



# Rhode Island

## 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 Rhode Island

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>



9,548

Male



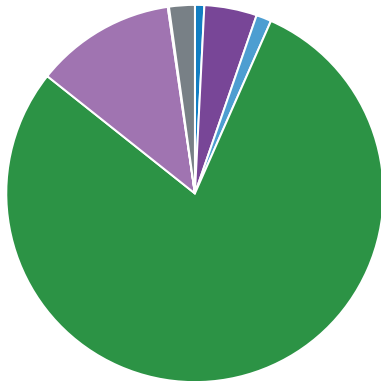
9,201

Female

#### CTE ENROLLMENT

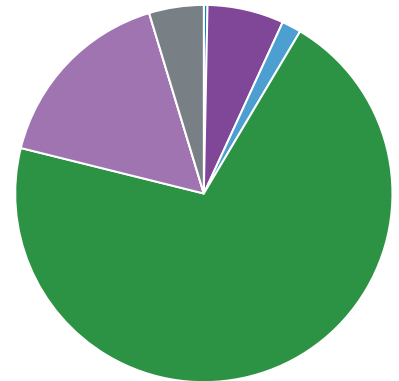
BY RACE, 2020-2021<sup>1</sup>

Secondary



0.8%	AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE	0.3%
1.3%	ASIAN	1.6%
4.5%	BLACK	6.3%
12.0%	HISPANIC/LATINO	15.8%
0.1%	PACIFIC ISLANDER	0.0%
79.0%	WHITE	67.6%
2.2%	2+ or OTHER	4.5%

Postsecondary



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

93%

of Rhode Island high school students participating in CTE programs graduated

63%

of CTE high school students received Post-Program Placement

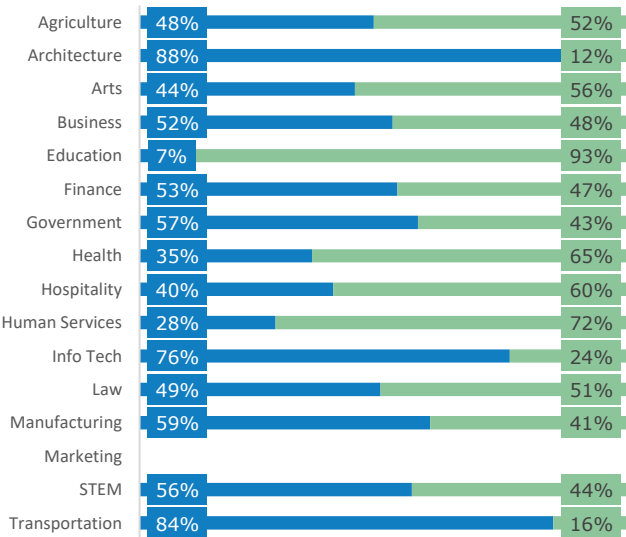
20%

of Rhode Island CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate, or degree

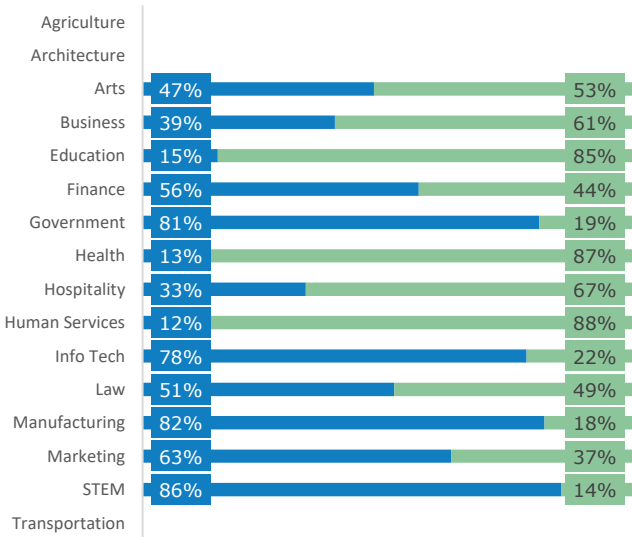
# State Concentrator Enrollment by Career Cluster<sup>1</sup>

