

# CTE in Illinois



The Illinois economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**52%** of jobs in Illinois require skills training—  
more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**41%** of Illinois workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Illinois's key industries, like:

- advanced manufacturing
- agribusiness and food processing
- transportation, distribution and logistics
- energy



In 2022, more than 14,500 Illinois high school CTE concentrators graduated having passed a dual-credit course by the time of graduation.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Illinois, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2021-22 school year, Illinois had:

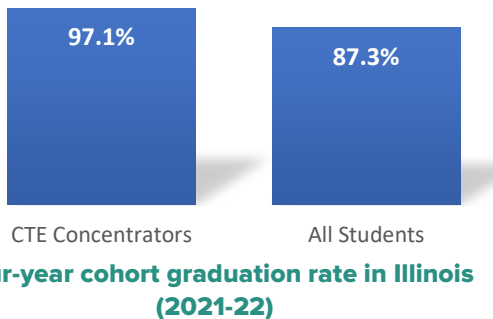
**266,448**

secondary CTE participants

**119,600**

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.



**52,309**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Illinois (2021-22)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Illinois to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved 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!***

**FY 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Illinois**

**\$50,390,065**