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Career Technical Initiative

Building pathways to in-demand technical careers

The Career Technical Initiative (CTI) helps meet employer demand for skilled talent in the trades, construction, and manufacturing sectors while creating pathways to career opportunities for unemployed and underemployed adults across Massachusetts. Through evening and weekend training at Career Technical Education (CTE) schools, CTI brings together vocational schools, MassHire Career Centers and workforce boards, and employers to develop training aligned with regional workforce needs and connect participants with employment opportunities. This coordinated approach helps workers build skills for family-sustaining careers while strengthening the talent pipeline for Massachusetts employers. CTI is a state-funded workforce development program (GAA Line Item #7002-1091) administered by Commonwealth Corporation on behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

CTI impact since 2020

$81.8M
Total funding awarded



20
Occupation pathways



36
Participating Ch. 74* schools



9,800+
Projected enrollments*



*State-approved vocational technical *Through Dec. 2028

Participants upon enrollment

25
Median age

100%
Unemployed or underemployed

68%
Low-income*

$2.18
Economic impact for every $1 invested
Preliminary estimate, 2021–2025

*Below 200% poverty line or receiving public benefits

Completed program outcomes

85%
Completion rate*

792
Employers engaged

84%
Employment rate*

100%
Credential rate*

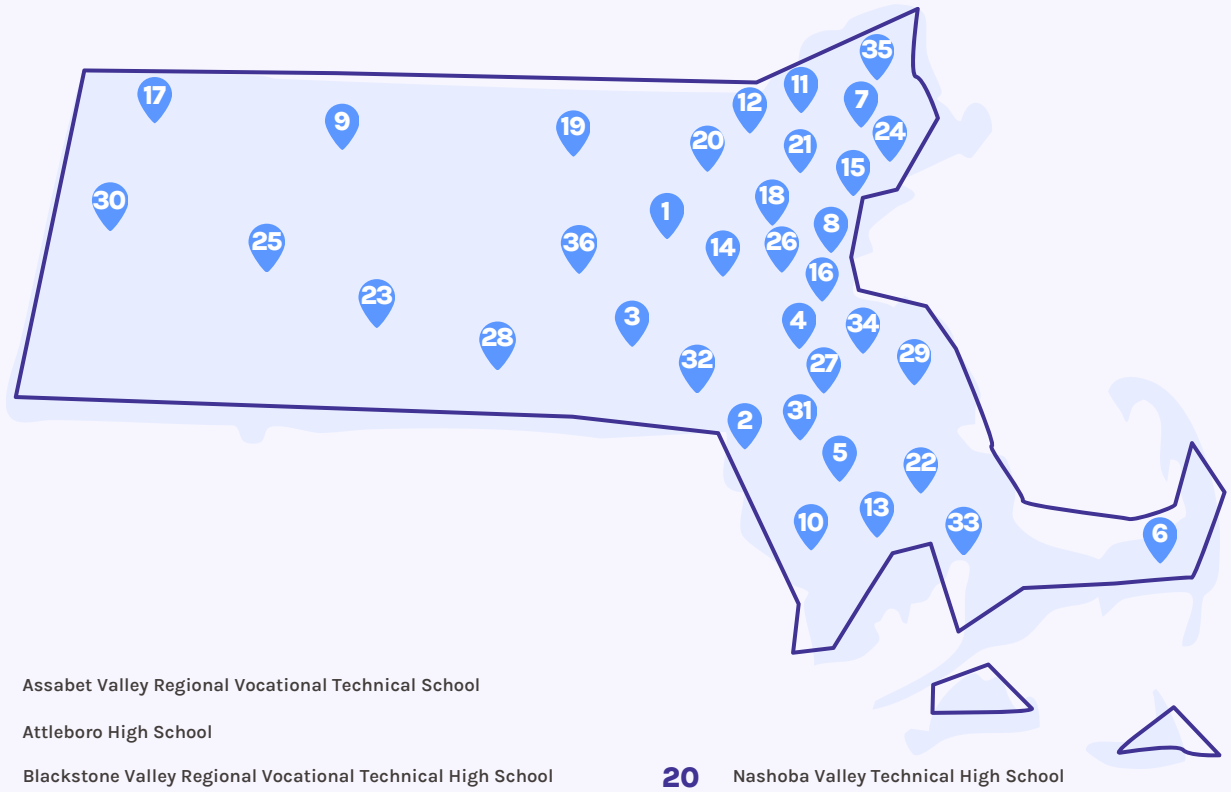
*Graduated program *Placed in job post-program *For program completers

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CTI schools across Massachusetts

CTI provides funding to 36 vocational schools with Chapter 74-approved programs across all seven regions represented in the Commonwealth's regional workforce blueprints. Across funding rounds one through eleven, 12 of the 36 participating schools are located in Gateway Cities, collectively serving approximately 50% of all CTI enrollments to date.

Participants are trained for high-demand roles across a range of industries, including automotive technology, biotechnology, carpentry, culinary arts, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and welding.



1 Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School
2 Attleboro High School
3 Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
4 Blue Hills Regional Technical School
5 Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School
6 Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
7 Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School
8 Everett Public Schools
9 Franklin County Technical School
10 Greater Fall River Vocational School District
11 Greater Lawrence Technical School
12 Greater Lowell Technical School
13 Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School
14 Keefe Regional Technical School
15 Lynn Vocational Tech High School
16 Madison Park Technical Vocational High School
17 McCann Technical School
18 Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District
19 Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District
20 Nashoba Valley Technical High School
21 Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School
22 Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School
23 Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District
24 Salem Public Schools
25 Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School
26 Somerville Public Schools
27 Southeastern Regional School District
28 Southern Worcester County RVSD (Bay Path)
29 South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School
30 Taconic High School
31 Taunton High School
32 Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District
33 Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School
34 Weymouth Public Schools
35 Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
36 Worcester Public Schools