

# CTE in Iowa



The Iowa economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**54%** of jobs in Iowa require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**49%** of Iowa workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- transportation
- buildings and sites
- renewable energy



18,233 Iowa high school students took at least one college-credit CTE course in academic year 2021.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Iowa, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2020-21 school year, Iowa had:

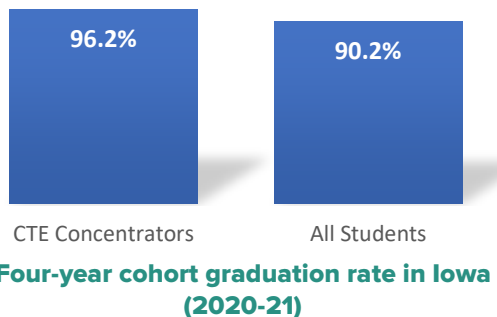
**113,975**

secondary CTE participants

**7,972**

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 Iowa (2020-21)

**12,324**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Iowa (2020-21)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Iowa 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 22 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Iowa**

**\$13,853,092**