



Connecticut

Education Equity in 2023



Higher Education Act

The current version of the Higher Education Act (HEA) was signed into law in 2008 and has been reauthorized eight times total. HEA was originally passed in 1965 to ensure higher education was accessible to all students through increased resources to postsecondary institutions and student financial assistance.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Connecticut

CTE provides secondary and postsecondary students with academic and technical skills and knowledge to prepare for the current and future workforce. To realize our business, economic, and human potential, we must close equity gaps by gender, race and ethnicity, and special population status in high-skill, high-wage, programs of study.

CTE ENROLLMENT BY GENDER, 2020-2021¹



74,283
Male



68,767
Female

CTE ENROLLMENT BY RACE, 2020-2021¹

OUTCOMES, 2020-2021 school year²

96%

of Connecticut high school students participating in CTE programs graduated

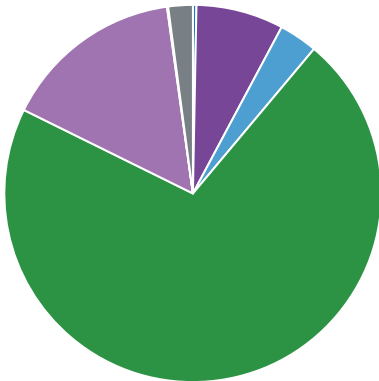
64%

of CTE high school students received Post-Program Placement

97%

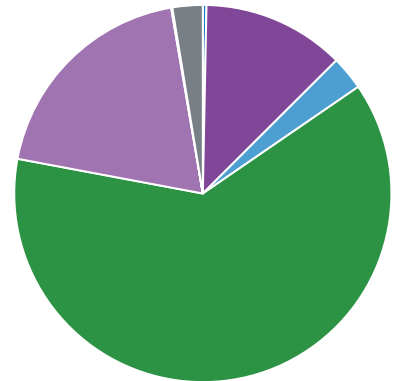
of Connecticut CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate, or degree

Secondary



0.3%	AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE	0.3%
3.3%	ASIAN	2.8%
7.5%	BLACK	11.8%
15.5%	HISPANIC/LATINO	18.7%
0.1%	PACIFIC ISLANDER	0.1%
71.2%	WHITE	60.4%
2.1%	2+ or OTHER	2.5%

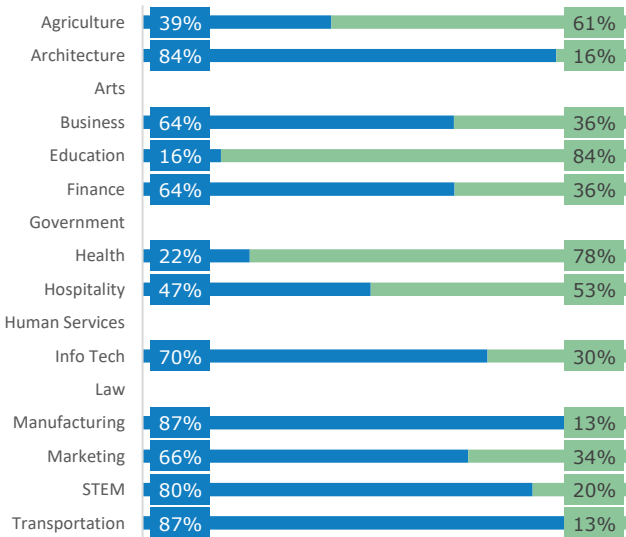
Postsecondary



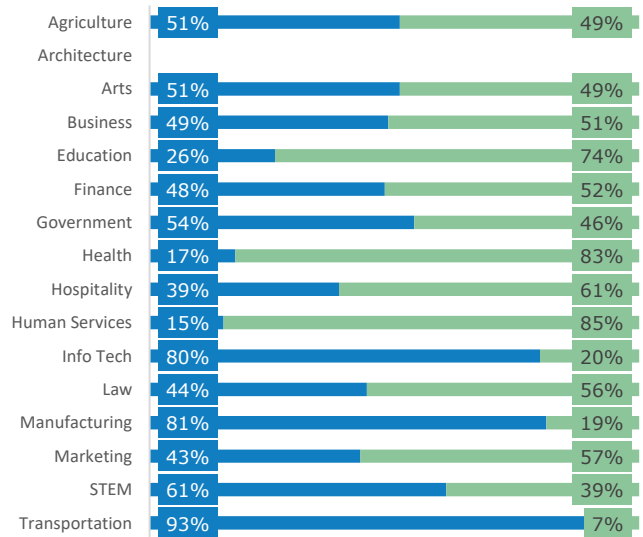
State Concentrator Enrollment by Career Cluster¹

Male Female

Connecticut Secondary Enrollment, 2020-2021**



Connecticut Post-Secondary Enrollment, 2020-2021**



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Workforce Investment Act (P.L. 105-220) was enacted in 1998 and was last reauthorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (P.L. 113-128) in 2014. WIOA is the primary federal legislation governing federal workforce development programs. It is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

United States
2020-2021³



\$2,615,686,395
Funds Expended

3,100,683
Participants*



1,542,930
Men



1,557,753
Women

Connecticut
2020-2021³



\$26,041,586
Funds Expended

21,532
Participants*



10,338
Men



11,194
Women

PARTICIPATION, by age, 2021-2022³

	Under 16	16-18	19-24	25-44	45-54	55-59	60+
National	6,435	101,012	402,819	1,440,033	556,845	268,062	365,689
Connecticut		389	1,971	9,213	4,577	2,503	3,586

PARTICIPATION, by race and ethnicity, 2021-2022³

	AI/AN	Asian	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	NH/PI	White	More than one
National	79,009	106,536	794,496	600,507	32,676	170,3285	81,571
Connecticut	267	552	5,765	3,602	77	9,104	447

*Total participants may not be a sum of Men and Women due to self reporting.

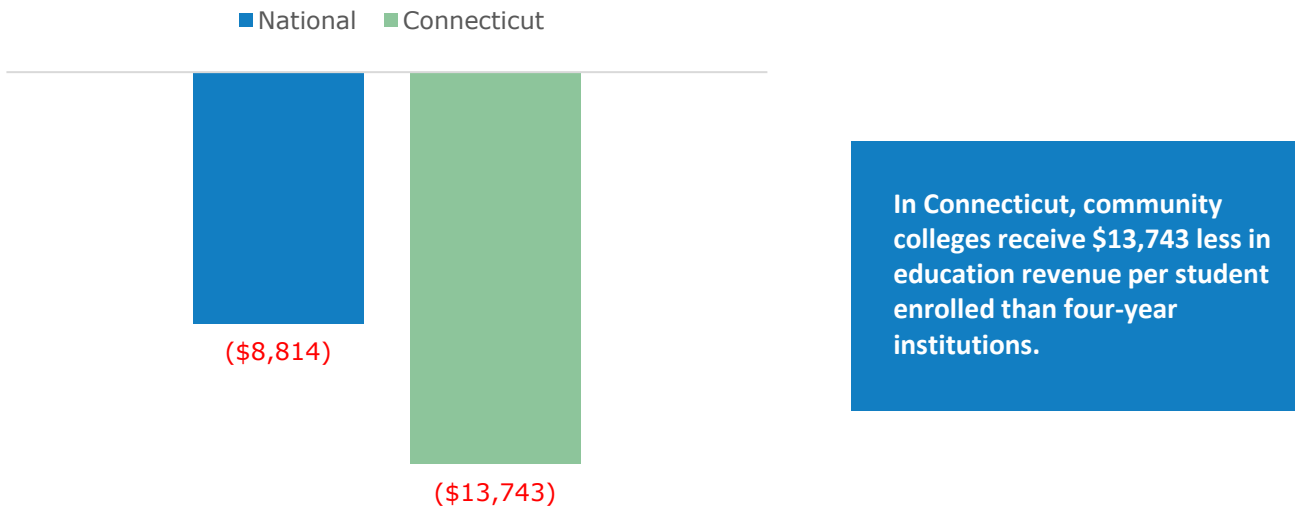
**Secondary and Postsecondary Enrollment data shown reflects data that met DOL and DOE reporting standards

Community College Funding Gap

Community colleges offer a vital and affordable career pathway and vocational training, an entry point to a 4-year degree, and an opportunity for High school students to earn college credits through dual enrollment. Because these colleges disproportionately serve low-income students and students of color, they support social mobility and the health of the U.S. economy. Yet, they receive \$8,800 less in education revenue per student enrolled than 4-year institutions.⁶

REVENUE GAP, state vs national⁷

Revenue gap between four-year institutions and two-year institutions per full-time enrolled student, by state (in thousands USD)



Dual Enrollment Pathways⁸

Dual enrollment allows students to try out different career paths, which increases engagement and success. Dual enrollment students, particularly low-income and male students, are more likely to earn a high school diploma, enroll in a bachelor’s program, and enroll in college full time. Yet, research shows that student outcomes vary substantially by state and often by income.

Percentage of High-School Dual-Enrollment Students Who Completed Any Award

	First attended a community college		First attended a 4-year college	
	Connecticut	United States	Connecticut	United States
Lower income	N/A	43%	N/A	58%
Higher Income	50%	50%	74%	71%

State Actions on Coronavirus Relief Funds⁹

Coronavirus Relief Funds have infused governments with financial resources to respond and recover from the pandemic and avoid deep budget cuts and depleted reserves. Below is how Connecticut plans to spend its funds to support education.

- **\$25 million to Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to assist with immediate response expenses including PPE and supplies, direct facility costs such as cleaning and sanitizing buildings, housing accommodations for students, and to reimburse the system for medical equipment that was donated to assist with the pandemic response**
- **\$164.5 million to facilitate the safe reopening of schools in the Fall and to support the academic success of all students. The funds will support bridging the technology gap, providing quality academic supports for all students, and implementing public health best practices to keep students and staff safe**

The ESSER Fund of \$122 billion supports efforts to safely and equitably reopen K-12 schools and expand opportunity for students who need it most. These funds were made available to state educational agencies (SEAs) for distribution.



Connecticut
ESSER Funds received¹⁰

\$1,106,696,657

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