

Career And Technical Enrollment And Subsequent Employment By Sector

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Major Conclusions

- Higher wages for CTE pathway completers in all program areas
- Of the high-wage high-demand (HWHD) program areas:
 - Highest wages for manufacturing, transportation, and construction pathway completers
 - Relatively lower wages for health pathway completers; more completers in health than in any other program area
- Pathway completers in some non-HWHD CTE program areas—especially agriculture —earn much more than health pathway completers
- CTE wage premiums vary by student demographic group

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Data Used For The Report OEA KENTUCKY CENTER FOR STATISTICS KDE CPE 2019 survey of principals in all ATCs, LAVECs, and comprehensive high schools Site visits and interviews with superintendents and principals in 4 districts *YSTATS*

Limitations

- Wage data
 - Reveal sector but not occupation
 - Do not indicate full- versus part-time status
- CTE may have benefits not captured by wage data alone
- Wage benefits of college degrees not fully captured in this study

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Major CTE Program Areas

PROGRAMS ALIGNED WITH HWHD SECTORS*

- Business
- Construction
- Health
- Information technology (IT)
- Manufacturing
- Transportation and logistics

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM AREAS

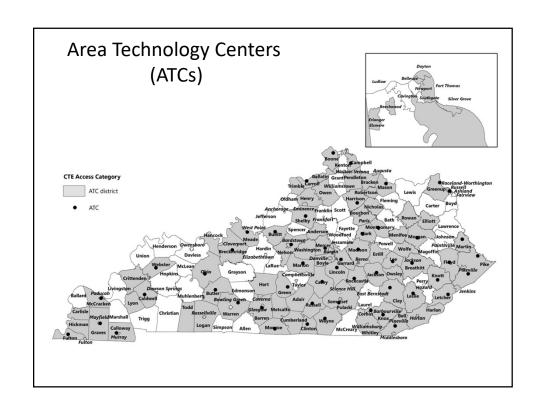
- Agriculture*
- Arts/AV
- Human services (consumer family sciences, food, education*, etc.)
- Law/public safety
- Retail
- STEM*

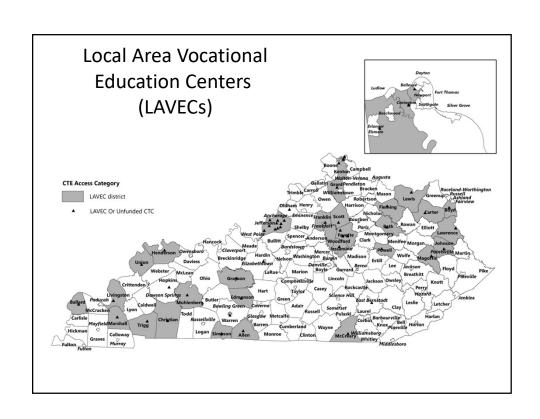
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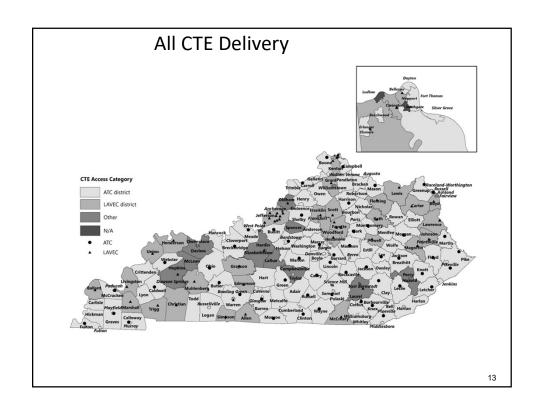
CTE Delivery

- State-operated Area Technology Centers (ATCs)
 - 53 serving 124 districts
- Local Area Vocational Education Centers (LAVECs)
 - 42 serving 34 districts
- Comprehensive high schools
 - Greatest number of CTE pathway completers
- Other
 - District-funded CTE centers (8)
 - Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS)

