

CTE in Washington, DC



The District of Columbia's economy is experiencing a skills gap...

27% of jobs in the District require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

21% of District workers are trained at this level.



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

- technology and innovation
- hospitality and tourism
- higher education and health care
- retail and restaurants

More than 40% of DC high school CTE concentrators who graduated in 2021 had participated in an internship, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship or cooperative education experience.

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

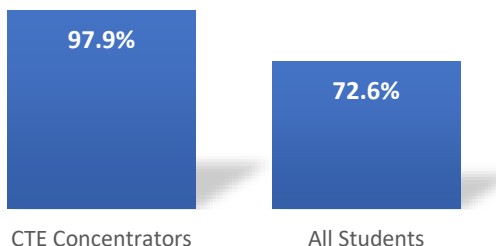
3,724

secondary CTE participants

1,113

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 Washington, DC (2020-21)

1,188

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Washington, DC (2020-21)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across the District of Columbia 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 Washington, DC

\$5,859,991