

CTE in Colorado



The Colorado economy is experiencing a skills gap...

49% of jobs in Colorado require skills training—
more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

39% of Colorado workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Colorado's key industries, like:

- advanced manufacturing
- food and agriculture
- health and wellness
- transportation and logistics



35,740 Colorado middle school students enrolled in CTE programs in 2018-19.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Colorado, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Colorado had:

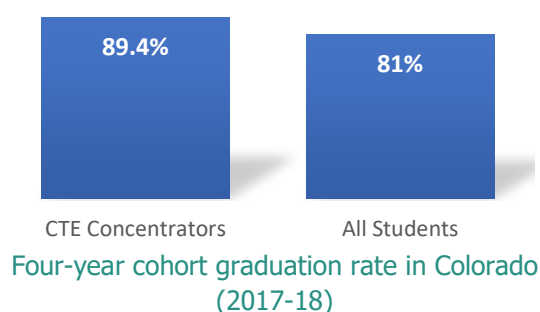
110,265

secondary CTE participants

51,236

postsecondary CTE participants

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.



Four-year cohort graduation rate in Colorado (2017-18)

28,191

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Colorado (2016-17)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Colorado to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

***CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business,
Good for Communities!***

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