

# CTE in North Carolina



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



tourism



energy



information  
technology



business and  
financial services

In 2024-25, North Carolina students earned over 382,900 industry-recognized credentials that are aligned with the state's high-priority credential list.

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

During the 2023-24 school year, North Carolina had:

**550,918**

secondary CTE participants

**111,316**

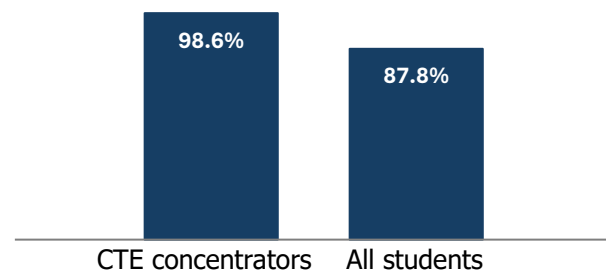
postsecondary CTE participants

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 North Carolina

**\$48,775,344**

Four-year graduation rate in North Carolina (2024-25)



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

**57,971**

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

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