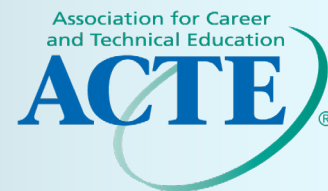


Mississippi

CTE Fact Sheet 2020



Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Mississippi

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools and area career centers, which provide supplemental career training to students within a district.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state's community and junior colleges.
- Learn more at www.mdek12.org/CTE and www.MississippiACTE.com.

In school year 2017-2018, **124,671** high school students and **23,027** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Mississippi.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Mississippi received an estimated **\$14,329,166** in federal Perkins funding—about \$217,767 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Mississippi

- In 2019, Mississippi passed legislation to incentivize school districts to promote more students earning industry certifications. These [CTE incentive grants](#) award each district \$600 per student who earns a qualifying industry certification. These funds can be used to offset the cost of exam fees, provide professional development to CTE teachers and increase student instruction that leads to an industry certification.
- Rex Buckhaults is the 2019 Region IV winner of the Administrator of the Year Award and a National Award Finalist. Buckhaults is the Director of the Jones County Career Technical Center in Laurel, Mississippi. He was a Vocational Agricultural teacher for 14 years and a CTE administrator for the past 26 years, during which he has served as the President of Mississippi ACTE for three terms. Buckhaults was recognized as the 2018-19 Mississippi ACTE Member of the Year, along with many other awards over his tenure, and is a strong advocate for CTE.

Student Performance (2018)

- **94%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **89%** of secondary CTE concentrators went on to postsecondary education, the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.
- **78%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- **86%** 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

- **58%** of Mississippi's labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **50%** 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 production, management, construction and extraction, transportation and material moving, and office and administrative support.

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