

# CTE in Maine



The Maine economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**51%** of jobs in Maine require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**47%** of Maine workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced materials and composites
- aerospace
- environmental technology
- renewable energy



94% of Maine postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

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

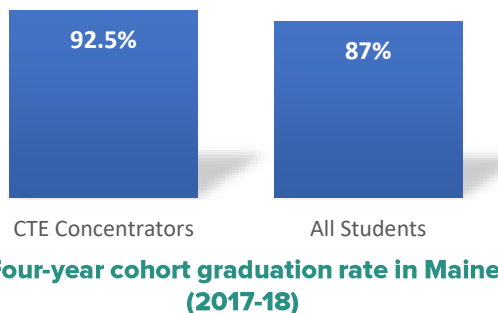
**8,204**

secondary CTE participants

**8,307**

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 Maine (2017-18)

**3,283**

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



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

**\$6,504,159**