Student attitudes towards STEM

The Australian Department of Industry, Innovation and Science commissioned a study to examine the attitudes of Australian students towards STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Below are some of the responses of the 2000 students surveyed between the ages of 12 and 25.

When asked to write what 'STEM' stands for...

- **62%** Answered correctly
- **20%** Didn't know
- **18%** Answered incorrectly

Incorrect answers included 'English', 'Economics', 'Marketing' and 'Medicine'

What jobs do they think they can get with a STEM degree?

Top 5 responses

1. Engineer
2. Scientist
3. Teacher/professor/lecturer/academic
4. Mathematician
5. IT

Student confidence in STEM subjects

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