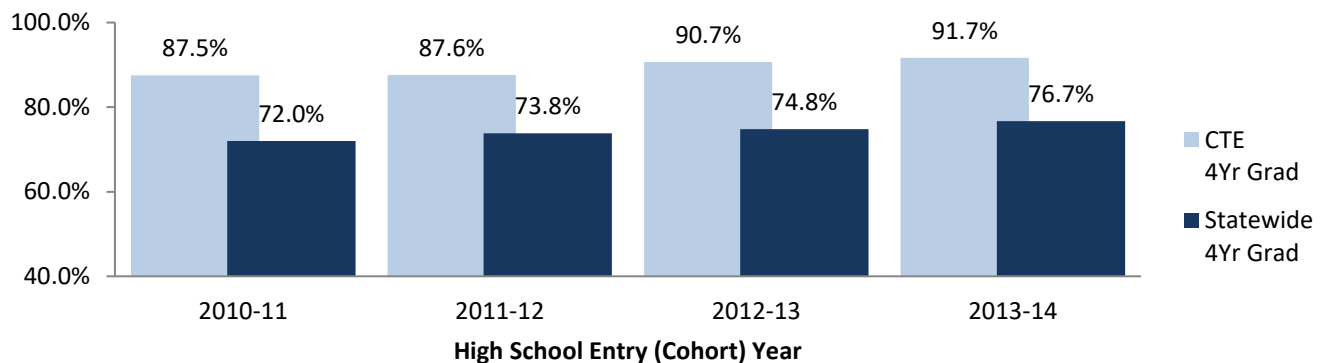


Oregon Career and Technical Education (CTE) Information: 2017 Graduation Results

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) collects data from Oregon schools and community colleges on the enrollment and performance of students who complete courses in [state-approved Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Programs of Study](#). CTE means content, programs, and instructional strategies based on business and industry workplace skills and technical skill sets and needs. Instruction incorporates standards-based academic content, technical skills and workplace behaviors necessary for success in careers of the 21st century. The CTE instruction reflected in Oregon's published results happens exclusively in the context of ODE approved Programs of Study and State Recognized Programs. CTE Programs of Study are designed by secondary and postsecondary partners to be a series of complete, yet non-duplicative career focused courses.

Descriptive analysis of this data reveals consistently higher graduation rates among CTE concentrators¹ relative to all students statewide.² Among students beginning secondary school in 2013-2014, CTE concentrators were 15 percentage points more likely to graduate high school in four years than students statewide.

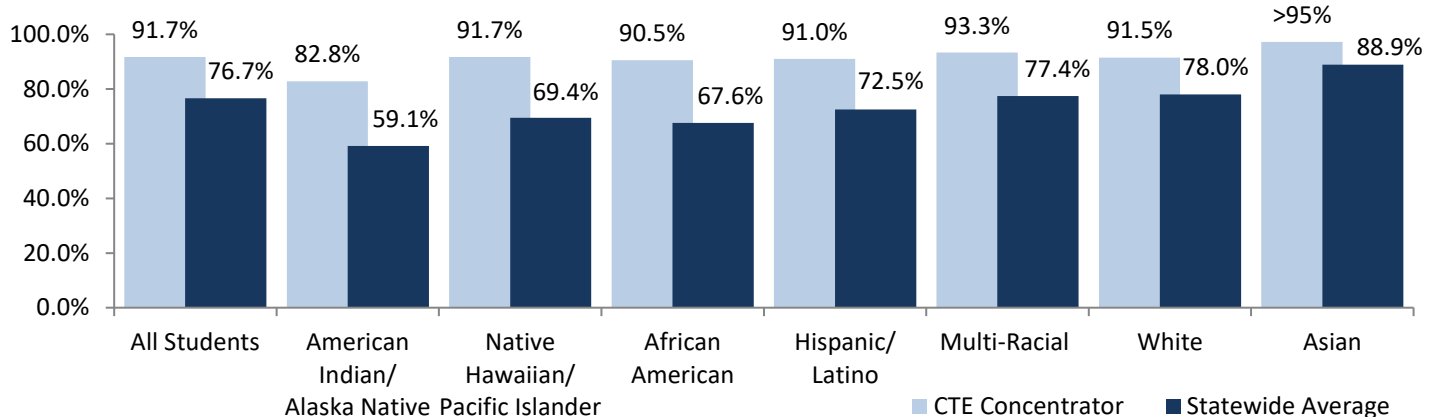
CTE Concentrator and Statewide Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rates over Time



Not only did CTE concentrators graduate at higher rates than students in the same population statewide, they graduated above the statewide average of 76.7 percent in every racial/ethnic student population measured.

CTE and Statewide Four-Year Graduation Rates, 2013-14 High School Cohort

Outcomes as of the 2016-17 school year



¹A CTE concentrator is defined as, "[a]ny secondary student who has earned one or more credits in technical skill-based courses as part of an Oregon state-approved CTE program, of which at least one-half credit must be designated as a required course." For more information, go to the [Secondary CTE Data Collection and Reporting](#) webpage. ²CTE graduation rates and statewide graduation are not perfectly comparable. As noted in the "CTE Report Card" "Oregon statewide cohort graduation rates include every first year student (net of students moving into/out of the state, etc.)." CTE graduation rates include students who meet the definition of a CTE concentrator (see footnote one).