

# CTE in Tennessee



The Tennessee economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**56%** of jobs in Tennessee require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**49%** of Tennessee workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Tennessee's key industries, like:

- advanced manufacturing
- automotive
- distribution and logistics
- health care and life sciences



97% of Tennessee secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Tennessee, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Tennessee had:

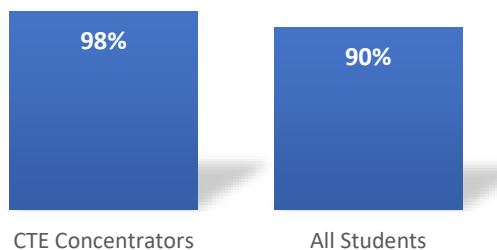
**176,923**

secondary CTE participants

**39,872**

postsecondary/adult 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 cohort graduation rate in Tennessee (2017-18)**

**19,374**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Tennessee (2019-20)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Tennessee to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved 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!**

**FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE  
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