

# CTE in South Carolina



The South Carolina economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**57%** of jobs in South Carolina require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**42%** of South Carolina workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing and materials
- agribusiness
- electric vehicles
- distribution and logistics



In 2022, 66% of South Carolina high school CTE concentrators graduated with a recognized postsecondary credential.

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

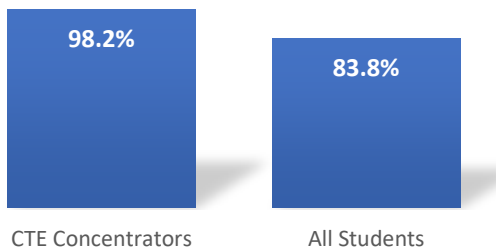
**223,103**

secondary CTE participants

**44,731**

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 South Carolina (2021-22)

**16,363**

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



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Carolina 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 South Carolina**

**\$24,267,947**