

# CTE in Arizona



The Arizona economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**51%** of jobs in Arizona require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**46%** of Arizona workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace and defense
- manufacturing
- bioscience and health care
- film and digital media



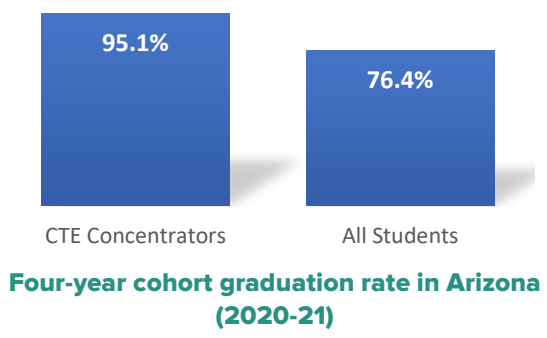
4,605 Arizona high school CTE concentrators graduated in 2021 with a recognized postsecondary credential.

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

**111,187**  
secondary CTE participants

**94,640**  
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.



**44,107**  
postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Arizona (2020-21)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Arizona 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 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Arizona**  
**\$34,271,864**