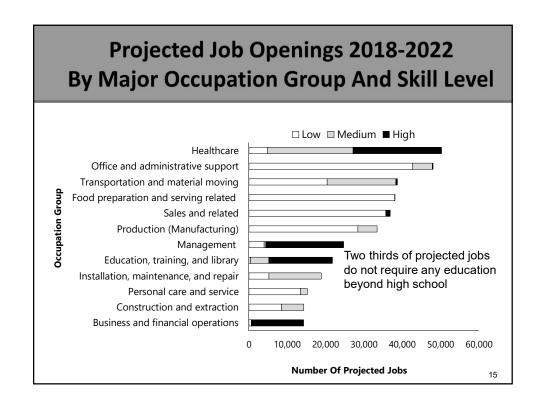
^{*} KDE list of HWHD industry certificates revised annually and currently includes certificates aligned with some pathways in these areas

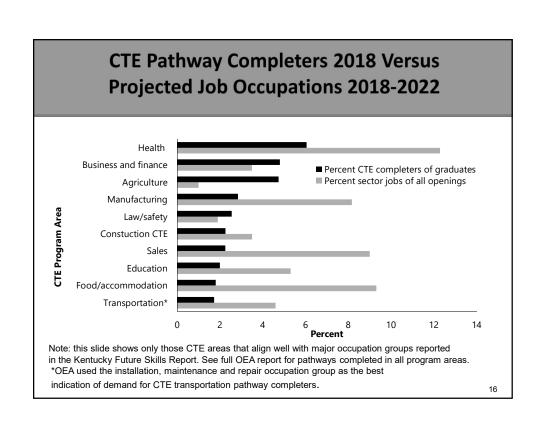






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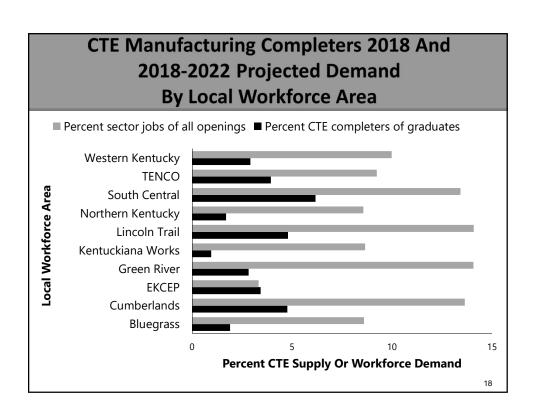




Variation In Pathway Completion Highest-Wage Program Areas

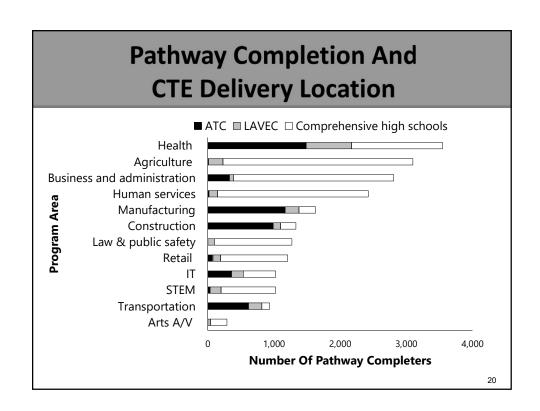
The percentage of graduates completing CTE pathways in manufacturing, transportation and construction varies by:

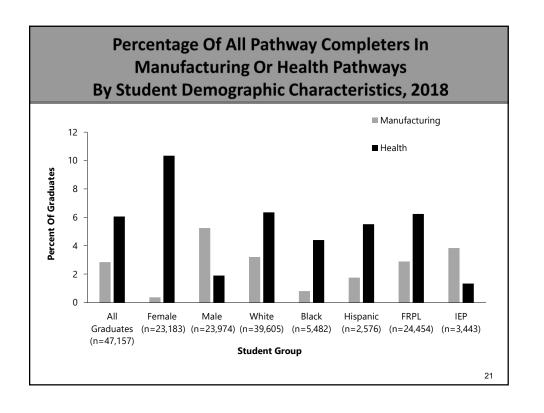
- Region
- CTE delivery in ATC, LAVEC or comprehensive high school
- Student demographic group



