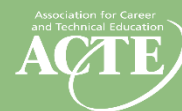


# CTE in Tennessee



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



food and  
beverage



aerospace and  
defense



health care and  
life sciences



electric vehicle  
manufacturing

In 2023, more than 19,000 Tennessee high school CTE concentrators graduated having met at least one of the Ready Graduate indicator measures.

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

During the 2023-24 school year, Tennessee had:

**181,021**

secondary CTE participants

**35,306**

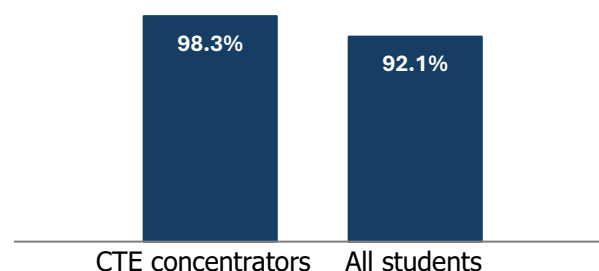
postsecondary CTE participants

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 Tennessee

**\$30,746,117**

Four-year graduation rate in Tennessee  
(2023-24)



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

**23,277**

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

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