

CTE in Illinois



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



ag tech and food processing



clean energy production and manufacturing



business and professional services



transportation, distribution and logistics

In 2025, 48% of Illinois secondary CTE concentrators graduated with CTE dual credit.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Illinois, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based learning experiences with industry partners.

During the 2024-25 school year, Illinois had:

289,967

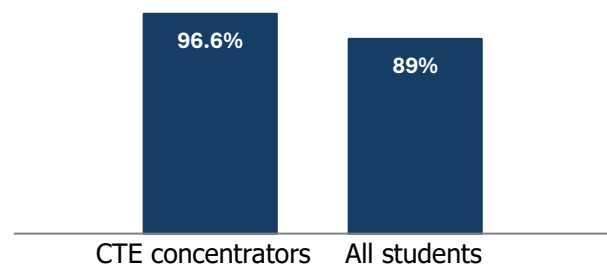
secondary CTE participants

147,711

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 graduation rate in Illinois (2024-25)



FY 26 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Illinois
\$50,778,126

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

62,026

Postsecondary certificates and associate degrees in CTE fields awarded to Illinois students (2023-24)

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