

CTE in Connecticut



The Connecticut economy is experiencing a skills gap...

48% of jobs in Connecticut require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

38% of Connecticut workers are trained at this level.



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

- advanced manufacturing
- bioscience and health care
- film, television and digital media
- green energy

The Connecticut technical high school system awarded 6,787 industry-recognized credentials in 2020-21.

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

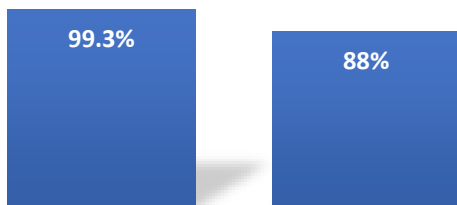
114,541

secondary CTE participants

41,842

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 Connecticut (2017-18)

10,482

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Connecticut 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 Connecticut

\$11,435,582