

### Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Illinois

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools; CTE-focused secondary schools, which are schools that center secondary academics around specific careers; and area career centers, which provide supplementary career training to area high school students and adult learners.
- At the postsecondary level, Illinois delivers CTE through its community college districts.
- Learn more at <http://ilcte.org>, [www.isbe.net/Pages/Career-Technical-Education.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Career-Technical-Education.aspx) and [IACTE.org](http://IACTE.org).

In school year 2017-2018, **283,495** high school students and **70,105** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Illinois. In addition, **43,837** students were members of a career and technical student organization.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Illinois received an estimated **\$45,433,749** in federal Perkins funding—about \$709,496 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

### CTE Highlights in Illinois

- **Career Readiness Indicators:** The number of schools in Illinois to adopt career readiness indicators continues to increase. These new, evidence-based indicators measure student preparedness for college and careers in a variety of ways: Advanced Placement courses, early college credits, industry credentials, community service and more. The state's high schools provide students with rigorous academic programs and personalized and career-specific learning experiences, along with social and emotional skills that prepare them to be global citizens. Districts that are excelling in this area are Hinsdale Township District 86, District 214, Township High School District 211, Township High School District 214 and Leyden High School District 212.
- **Illinois School Report Cards:** Illinois School Report Cards show how the state and each school and district are progressing on a wide range of educational goals. Starting in 2020, the Report Cards will include College and Career Ready Indicators comprised of multiple data points. These data points will combine to become 6.25% of the Student Success/School Quality Indicator within the Illinois Accountability System in the 2020-21 school year.
- **CTE Teacher Retention:** The Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education is working in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education to provide statewide professional development for new CTE teachers. The purpose of the professional development is to train and retain high-quality CTE teachers.

### Student Performance (2018)

- **96 percent** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **90 percent** of secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- **80 percent** 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

- **53 percent** of Illinois's labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **42 percent** of the state's workers are trained at the middle-skill level.
- The **top 5** industries for "good jobs" that pay a median income of \$55,000+ **without a bachelor's degree** are office and administrative support, management, production, transportation and material moving, 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*