Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Washington

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools as well as skills centers, which are regional secondary schools that provide supplemental CTE programs to students from sending high schools.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state’s community and technical colleges.
- Learn more at [https://careertech.org/washington](https://careertech.org/washington) and [www.wa-acte.org](http://www.wa-acte.org).

In school year 2016-2017, **316,260** high school students and **158,161** postsecondary students participated in CTE in Washington.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Washington received an estimated **$23,278,487** in federal Perkins funding—about **$325,060** more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Washington

- **New Pathways to Graduation**: Legislation that passed in the 2019 session (HB 1599) established graduation pathway options. Students can now use a new CTE graduation pathway option by completing a sequence of CTE courses that align with their High School and Beyond Plan.
- **Career Connected Learning**: In May 2017, Governor Jay Inslee launched the Career Connected Learning initiative, with the goal of connecting 100,000 Washington youth during the next five years with career connected learning opportunities that prepare them for high-demand, high-wage jobs. In September 2019, business, education and government leaders in nine regions teamed up to create over 29,000 career connected learning experiences.
- **Apprenticeship Signing Day**: On June 28, 2019, nearly 100 newly registered Youth Apprentices from across the state celebrated the beginning of their apprenticeships at the ShoWare Center in Kent, Washington. The 100 Youth Apprentices represented 12 school districts and a variety of industries including aerospace, advanced manufacturing, automotive and culinary. All Youth Apprentices receive 2,000 hours of paid on-the-job training totaling up to $28,000, tuition-free college classes and valuable work experience.

**Student Performance (2018)**

- **89%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **88%** of secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- **100%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators earned a credential, certificate or degree.

**Labor Market Trends**

- **51%** of Washington’s labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **44%** 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 manufacturing, transportation and utilities, construction, health services and retail trade.

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

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