Community college awards conferred by type of award and CTE designation, 2014-15

- Certificates: 61,984 (CTE) + 448,423 (Non-CTE) = 510,407
- Associate degrees: 416,304 (CTE) + 370,463 (Non-CTE) = 786,767


Community colleges conferred 1.3 million degrees and certificates in the 2014-15 academic year. Most of the 510,407 certificates (88 percent) were in career and technical education (CTE) programs. In contrast, about 47 percent of the 786,767 associate degrees awarded in 2014-15 were in CTE programs. Males were more likely than females to earn a CTE certificate (49 percent compared 46 percent) and CTE associate degree (90 percent compared to 86 compared). Earnings for associate degrees tend to be higher for CTE awards, but students with non-CTE credentials are likely to have more credits accepted upon transfer to a baccalaureate program.

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