

CTE in Texas



The Texas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Texas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

45% of Texas workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace, aviation and defense
- energy
- information technology



63,140 Texas high school CTE concentrators graduated in 2021 with an industry-based certification, postsecondary certificate, or associate or bachelor's degree.

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

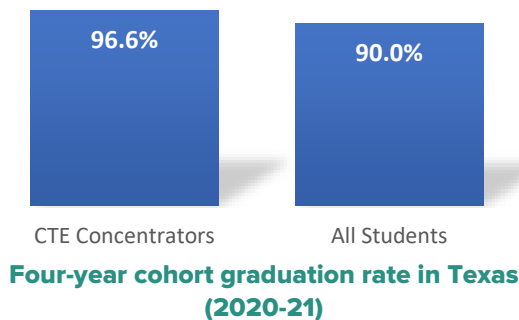
1,727,471

secondary CTE participants

133,304

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.



107,016

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Texas 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 Texas

\$127,681,305