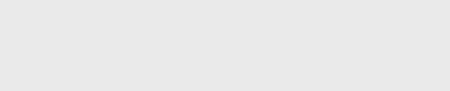


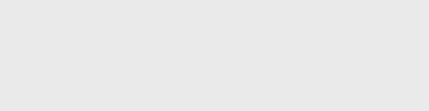
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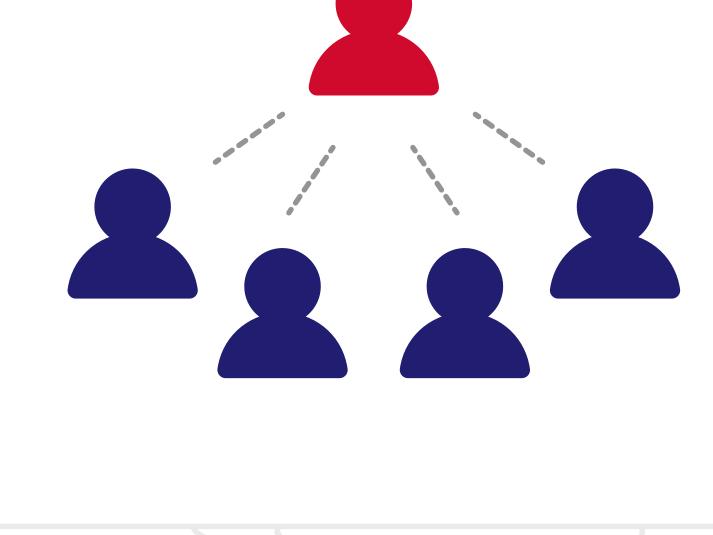


the high-tech sector has outpaced growth in the private sector 3:1 **HIGH-TECH SECTOR PRIVATE SECTOR**

Since 2004, employment growth in







The creation of 1 high-tech job is projected to create 4.3 other

JOB CREATION

jobs in a local economy

THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE FOR FIRMS ACROSS THE ENTIRE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HIGH-TECH AND ICT STARTUPS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY

DISPERSED, AND ARE INCREASINGLY LIKELY TO

SPROUT IN LOWER DENSITY REGIONS.

