

CTE in Maine



The Maine economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

47% of Maine workers are trained at this level.

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

- forest products
- marine and aquaculture
- food and agriculture
- clean energy



In 2021, 92% of Maine postsecondary CTE concentrators were employed, pursued further education, or joined the military or Peace Corps immediately after program completion.

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

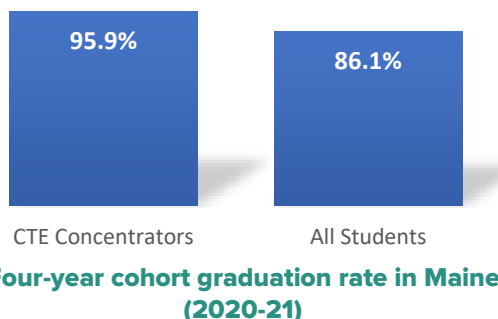
7,677

secondary CTE participants

7,813

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 Maine (2020-21)

3,455

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Maine 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 Maine

\$6,971,416