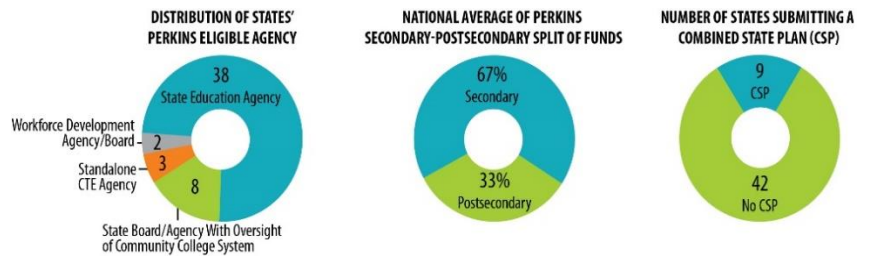


# Understanding the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V)

## How Are Perkins Funds Distributed?

The law includes specific formulas that take poverty and population into account to guide the distribution of funds from the federal government to states and from states to local communities.



## How Are Perkins Funds Invested?

Perkins gives states and local communities a lot of flexibility to determine how best to use this funding. Perkins funds support a variety of activities, including:

- ◆ Professional development and technical assistance
- ◆ Creation of new, innovative programs of study
- ◆ Support for implementation and continuous improvement of existing programs of study
- ◆ Career exploration, guidance and advisement
- ◆ Data collection and analysis, including program and plan evaluation and monitoring
- ◆ Efforts to identify and close equity gaps

## How Does Perkins Fit into the Federal Policy Landscape?

CTE sits at the intersection of education, workforce development and economic development. While the U.S. Department of Education provides federal oversight for the law, Perkins has strong ties to an array of federal laws including, but not limited to:

- ◆ Every Student Succeeds Act
- ◆ The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- ◆ The Higher Education Act
- ◆ Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

## Programs of Study

Programs of study are non-duplicative sequences of academic and technical courses that extend across secondary and postsecondary institutions and culminate in a degree or credential of value. Perkins requires that all local recipients must offer at least one program of study. However, 77 percent of states require locals to offer more than one program of study.

These connections occur through coordinated planning and implementation requirements, cross-statute stakeholder input, aligned definitions and accountability indicators, and coordination of learner supports.

## How Can I Learn More?

- ◆ Visit the Perkins section of the Advance CTE website: <https://careertech.org/Perkins>
- ◆ Read [The State of Career Technical Education: An Analysis of States' Perkins V Priorities](#)
- ◆ Check out Perkins resources: <https://careertech.org/resources/perkins-v>

<sup>1</sup> Refers to Program Year 2018-2019. Source: <https://perkins.ed.gov/pims/DataExplorer/CTEParticipant>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/manufacturing/articles/future-of-manufacturing-skills-gap-study.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nga.org/memos/rapid-reskilling-covid-19/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://cte.careertech.org/sites/default/files/documents/fact-sheets/CTE Prepares Learners Future Work 2020.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.wtb.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Dashboard.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.wistechcolleges.org/your-education/making-futures-blog/four-ways-your-tax-dollars-provide-strong-return-investment>