

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Ohio

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through middle schools, comprehensive high schools, career academies and CTE centers in Comprehensive/Compact School Districts and Joint Vocational School Districts (JVSDs), and through community schools. JVSDs are groups of school districts that have joined to offer CTE programs and meet state and federal requirements. In most cases, the JVSDs offer programs at a central location in a specially designed CTE center, but they may offer satellite programs at member high schools. Community schools are public nonprofit, nonsectarian schools that operate independently of any school district under contract with an authorized sponsoring entity.
- At the postsecondary and adult level, CTE is delivered through community colleges, Ohio Technical Centers and the Aspire program. The technical centers provide labor-market-driven, postsecondary workforce education and training services. Aspire provides services for individuals who need assistance acquiring the skills to be successful in postsecondary education and employment.
- Learn more at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech> and OhioACTE.org.

In school year 2017-2018, **119,772** high school students and **95,408** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Ohio.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Ohio received an estimated **\$47,064,082** in federal Perkins funding—about \$750,673 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Ohio

- The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is a formal designation that students can earn on their high school diplomas and transcripts indicating the personal strengths, strong work ethic and professional experience that businesses need.
- Career Connections offer practical ways for teachers, school counselors, families and community members to show students, as early as in kindergarten, the types of careers possible for them. These programs help students develop a vision and realistic plan for their futures during K-12 and beyond.
- The second annual “In-Demand Jobs Week” was held May 6-10, 2019. This weeklong celebration of jobs, industries and skills that are in demand in Ohio features industry, education and community partnerships that inspire excitement among students and job seekers.
- Ohio’s Adult Diploma Program provides job training and a new pathway for adults, ages 22 or older, to earn a high school diploma AND industry credentials aligned to one of Ohio’s in-demand jobs.
- The state budget includes funds to reimburse the cost of credential testing as well as incentives for earning in-demand credentials.

Student Performance (2018)

- **96%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- At graduation, almost **25%** had earned 3+ dual enrollment credits and almost **25%** had earned a 12-point credential within a career field.
- **94%** of secondary CTE concentrators went on to postsecondary education, the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.
- **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) & Ohio Department of Education, CareerTech Ohio

Labor Market Trends

- **55%** of Ohio’s labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **47%** 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 production, management, office and administrative support, transportation and material moving, 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