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CTE Enrollment

Over 14 million[i] 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 study[ii]
- **61%** of high school graduates (2004) enrolled in postsecondary education took **4 or more credits** in CTE-related fields[iii]
- 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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iv Kulik, James, Curriculum Tracks and High School Vocational Studies (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1998)
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