

# CTE in Iowa



**37%** of Iowa 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 Iowa industries such as:

- bioscience
- transportation
- building and sites
- finance and insurance



In 2021-22, more than 21,000 high school students took at least one college credit contracted CTE course in Iowa.

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

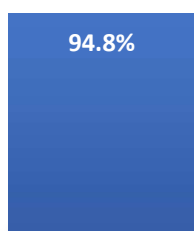
**107,061**

secondary CTE participants

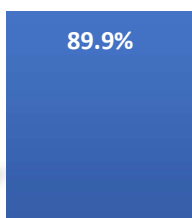
**6,654**

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 Iowa (2021-22)**

**15,446**

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

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

**\$14,511,466**

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Iowa to ensure that all 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***