

CTE in Rhode Island



The Rhode Island economy is experiencing a skills gap...

50% of jobs in Rhode Island require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

41% of Rhode Island workers are trained at this level.

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

- defense, shipbuilding and maritime
- design, food and custom manufacturing
- travel and hospitality
- IT software, cyber-physical systems and data analytics



In 2020-21, 746 high school students participated in the PrepareRI Virtual Internship Program.

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

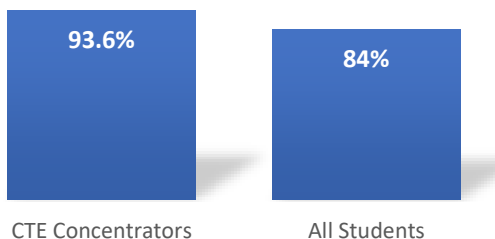
7,756

secondary CTE participants

658

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 Rhode Island (2017-18)

3,303

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island

\$6,504,159