



CTE Enrollment

Over 14 millionⁱ secondary and postsecondary students are enrolled in at least some CTE courses.

Secondary

- Of all public high school graduates enrolled in postsecondary education in 2006, **53.1%** of graduates chose a CTE-related field of studyⁱⁱ
- **61%** of high school graduates (2004) enrolled in postsecondary education took **4 or more credits** in CTE-related fieldsⁱⁱⁱ
- High-risk students are **8 to 10 times** less likely to drop out in 11th or 12th grades if enrolled in a CTE program rather than general education^{iv}
- Average national freshman graduation rate (2007-2008).....**74.9%**^v
- Average CTE concentrator high school graduation rate (2007-2008)...**90.18%**^{vi}

Postsecondary

Total number of credential-seeking undergraduates enrolled in a subbaccalaureate credential, certificate, or associate's degree in Career Education (2007-2008)^{vii}: **12,766,000**

Many of these students seek credentials in CTE-related areas such as :

Career Field of Study	Credential-Seeking Students (2007-2008)
Health Sciences	4,384,000
Manufacturing, Construction, Repair and Transportation	752,000
Business and Marketing	2,783,000
Engineering and Architecture	934,000
Consumer Services	814,000
Protective Services	805,000
Computer and Information Sciences	754,000

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i U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Report to Congress on State Performance, Program Year 2007-2008, http://cte.ed.gov/docs/Rpt_to_Congress/Report_to_Congress_07-08.pdf

ii U.S. Department of Education, Postsecondary and Labor Force Transitions Among Public High School Career and Technical Education Participants, January 2011. Table 5-A. <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2011/2011234.pdf>

iii U.S. Department of Education, Table 5-B, <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2011/2011234.pdf>

iv Kulik, James, Curriculum Tracks and High School Vocational Studies (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1998)

v Citation for 2007-2008 average national freshman graduation rate (see page 5): <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2010/2010341.pdf>

vi U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, Report to Congress on State Performance, Program Year 2007-2008. Washington, DC.

vii National Center for Education Statistics, "Career/Technical Education (CTE) Statistics" Table P43, <http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/ctes/tables>; Calculations are based on information presented with some overlap due to same student receiving multiple credentials, taking multiple majors, etc.