

# CTE in Colorado



Career and technical education (CTE) programs equip students with the skills and experience necessary to pursue careers in key Colorado industries such as:



infrastructure engineering



energy and natural resources



health and wellness



defense and homeland security

In 2025, 98% 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 learning experiences with industry partners.

During the 2024-25 school year, Colorado had:

**127,403**

secondary CTE participants

**83,050**

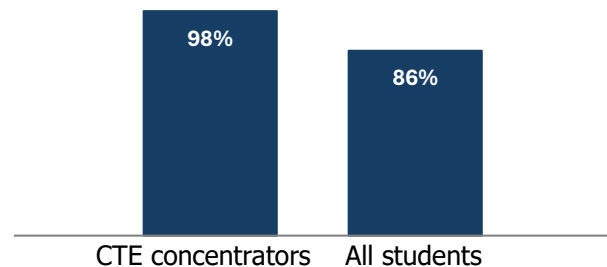
postsecondary CTE participants

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.

FY 26 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Colorado

**\$21,270,174**

Four-year graduation rate in Colorado (2024-25)



Supporting CTE programs across Colorado ensures that students have access to rigorous and industry-relevant coursework in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand fields.

**24,312**

Postsecondary certificates and associate degrees in CTE fields awarded to Colorado students (2024-25)

**CTE: Good for Students, Good for Businesses, Good for Communities**