STEM KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS 20%

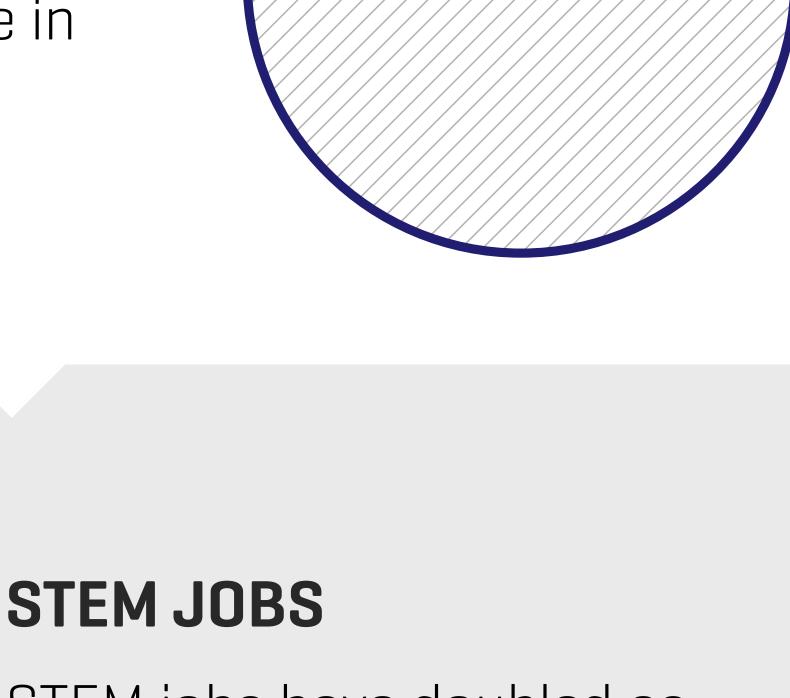
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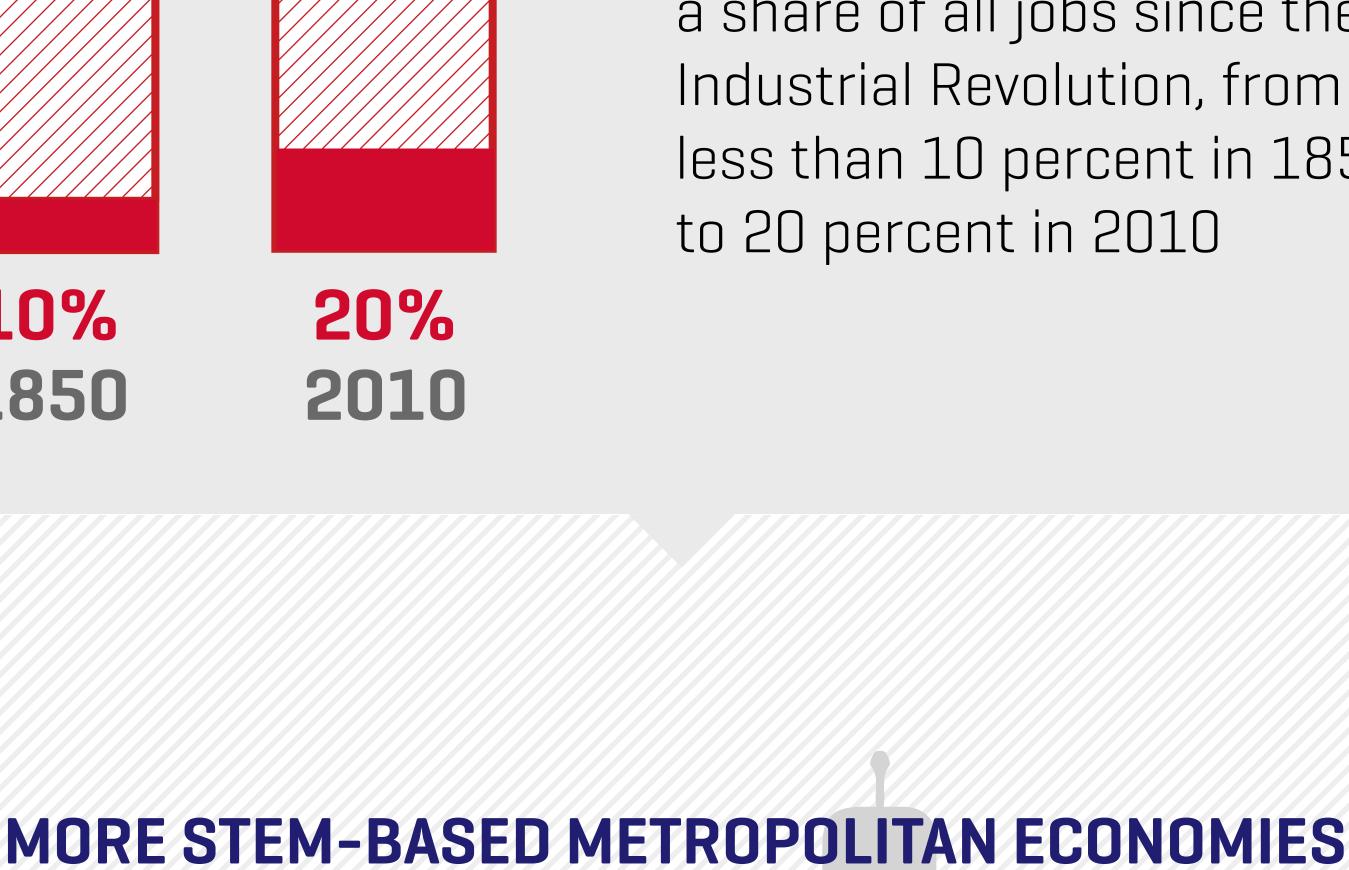
any one STEM field

As of 2011, 20 percent of all jobs

require a high level of knowledge in







STEM jobs have doubled as a share of all jobs since the Industrial Revolution, from less than 10 percent in 1850 to 20 percent in 2010

PERFORM STRONGLY ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS, FROM INNOVATION TO EMPLOYMENT.

