

CTE in California



The California economy is experiencing a skills gap...

47% of jobs in California require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

39% of California workers are trained at this level.

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

- agriculture and ag tech
- film and television
- manufacturing
- tourism



Graduates that complete a career education credential at California's community colleges experience a 20% increase in earnings, on average.

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

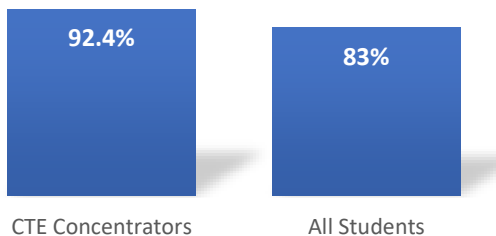
368,950

secondary CTE participants

928,853

postsecondary/adult 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 California (2016-17)

175,802

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across California 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.

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FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for California

\$133,555,412