

# CTE in Colorado



The Colorado economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**49%** of jobs in Colorado require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**39%** of Colorado workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- energy and natural resources
- health and wellness
- transportation and logistics



In 2021, 96% of Colorado high school CTE concentrators and completers pursued postsecondary education, joined the military or the Peace Corps, or entered the workforce immediately after graduation.

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

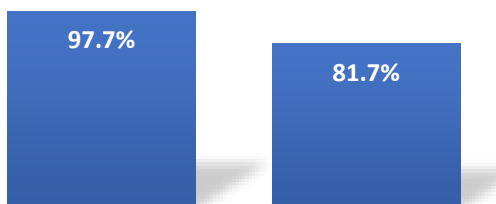
**94,681**

secondary CTE participants

**84,160**

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.



CTE Concentrators All Students  
**Four-year cohort graduation rate in Colorado (2020-21)**

**27,888**

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



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

**\$21,378,823**