**CTE by the Numbers**

- **$1.3 billion**
  - Annual federal investment in CTE through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act.

- **81%**
  - Number of dropouts who reported that relevant, real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in high school.

- **93%**
  - The average high school graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE programs (compared to an average national freshman graduation rate of 80 percent).

- **$2,000 to $11,000**
  - Additional amount of money that graduates with a technical or applied science associate's degree (according to research in Texas, Colorado, and Virginia) earn more than their peers with a bachelor's degree.

- **11 million**
  - The number of American high school students who are served by CTE classes.

- **$12.20**
  - Dollar amount that each Wisconsin taxpayer receives in benefits for every dollar invested in the state's technical college system.

- **315,000**
  - Number of jobs open in manufacturing.

- **55 million**
  - Number of job openings predicted to be created by 2020—of which 30 percent will require some college or a two-year associate degree.

- **80%**
  - Number of students taking a college preparatory academic curriculum with rigorous CTE who met college and career readiness goals.

- **81%**
  - Number of dropouts who reported that relevant, real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in high school.

- **50%**
  - Number of all STEM jobs that are open to workers with less than a bachelor's degree.

- **37%**
  - Number of U.S. high school seniors who are prepared for college work in math and reading.

- **1,019,000**
  - Number of jobs open in the trade, transportation, and utilities sectors.

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  - Number of jobs open in manufacturing.

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- **55 million**
  - Number of job openings predicted to be created by 2020—of which 30 percent will require some college or a two-year associate degree.

- **80%**
  - Number of manufacturers who report that talent shortages will affect their ability to meet customer demand.