

# CTE in Rhode Island



**53** workers are available for every 100 open jobs in Rhode Island. Career and technical education (CTE) programs can prepare students to address this shortage, particularly in key Rhode Island industries, such as:

- design, food and custom manufacturing
- maritime
- travel and hospitality
- life sciences



In 2023, more than 1,600 Rhode Island high school CTE concentrators graduated having taken work-based learning courses.

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

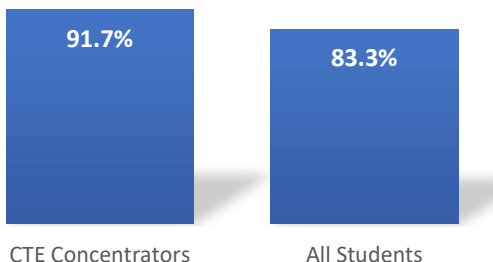
**19,483**

secondary CTE participants

**3,542**

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 Rhode Island (2021-22)**

**3,740**

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

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island**  
**\$7,020,601**

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