

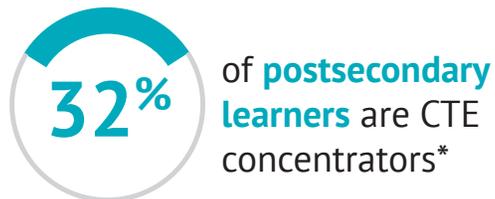
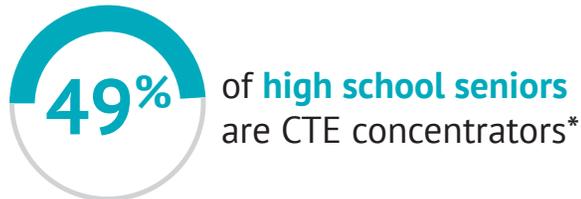
CTE Works for Learners

Preparing Students
for Today's Careers

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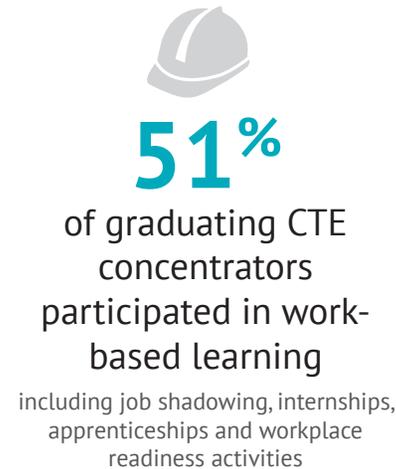
Career Technical Education (CTE) gives learners the opportunity to explore careers and acquire real-world skills while learning the academic content they need for their future. It also provides employers a skilled workforce to meet the demand for job openings, helping businesses and communities thrive.

Many learners in our state participate in CTE.



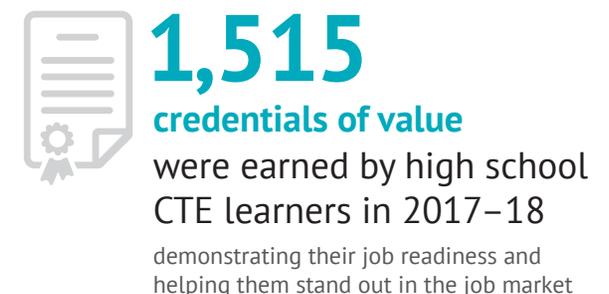
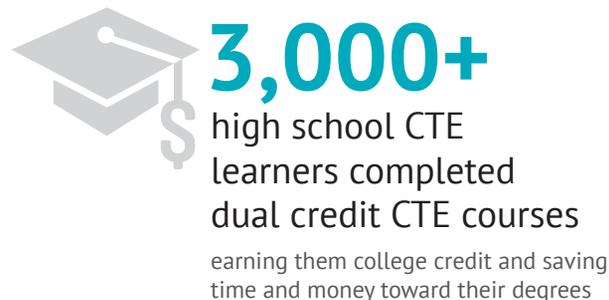
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CTE helps middle and high school learners explore careers and gain real-world experience.



See [website.org](#) for more details about available CTE programs, work-based learning and Career Technical Student Organizations.

CTE also helps high school learners get an early start on college and careers.



*Secondary CTE concentrators have completed at least two courses in a single CTE program. Postsecondary concentrators have completed at least 12 credits in a CTE program or completed a program that encompasses fewer than 12 credits.

All data are from the 2018-19 school year unless otherwise noted.

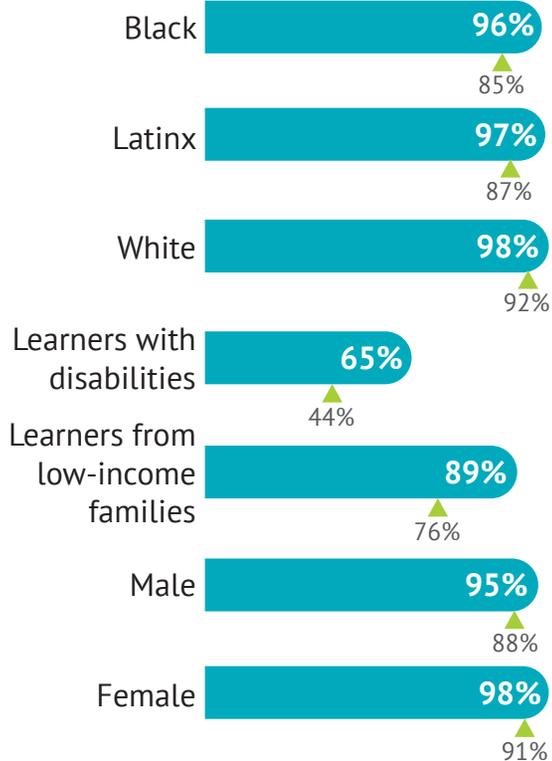
CTE learners graduate high school at higher rates.

97% of CTE concentrators graduate in 4 years

State average, all learners: 89%

By learner group

▲ State average



CTE learners go on to succeed.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:



76% of CTE concentrators were enrolled in some form of postsecondary education

48% four-year college
28% two-year college

State average, all learners: 54%



9% were employed



3% were in the military

AFTER POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM COMPLETION:



82% of CTE concentrators had earned a credential of value



37% remained enrolled in postsecondary education



76% of postsecondary CTE learners were employed, in advanced training or in the military within 6 months of graduation/program completion

32% were employed • 42% went on to advanced training

“I had a part-time job to help pay the bills and was taking care of my ailing mother. I knew I wanted to work in health care but wasn’t sure how to get into the field and what options were available. My advisor recommended CTE. I learned about different health care careers, and the flexible schedule meant I could take the classes I needed when I needed them. Now I work as a nursing assistant at a long-term care facility.” —Jose Ramos

To find out more about available CTE programs in your region, go to [website.org](https://www.cte.org).