

CTE in Colorado



29% of Colorado jobs will require education beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree by 2031. Career and technical education (CTE) programs prepare students for these jobs in key Colorado industries such as:

- advanced manufacturing
- energy and natural resources
- health and wellness
- financial services



In 2023, 96% of Colorado high school CTE concentrators and completers pursued postsecondary education, joined the military or the Peace Corps, or entered the workforce immediately after graduation.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Colorado, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2022-23 school year, Colorado had:

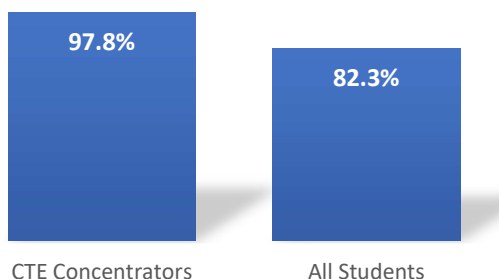
105,803

secondary CTE participants

82,240

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 Colorado (2021-22)

18,601

sub-baccalaureate credentials in CTE fields awarded to Colorado students (2022-23)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Colorado to ensure that all learners have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

**FY 25 Federal Perkins CTE
Funding for Colorado**

\$21,315,945

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