

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Delaware

- Delaware delivers secondary CTE through comprehensive high schools, comprehensive charter high schools and technical high schools. These technical high schools are designed to provide academic courses within the context of specific career fields.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state's community college system, Delaware Tech, and its public universities.
- Learn more at www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/176 and www.acteonline.org/Delaware.

In school year 2017-2018, **30,296** high school students and **9,948** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Delaware.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Delaware received an estimated **\$5,557,329** in federal Perkins funding—about \$98,370 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Delaware

- The Delaware Workforce Development Board, in partnership with the state Department of Labor Division of Employment and Training and state Department of Education, is developing the [Learning for Careers program](#) to expand employer participation in youth employment programs and increase the number of learners participating in both secondary and postsecondary work-based learning opportunities.
- Former Governor Markell established Delaware Promise in 2015, which established a goal that 65% of Delaware's workforce will earn a two- or four-year degree or a professional certificate and every student who graduates high school will be college and career ready by 2025. Delaware's [Pathways to Prosperity](#) program stems from this promise and creates pathways for learners to develop skills for the workforce, participate in work-based learning, gain industry-recognized credentials and earn college credit at no cost to the student. Grant funds are allocated to high school pathway programs and youths pursuing college and career readiness coursework to continue the promise of preparing students for the future workforce.

Student Performance (2018)

- **99%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **76%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators earned an industry-recognized credential, certificate or degree.
- **85%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.
- **95%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (Perkins IV)

Labor Market Trends

- **51%** of Delaware's labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **43%** of the state's workers are trained at the middle-skill level.
- The **top 5** industries for "good jobs" that pay a median annual income of \$55,000+ **without a bachelor's degree** are office and administrative support, management, sales, healthcare practitioners/technical occupations, and construction and extraction.

Data from National Skills Coalition Middle-Skill Job Fact Sheets and the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce's Good Jobs Project