

CTE in Tennessee



The Tennessee economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

49% of Tennessee workers are trained at this level.



Tennessee's Pathways program provides 281+ pathways with 695 industry certifications and nearly 1,300 employer partners.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- automotive
- distribution and logistics
- health care and life sciences

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

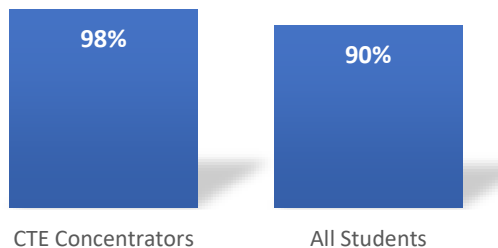
176,923

secondary CTE participants

39,872

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 Tennessee (2017-18)

19,374

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Tennessee 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 Tennessee

\$28,502,865