

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Rhode Island

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools and regional career and technical centers, which provide supplemental CTE programs to area high school students.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered by the four campuses of the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI).
- Learn more at www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/EducationPrograms/CareerTechnicalEducation.aspx and www.acteonline.org/RhodeIsland.

In school year 2017-2018, **22,545** high school students and **1,240** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Rhode Island.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Rhode Island received an estimated **\$6,247,167** in federal Perkins funding—about \$98,370 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Rhode Island

- The [PrepareRI Internship Program](#) places Rhode Island high school juniors in paid summer internships with the state's top employers in a range of industries. The program matches interns with employers based on student interests and skills. Students also earn college credit. First piloted in summer 2018 with 162 students, PrepareRI internship participation doubled in 2019.
- The Best-at-Work Grant, funded by Walmart, establishes partnerships between postsecondary institutions, employers and other stakeholders to upskill Rhode Island's workers. This grant creates career pathways for populations facing barriers to employment so workers can receive integrated basic education and skills training.
- [S.B. 863](#) tasks the state Commissioner of Education with developing a curriculum framework to allow for project-based learning, work-based learning and integration of CTE curriculum. The law encourages alignment with postsecondary curriculum as well as expanded dual enrollment opportunities.

Student Performance (2018)

- **94%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **71%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators went on to postsecondary education, the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.
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Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (Perkins IV)

Labor Market Trends

- **51%** of Rhode Island's labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **41%** 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, production, 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