

# CTE in Iowa



The Iowa economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**54%** of jobs in Iowa require skills training—  
more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**49%** of Iowa workers are trained at this level.

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

- renewable energy and fuel
- information and communications technology
- advanced manufacturing
- agriculture and food production



92% of Iowa secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

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

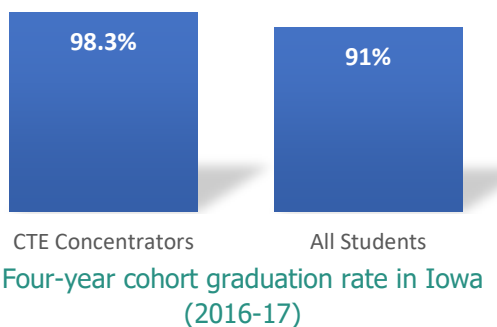
**107,004**

secondary CTE participants

**10,559**

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.



**17,335**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Iowa 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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