Factors In Pathways Offered

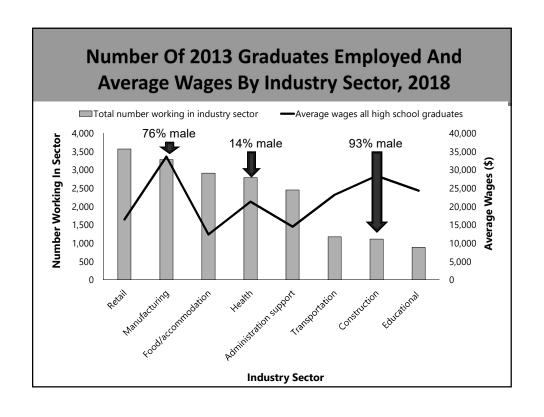
- Local industry demand
- Cost of supplies and equipment
 - Higher-wage pathways costly
 - Higher-wage pathways concentrated in ATCs
- Availability of qualified teachers
- Student interest
 - New pathways not always well enrolled

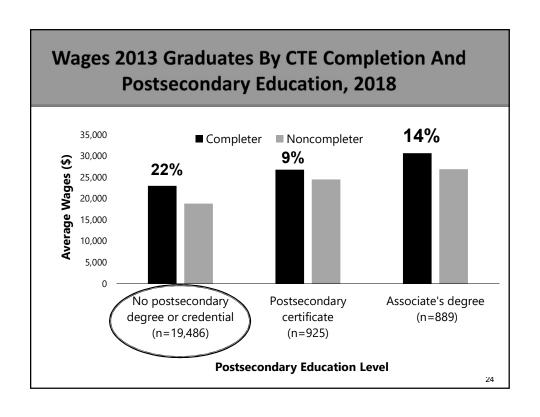


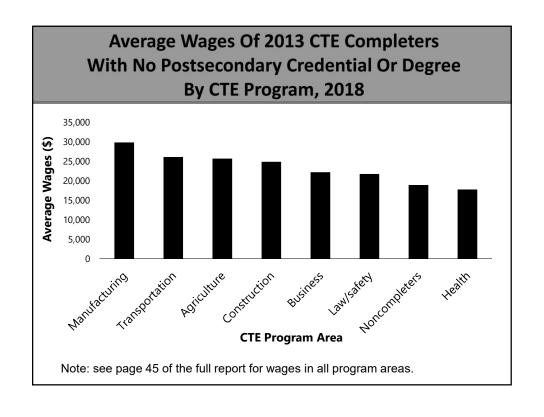


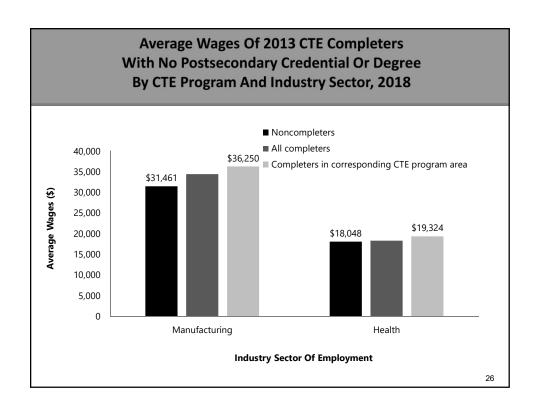
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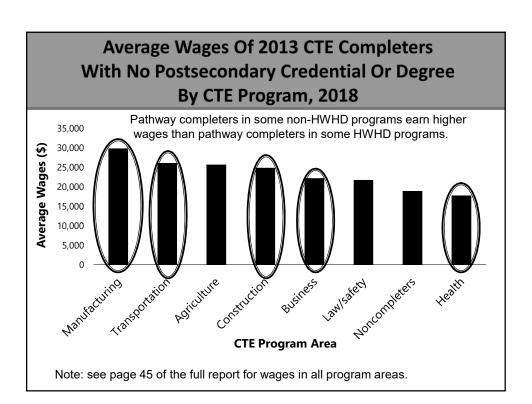
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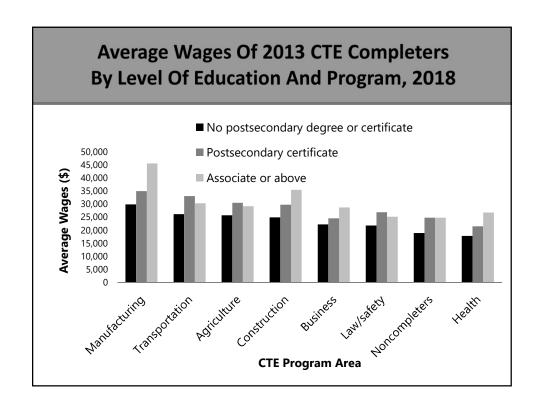


