

# CTE in Oklahoma



The Oklahoma economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**55%** of jobs in Oklahoma require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**47%** of Oklahoma workers are trained at this level.



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

- manufacturing
- automotive
- renewable and traditional energy
- agribusiness

Oklahoma CareerTech students earned 18,229 industry-endorsed certificates in the 2021-22 academic year.

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

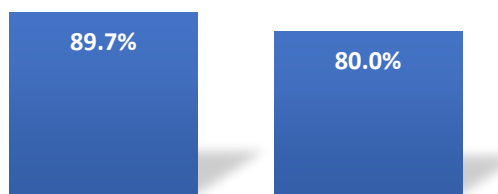
**141,495**

secondary CTE participants

**33,191**

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 Oklahoma (2020-21)**

**23,202**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma**

**\$17,639,867**