

# CTE in Louisiana



The Louisiana economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**56%** of jobs in Louisiana require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**46%** of Louisiana workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- energy
- automotive
- agribusiness



The number of industry-recognized credentials earned in Louisiana has tripled since the introduction of the Jump Start program, reaching 900,000 in 2017-18.

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

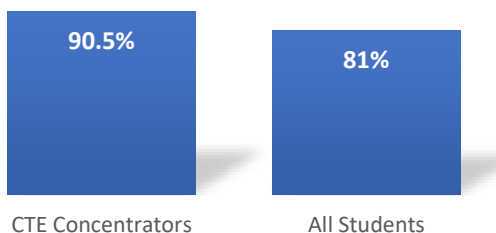
**165,210**

secondary CTE participants

**40,371**

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 Louisiana (2017-18)

**23,005**

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



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

**\$23,117,927**