

CTE in South Dakota



The South Dakota economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

47% of South Dakota workers are trained at this level.

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

- manufacturing
- livestock development
- precision agriculture
- cybersecurity



1,530 secondary students took a dual credit technical course at one of South Dakota's four technical institutes in 2018-19.

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

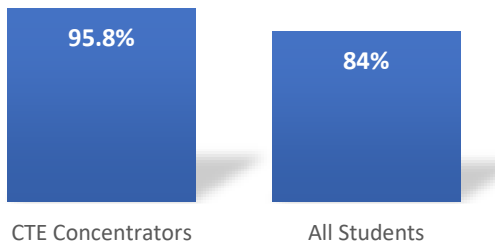
24,117

secondary CTE participants

6,435

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 South Dakota (2017-18)

3,373

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Dakota 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 South Dakota

\$5,504,479