

# CTE in Tennessee



**31%** of Tennessee 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 Tennessee industries such as:

- electric vehicle manufacturing
- health care and life sciences
- food and beverage
- HQ, finance and tech



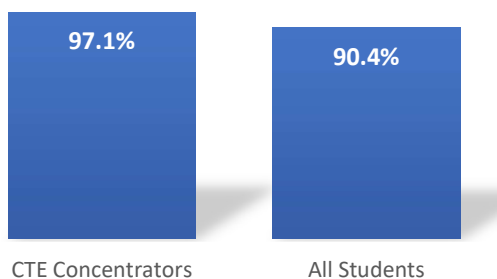
In 2023, more than 19,000 Tennessee high school CTE concentrators graduated having met at least one of the Ready Graduate indicator measures.

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 2022-23 school year, Tennessee had:

**205,706**  
secondary CTE participants

**37,283**  
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 Tennessee (2021-22)**

**22,129**  
sub-baccalaureate credentials in CTE fields awarded to Tennessee students (2022-23)

**FY 24 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Tennessee**  
**\$30,742,575**

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Tennessee to ensure that all 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*