



Career Technical Education (CTE) is a proven strategy that expands options for learners, empowers them to choose a meaningful and sustainable career, and prepares them with real-world skills for success in college and careers. Through hands-on learning, engagement with industry experts and rigorous academic and career-focused coursework, CTE is learning that works for Idaho’s students – and its economy.

CTE Works for Learners in Idaho

CTE Enrollment¹

82,692

High School

6,324

Postsecondary

High School Graduation

79%

Idaho Average²

98%

CTE Concentrators³

Outcomes for Learners in Idaho⁴

94%

high school CTE graduates enrolling in college, enlisting in the military or working within six months

79%

postsecondary CTE students staying enrolled and/or transferring

80%

postsecondary CTE students earning a credential, certificate or degree

95%

postsecondary CTE graduates placed in careers or further training within six months

- Fun fact: In 2016, 9,061 Idaho students were enrolled in CTE courses where students were eligible to earn college credits.⁵
- Fun fact: A total of 2,476 postsecondary students in Idaho participated in apprenticeships in 2016.⁶

CTE Works for Idaho’s Economy

- Middle-skill jobs – those requiring some postsecondary education and training, but not a Bachelor’s degree – account for 53 percent of Idaho’s labor market.
- However, only 50 percent of workers in Idaho are qualified to fill these middle-skill jobs,⁸ leading to a skills gap that CTE can help address.
- In total, 7,286 associate’s degrees or certificates were awarded in Idaho in 2015 – about 34 percent of all postsecondary degrees and certificates.⁹



In Idaho, the top middle-skill occupations with the highest projected job openings are in the Health Science and Information Technology Career Clusters.⁷



¹ U.S. Department of Education, Perkins Data Explorer. <https://perkins.ed.gov/pims/DataExplorer/CTEParticipant>

² U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.
https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/tables/ACGR_RE_and_characteristics_2014-15.asp

³ U.S. Department of Education, Perkins Data Explorer. <https://perkins.ed.gov/pims/DataExplorer/Performance>

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ <https://cte.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-At-a-glance-final-6-15-for-web.pdf>

⁶ <https://cte.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-At-a-glance-final-6-15-for-web.pdf>

⁷ Based on Advance CTE's analysis of fastest-growing occupations by state. This represents occupations with high annual projected job openings that requires an associate's degree and provide an average wage of at least \$34,760. Retrieved from https://www.careerinfonet.org/select_state.asp?id=11&nodeid=12&next=state1

⁸ National Skills Coalition. (2017). *State Middle Skills Fact Sheets*. <http://www.nationalskillscoalition.org/state-policy/states>

⁹ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. Advance CTE's analysis of completions component. Retrieved from <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>