Male Female

## Rhode Island Secondary Enrollment, 2020-2021\*\*



## Rhode Island 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

**Rhode Island**  
2020-2021<sup>3</sup>



**\$11,090,322**  
Funds Expended

**4,313**  
Participants\*



**2,113**  
Men



**2,200**  
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
Rhode Island	44	366	567	1,738	698	336	570

### 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
Rhode Island	73	97	596	360	9	2,682	81

\*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

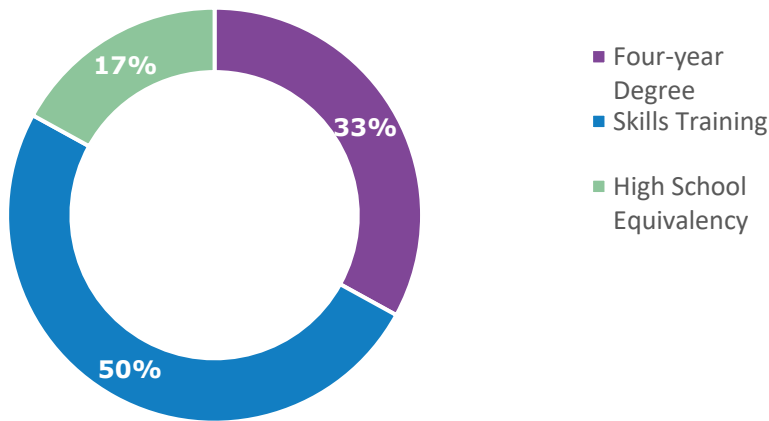
## Education and Workforce Development Connections<sup>4</sup>

Rhode Island	Does the charge of the state workforce board or council that connects education to workforce development go beyond the requirements of WIOA?	Does the state publicly identify and publish high-demand occupations and required credentials for the occupations/jobs?	Does the state provide workforce development funding through...			
			The department of labor and/or economic development?	The state education agency?	The state higher education office?	The community and/or technical college system?
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Middle Skill Jobs<sup>5</sup>

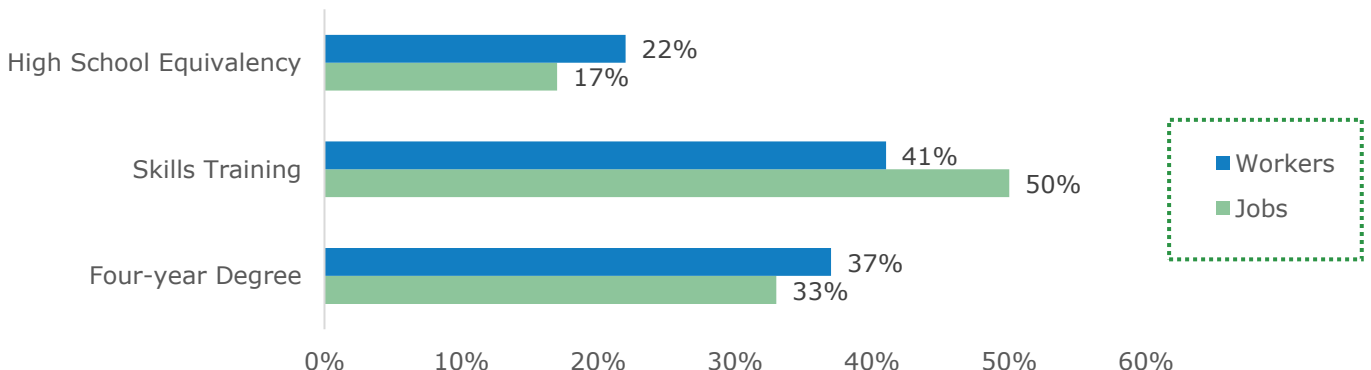
Many in-demand jobs that offer family-sustaining wages in the United States require skills training beyond a high school, but not a 4-year degree. But too few of America's workers have had access to the skills training necessary to fill these jobs.

### Rhode Island's Jobs by Education Requirement, 2018



50% of Jobs require skills training beyond secondary school, but not a degree from a four-year institution.

### Rhode Island's Jobs and Workers by Education Level, 2018



## 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 Rhode Island plans to spend its funds to support education.

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.



**Rhode Island**  
**ESSER Funds received<sup>10</sup>**

\$415,145,839

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