

# CTE in Arizona



The Arizona economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**51%** of jobs in Arizona require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**46%** of Arizona workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace and defense
- manufacturing
- bioscience and health care
- film and digital media



4,605 high school CTE students graduated with a recognized postsecondary credential in 2021.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Arizona, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Arizona had:

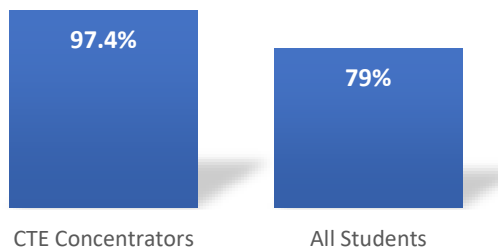
**125,857**

secondary CTE participants

**104,682**

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 Arizona (2017-18)**

**46,284**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Arizona (2019-20)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Arizona 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 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Arizona**

**\$32,139,650**