

Career-Technical Education Fact Sheet



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Career-Technical Education (CTE) represents real-work knowledge and skills.

Secondary/high school CTE is a compilation of courses that align rigorous content with challenging academic and technical content standards to prepare students for college and careers. CTE classes, courses and programs are primarily delivered through 91 Career-Technical Planning Districts that include city, local, exempted village and joint vocational school districts, but also in community schools and youth correctional facilities.

In Ohio, CTE is most commonly associated with Workforce Development (WFD), which is in-depth training and strong academics in programs where students receive a minimum of 450 hours of instruction in addition to meeting Ohio graduation requirements.

SELECTED DATA (FY2011)

- **126,347, or 23%, of Ohio's 555,256 high school students are in WFD programs.**
- **42% of WFD students are enrolled in joint vocational school districts and 58% in city, local and exempted village school districts.**
- **18% of WFD students have one or more disability.**
- **13% are enrolled in advanced courses, such as mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, etc.).**



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employers for world-class
programs and results*



*Focusing on positive
return on investment*

Programs associated with CTE but not WFD along with their student enrollment numbers, are Career-Based Intervention, 24,543; Family and Consumer Sciences, 152,327; and Graduation, Reality And Dual-role Skills (GRADS) for pregnant and parenting teens, 3,920. Initiatives commonly associated with Ohio CTE include High Schools That Work and Making Middle Grades Work – continuous improvement models with key strategies.

RELEVANT, NONDUPLICATIVE, ACCELERATED LEARNING

By the end of FY2013, all Ohio secondary WFD programs will have transitioned to Tech Prep, which signifies less college remediation and more college credits for more students. In FY2011, 54,027 high school students were enrolled in Tech Prep programs.

(FY2011 Performance Data)

Did you know...

Ohio high school Workforce Development (WFD) students exceeded state performance targets in academic and technical areas with 93.49% achieving proficiency in reading, language arts and 92.35% in mathematics.

The secondary WFD overall rate of placement (college, career, military) is 90.17%.

The secondary WFD graduation rate is 98.74%.

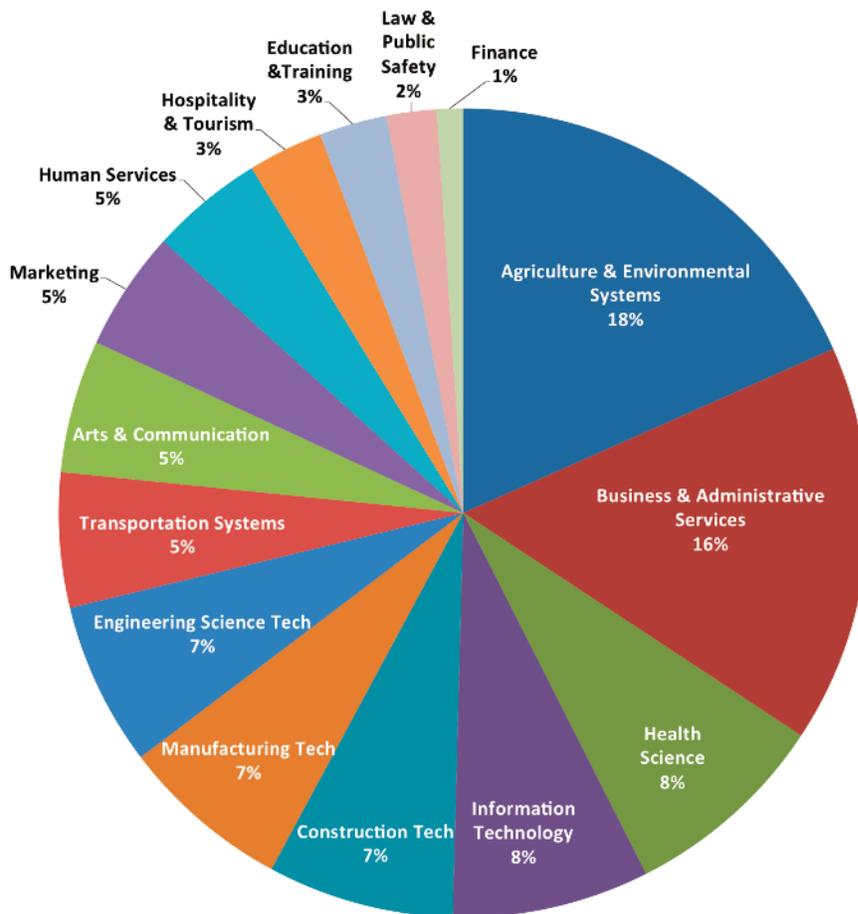
As emphasis increases on the value of accountability through both academic and technical assessment, more secondary WFD students are taking and achieving proficiency on career field tests with more than 7 of 10 attaining technical skill proficiency.

Most WFD/Tech Prep (TP) – 58% of WFD and 70% of TP – students go on to college, and more than half – 57% – are employed.

(Note: CTE performance data are calculated differently than that on the Ohio Local Report Card.)

What Career Areas Students Are Studying in High School

The following pie chart represents the percentage of Ohio secondary WFD students enrolled within each of Ohio's career fields in the 2010-2011 school year. Under the leadership of the state Office of Career-Technical Education, program decisions are driven primarily by economic need.



Other Resources

- Overall Ohio secondary career-technical education (www.career-tech.education.ohio.gov)
- Ohio Career Information System (www.ocis.org)
- Statewide Credit Transfer at Ohio Board of Regents (www.ohiohighered.org/transfer)
- Adult Workforce Education (www.ohiohighered.org/awe)

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