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26.1% surge in professional organizations since 2019 — a silent infrastructure shift

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Change in Professional Organisations Since 2019

Idaho recorded the highest growth in professional organizations among all U.S. states between 2019 and 2022.

This 26.1% increase in professional organizations—measured via NAICS 813920—reflects a foundational shift in institutional capacity. It suggests that Idaho is not just attracting tech talent, but building the governance, ethics, and oversight frameworks essential for safe AI deployment. This is not a real estate trend, but a structural pivot in the AI safety ecosystem.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2019 and 2022, NAICS 813920 (Professional organizations) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-17-ai-safety-igrow-813920-state>



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Governance Is the New Infrastructure

The surge in professional organizations is not about office space or headcount—it's about institutional scaffolding. These entities are likely forming around AI safety research, ethical review boards, and cross-sector coordination. Idaho's growth signals that the next frontier of AI governance isn't in code or algorithms, but in the legal, organizational, and regulatory frameworks that make responsible deployment possible at scale.

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The Quiet Rise of AI Safety Hubs

While headlines focus on Silicon Valley and Washington D.C., Idaho's growth reveals a decentralizing trend. Smaller states with lower regulatory friction and emerging tech ecosystems are becoming incubators for AI safety infrastructure. This shift suggests that future innovation in AI governance will not be led by the largest cities, but by agile, mission-driven organizations forming in under-the-radar locations with strong institutional foundations.

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