

# CTE in Texas



The Texas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

**45%** of Texas workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace, aviation and defense
- energy
- information technology



92% of Texas postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

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

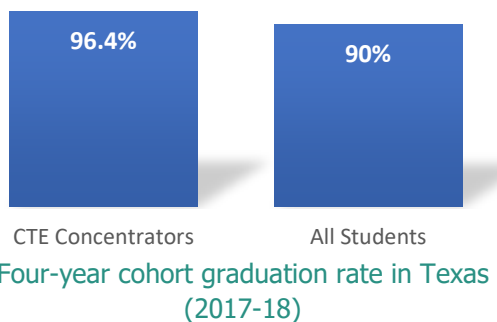
**1,425,125**

secondary CTE participants

**209,016**

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.



**110,769**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Texas 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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