

# CTE in North Carolina



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

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

**44%** of North Carolina workers are trained at this level.

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

- food processing and manufacturing
- tourism
- energy
- information technology



In 2021, 97% of North Carolina high school CTE concentrators had pursued postsecondary education, entered the workforce, or joined the military or Peace Corps immediately after graduation.

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

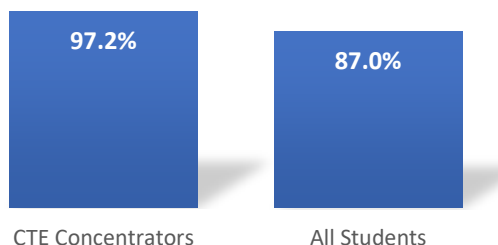
**542,695**

secondary CTE participants

**102,367**

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 North Carolina (2020-21)**

**54,733**

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



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

**\$46,919,752**