

CTE in Connecticut



The Connecticut economy is experiencing a skills gap...

48% of jobs in Connecticut require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

38% of Connecticut workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- bioscience and health care
- film, television and digital media
- green energy



In 2022, more than 1,600 Connecticut high school CTE concentrators graduated having participated in an approved work-based learning experience.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Connecticut, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2021-22 school year, Connecticut had:

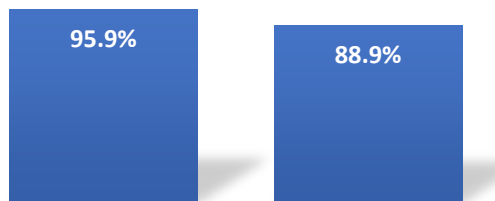
120,837

secondary CTE participants

34,191

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 Connecticut (2021-22)

10,064

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Connecticut (2021-22)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Connecticut 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 Connecticut

\$12,223,269