

# CTE in New Jersey



The New Jersey economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**52%** of jobs in New Jersey require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**37%** of New Jersey workers are trained at this level.

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

- transportation, distribution and logistics
- manufacturing
- technology
- construction and energy



New Jersey's county vocational-technical school districts partner with over 3,600 employers to offer apprenticeships, mentorships and career exploration opportunities.

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

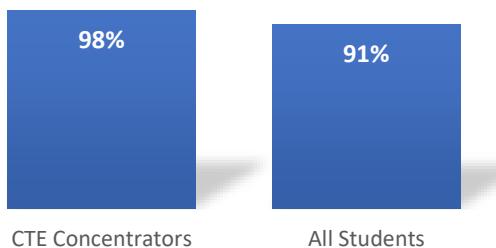
**76,709**

secondary CTE participants

**65,604**

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 New Jersey (2017-18)**

**21,641**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across New Jersey 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 New Jersey**

**\$26,793,053**