

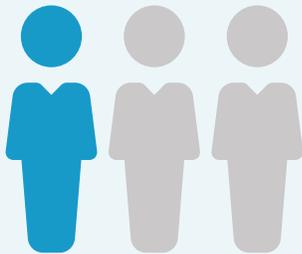
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As Americans consider how COVID-19 has disrupted their work, education, and daily lives, many are looking ahead to how education and training might shape their futures. One in three American workers say they would change careers if they lost their jobs, meaning many would need to reskill. But who is most interested in changing fields? What fields will they look to move into? And what do they want their education or training to look like?

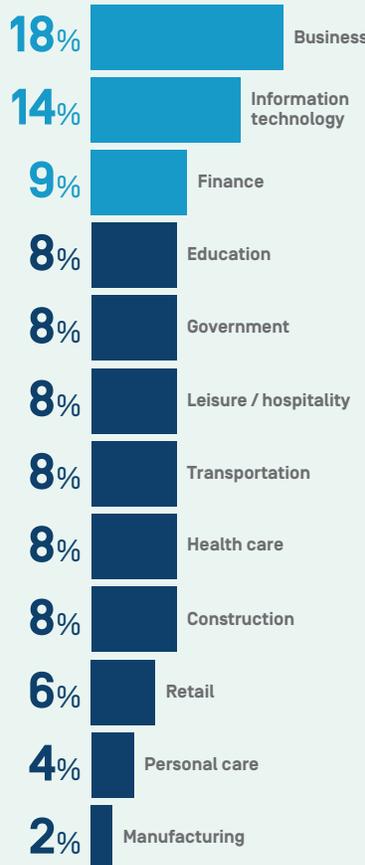
This week's data also shows what is motivating the workers looking to change fields—and for about half, the decision isn't about finances or career advancement.

This nationally representative survey, based on more than 11,000 responses collected between March 25 and June 11, is intended to provide insights to the education and training providers, policymakers, employers, and individual Americans who are navigating the COVID-19 crisis.

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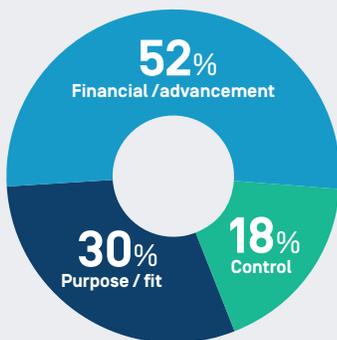
For workers interested in changing job fields, the **fields they are most likely to transition into** are business fields **[18%]**, information technology **[14%]**, or finance **[9%]**.



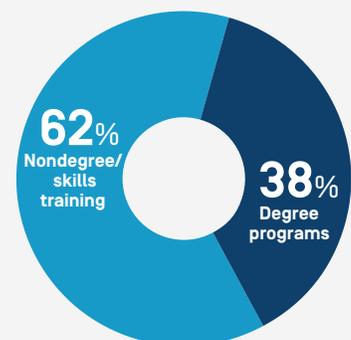
While many workers who are looking to make a career transition need to reskill, less than half **[44%]** of Americans say they **have access to the education and training** they want.



Workers' **motivations for wanting to change fields** are split evenly between those wanting to earn more money or climb a career ladder and nonfinancial motivations such as more autonomy, better fit, or more meaningful work.



Americans strongly **prefer nondegree programs and skills training** over degree programs.



* Survey completed weekly March 25 through June 11 by Heart+Mind Strategies on behalf of the Center for Consumer Insights.