

CTE in Kentucky



34% of Kentucky 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 Kentucky industries such as:

- manufacturing and logistics
- healthcare
- construction
- education
- professional, scientific, and technical services



In 2023, almost 20,000 Kentucky high school CTE concentrators graduated with a recognized postsecondary credential.

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

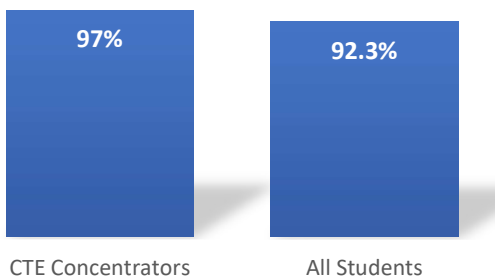
143,414

secondary CTE participants
(2023-24)

34,139

postsecondary CTE participants
(2022-23)

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 Kentucky (2023-24)

39,127

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

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Kentucky 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 Kentucky
\$22,025,635

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