

# CTE in Illinois



The Illinois economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**52%** of jobs in Illinois require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**41%** of Illinois workers are trained at this level.

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

- agriculture and food production
- energy
- advanced manufacturing
- life sciences and biotechnology



30,000+ Illinois students successfully completed dual credit CTE courses in 2018 that earned them college credit.

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

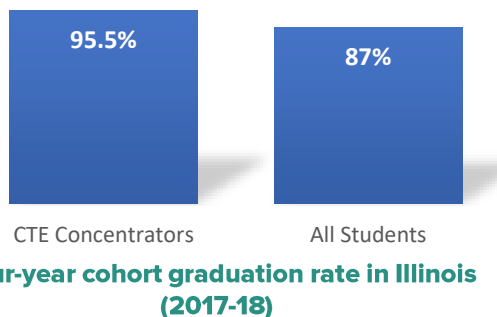
**278,883**

secondary CTE participants

**133,163**

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.



**45,773**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Illinois 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 Illinois**

**\$47,207,040**