

# CTE in Arkansas



**33%** of Arkansas jobs will require education beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree by 2031. Career and technical education (CTE) programs prepare students for these jobs in key Arkansas industries such as:

- food and beverage
- aerospace and defense
- distribution and logistics
- ag tech and forestry



In 2023, more than 9,400 Arkansas high school CTE concentrators graduated with a recognized postsecondary credential.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Arkansas, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2022-23 school year, Arkansas had:

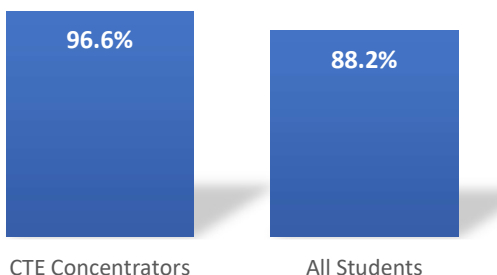
**119,878**

secondary CTE participants

**17,836**

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 cohort graduation rate in Arkansas (2021-22)**

**19,277**

sub-baccalaureate credentials in CTE fields awarded to Arkansas students (2022-23)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Arkansas to ensure that all learners have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

**FY 24 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Arkansas**  
**\$14,890,270**

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