

# CTE in South Carolina



The South Carolina economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**57%** of jobs in South Carolina require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**42%** of South Carolina workers are trained at this level.



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

- advanced manufacturing
- agribusiness
- automotive
- distribution and logistics

36,850 South Carolina high school students earned a Ready to Work Certificate in 2020-21.

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

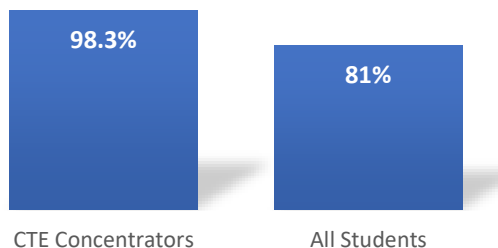
**217,091**

secondary CTE participants

**41,122**

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 South Carolina (2017-18)

**15,088**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Carolina 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 South Carolina**

**\$22,695,818**