

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Minnesota

- At the secondary level, career and technical education is delivered through comprehensive high schools, cooperatives and centers.
- At the postsecondary level, Minnesota uses technical and community colleges to deliver career and technical education.
- Learn more at <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/cte>, <http://minnstate.edu/system/cte> and www.acteonline.org/minnesota.

In school year 2017-2018, **112,922** high school students and **58,031** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Minnesota.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Minnesota received an estimated **\$18,999,181** in federal Perkins funding—about \$285,121 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Minnesota

- [MN Reconnect](#) is a program that helps adult learners re-enroll and finish their postsecondary education. Eligible learners must have completed 15 or more college credits and not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution for two years prior to participating. Navigators help adult learners re-enroll and access financial aid. Learners can also apply for the MN Reconnect Scholarship, which awards up to \$1,000 per semester for tuition, books or assistance with childcare or transportation costs.
- Minnesota has recently had several CTE teachers who were nationally recognized for their hard work and contribution to CTE. [Jessica Daberkow](#), an Agriculture Education teacher at Martin County West High School and FFA advisor, was awarded the 2020 National ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award. This award goes to outstanding CTE professionals that have a significant impact in their community, demonstrate leadership and promote student involvement in community service. Daberkow teaches grade 7-12 students in a variety of classes, ranging from Animal Science to Computer Applications to Shop for Girls, and has encouraged her students to be involved in a community-sponsored garden, a kids' gardening program and many other service activities. Minnesota had four additional National Award Finalists: Neil Pearson of Willmar Sr. High School; Kathryn Kittle of Saint Paul Public Schools; Katherine Lechleitner of Shakopee High School; and Ginny Karbowski, the Articulation Coordinator at College High School Partnership.

Student Performance (2018)

- **92%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **69%** of secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- **82%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- **87%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.

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

Labor Market Trends

- **50%** of Minnesota's labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **45%** 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, production, construction and extraction, and sales.

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