Missouri career education is preparing young people and adults for the job market and/or further education. It combines academics and job-specific skill training to assist in narrowing the skills gap.

**CTE programs are offered in**
- Agriculture
- Business
- Health Sciences
- Family Consumer Sciences and Human Services
- Marketing
- Skilled Technical Sciences
- Technology and Engineering

**Missouri’s delivery system consists of**
- 57 area career centers
- 444 comprehensive high schools
- State Technical College of Missouri
- 12 community college districts
- Seven four-year institutions
- Two state agencies - Department of Corrections and Department of Social Services

- Of all high school students in Missouri, 64 percent took at least one career education course or program.
- In Missouri, 8,568 high school students received an industry-recognized certificate or credential.
- A recent follow-up of 2016 secondary graduates of career education programs show that 95.4 percent are employed, continuing education or serving in the military, and 68.5 percent are in the area related to their career education program of study.
- For postsecondary graduates, 78.4 percent are employed, continuing education or serving in the military, and 61.3 percent are in the area related to their career education program of study.

**CTSO Membership**

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are integrated into CTE programs and courses. They extend teaching and learning through innovative programs, business and community partnerships, and leadership experiences at local, state, and national levels. Overall membership in Missouri CTSOs is at an all-time high.

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**Total Participation**
- Secondary 181,483
- Postsecondary 65,161
- Adult (full time) 1,952

**Secondary Participation**
- Female 88,880
- Male 92,603

**Postsecondary Participation**
- Female 37,066
- Male 28,095

**Adult Participation**
- Female 1,452
- Male 500
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