

CTE in Illinois



30% of Illinois 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 Illinois industries such as:

- advanced manufacturing
- energy
- agribusiness and food processing
- transportation, distribution, and logistics



In 2023, more than 5,400 Illinois high school CTE concentrators passed a work-based learning course prior to exit.

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

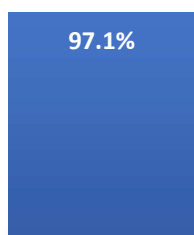
278,543

secondary CTE participants

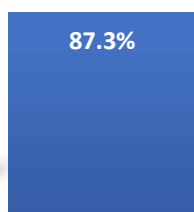
125,022

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 Illinois (2021-22)

56,804

applied associate degrees and certificates in CTE fields awarded to Illinois students (2022-23)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Illinois 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
Total Funding for Illinois**

\$50,685,916

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities