



# Pennsylvania

## 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 Pennsylvania

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, 2020-2021<sup>1</sup>



57,347

Male



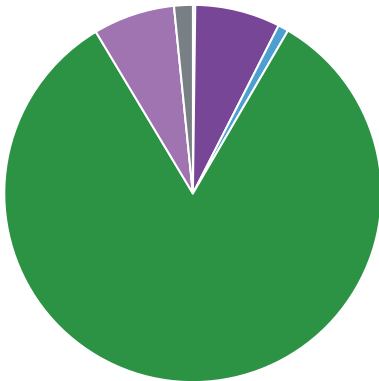
62,851

Female

#### CTE ENROLLMENT

BY RACE, 2020-2021<sup>1</sup>

Secondary



0.2%

AMERICAN INDIAN/  
ALASKAN NATIVE

0.3%

0.9%

ASIAN

2.7%

7.3%

BLACK

11.7%

7.0%

HISPANIC/LATINO

7.7%

0.0%

PACIFIC ISLANDER

0.1%

82.9%

WHITE

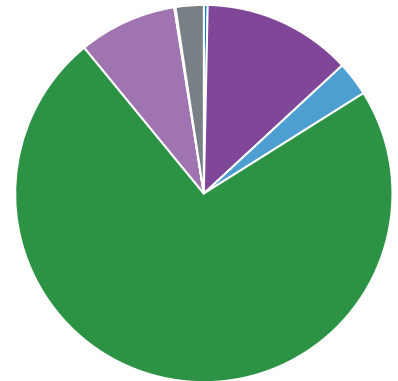
66.8%

1.6%

2+ or OTHER

2.2%

Postsecondary



#### OUTCOMES, 2020-2021 school year<sup>2</sup>

96%

of Pennsylvania high school students participating in CTE programs graduated

89%

of CTE high school students received Post-Program Placement

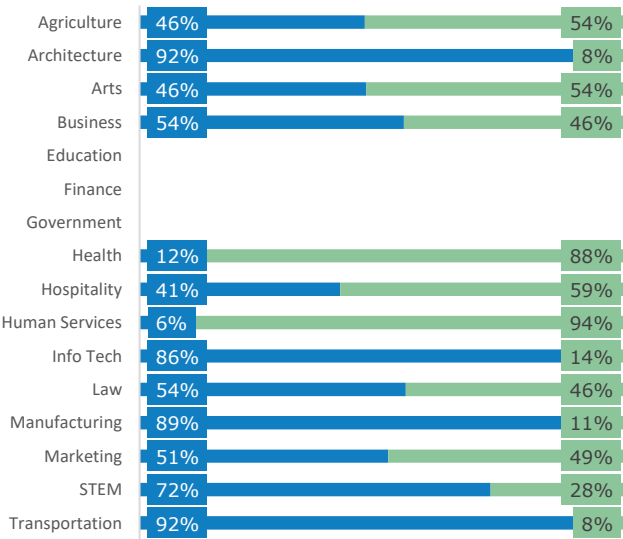
82%

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

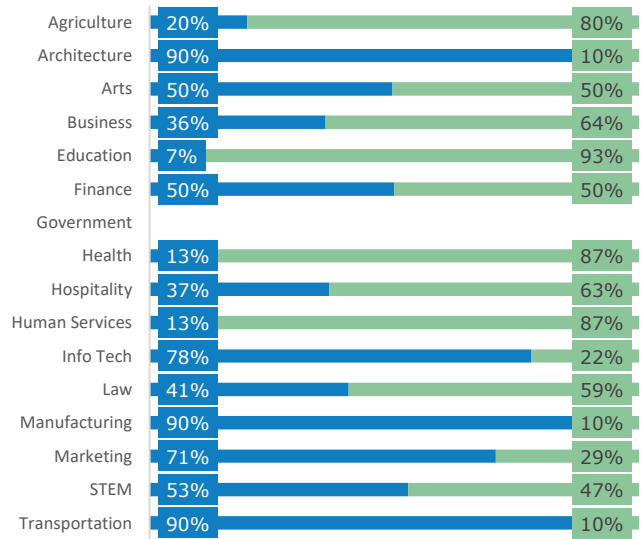
# State Concentrator Enrollment by Career Cluster<sup>1</sup>

Male Female

## Pennsylvania Secondary Enrollment, 2020-2021\*\*



## Pennsylvania 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**  
2020-2021<sup>3</sup>



**\$2,615,686,395**  
Funds Expended

**3,100,683**  
Participants\*



**1,542,930**  
Men



**1,557,753**  
Women

**Pennsylvania**  
2020-2021<sup>3</sup>



**\$119,229,190**  
Funds Expended

**56,165**  
Participants\*



**30,812**  
Men



**25,353**  
Women

### PARTICIPATION, by age, 2021-2022<sup>3</sup>

	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
Pennsylvania	137	2,566	7,757	21,859	10,316	5,840	8,409

### PARTICIPATION, by race and ethnicity, 2021-2022<sup>3</sup>

	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
Pennsylvania	619	728	14,216	6,822	187	34,337	1,071

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

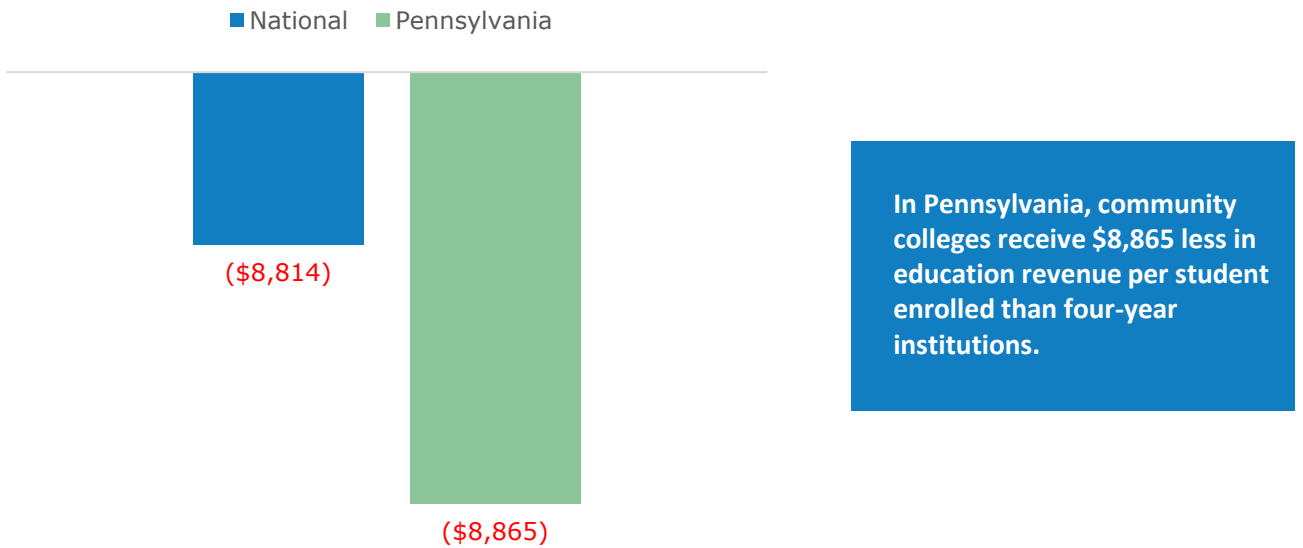
\*\*Secondary and Postsecondary Enrollment data shown reflects data that met DOL and DOE reporting standards

# 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.<sup>6</sup>

## REVENUE GAP, state vs national<sup>7</sup>

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



## Dual Enrollment Pathways<sup>8</sup>

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	
	Pennsylvania	United States	Pennsylvania	United States
Lower income	43%	43%	60%	58%
Higher Income	58%	50%	77%	71%

## State Actions on Coronavirus Relief Funds<sup>9</sup>

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 Pennsylvania plans to spend its funds to support education.

- **\$2.2 million to student loan interest forbearance to relieve Pennsylvania student loan borrowers from interest payments for non-defaulted private loans that are held and identified by the Higher Education Assistance Agency**
- **\$30 million for the state system of higher education**
- **\$30 million to the Higher Education Assistance Agency for education assistance grants**
- **\$5 million to the Higher Education Assistance Agency for education efforts for the disadvantaged**
- **\$5 million to the Higher Education Assistance Agency for education efforts for institutional assistance grants**

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.



**Pennsylvania**  
**ESSER Funds received<sup>10</sup>**

**\$5,000,509,095**

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