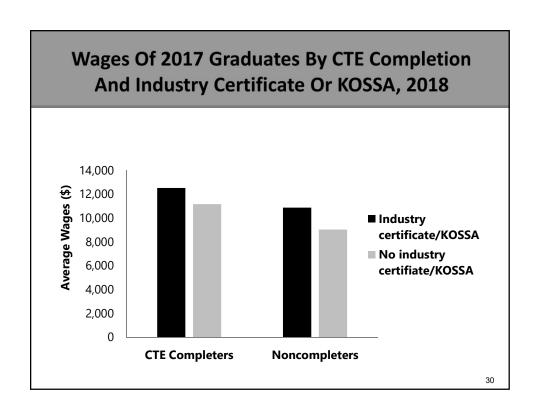


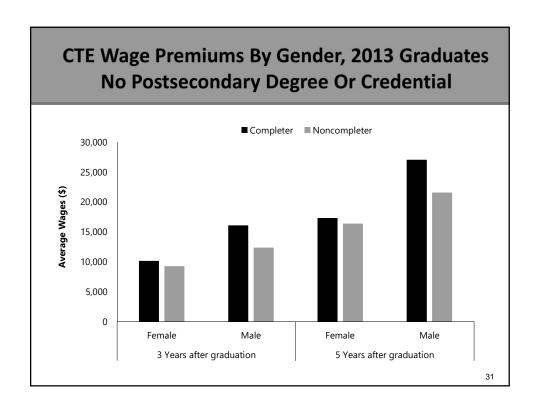
Agriculture Pathways

Possible explanations for higher wages:

- May have greater opportunities for workbased learning (WBL)
- Agriculture teachers work 12 months, in order to supervise student clubs and WBL
- Some pathways include technical skills like welding and carpentry that might transfer to other sectors







CTE Wage Premiums By Race, Ethnicity, And FRPL

Student Group	Wages For CTE Completers	Wages For CTE Noncompleters	CTE wage premium
Black	\$15,090	\$12,526	20%
Hispanic	19,657	17,249	14
White	18,671	15,333	22
FRPL	16,994	14,328	19
Not FRPL	20,737	15,944	30

Note: Table includes 2018 wages of 2015 graduates.

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Conclusion

- Clear and unmet demand for workers prepared to work in higher-wage sectors like manufacturing, transportation, and construction
- Program completion in related sectors uneven among regions, CTE delivery types, and student groups
- State investment in health pathways alone insufficient in itself to produce higher-wage workers; higher-wage health jobs required college degrees

Considerations For CTE Policies And Programs

- Access to higher-wage pathways
 - ATCs versus LAVECs and others
 - Underrepresented student groups
- Local decision making
 - In some cases, non-HWHD pathways may better reflect local needs and be associated with higher wages than HWHD pathways
 - CTE opportunities offered to high school students may not always be aligned with workforce demand
- Use workforce data to evaluate outcomes
 - Program completion and wages
 - Industry and state-approved assessments and wages

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