

CTE in Colorado



The Colorado economy is experiencing a skills gap...

49% of jobs in Colorado require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

39% of Colorado workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- food and agriculture
- health and wellness
- transportation and logistics



In 2020, 98% of high school CTE completers pursued postsecondary education, joined the military or entered the workforce.

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

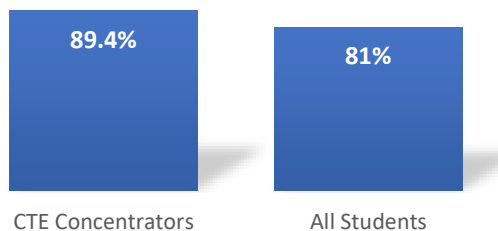
74,776

secondary CTE participants

85,901

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 Colorado (2017-18)

28,563

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Colorado 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 Colorado

\$19,975,087