

# CTE in South Carolina



**34%** of South Carolina 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 South Carolina industries such as:

- agribusiness
- aerospace
- electric vehicles
- life sciences



In 2023, more than 73% of South Carolina high school CTE concentrators graduated with a recognized postsecondary credential.

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

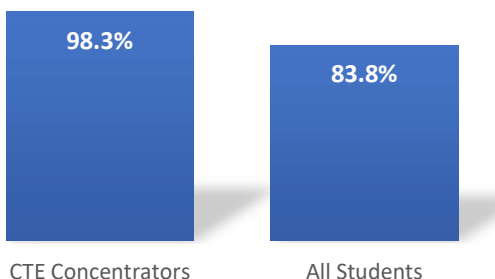
**236,321**

secondary CTE participants

**48,016**

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 South Carolina (2021-22)**

**17,359**

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

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Carolina 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 South Carolina**  
**\$24,492,503**

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