

CTE in Arkansas



The Arkansas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

57% of jobs in Arkansas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

48% of Arkansas workers are trained at this level.

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

- food and beverage
- metals
- distribution and logistics
- transportation equipment



88% of Arkansas postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Arkansas, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Arkansas had:

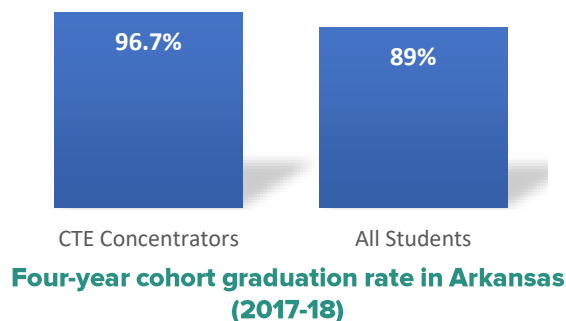
116,305

secondary CTE participants

19,081

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.



17,339

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Arkansas (2019-20)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Arkansas 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!

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Arkansas

\$13,786,625