

# CTE in Arkansas



The Arkansas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**57%** of jobs in Arkansas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**48%** of Arkansas workers are trained at this level.

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

- food and beverage
- metals
- distribution and logistics
- transportation equipment



During the 2022-23 school year, 2,730 Arkansas students participated in internships, career practicums or pre-apprenticeships.

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

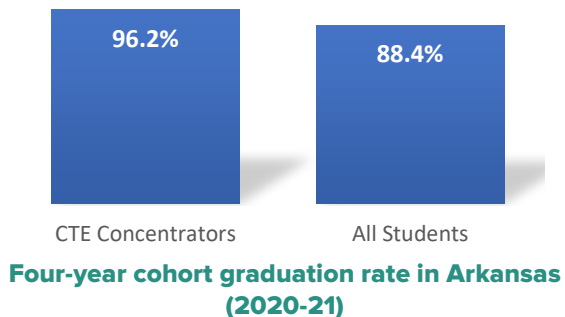
**113,868**

secondary CTE participants

**19,819**

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.



**17,393**

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



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

---

**\$14,767,530**