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Impact Report

High School
Build^{er} Program™

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NCCER
National Center for Construction
Education and Research

NCCER launched the High School Builder Program in 2023 to expand and establish career and technical education (CTE) programs in under-resourced schools across the country.

As a 501(c)(3) education foundation, NCCER changes lives through construction education. Our workforce development programs open doors to rewarding careers, and the High School Builder Program brings the mission to life.

The program provides the resources to build CTE programs from the ground up. Students gain real experience and earn nationally-recognized credentials that prepare them for meaningful careers and position them to strengthen their communities.

Construction depends on a steady talent pipeline to meet workforce demands. The High School Builder Program empowers schools to engage students in hands-on learning and develop essential construction competencies. After graduation, participants can move directly into postsecondary education, apprenticeship pathways or full-time roles in the field.

Thanks to generous support in 2025, NCCER continued momentum and helped launch more CTE programs across the United States. Since 2024, 71 schools now allow students to explore the wide range of construction career possibilities.

Together we provided the resources students and instructors need to help build the construction industry pipeline.



“Students enjoy being able to work with their hands, gain real world skills, and open up discussions about real life situations.”

Dustin Winkler
Petroleum Academy Coordinator
Midland ISD

| What Instructors Say



"I cannot emphasize enough how the NCCER curriculum and lesson plans were absolutely invaluable to me as a brand-new instructor. I had a ready-to-go framework to build upon with my industry expertise and cater it to our local electrical industry."

Levi Hay
Electrical Trades Instructor
Pierce County Skills Center

"Thanks to the NCCER High School Builder Program, students are especially motivated knowing they have free access to industry-recognized training, testing and high-quality tools and supplies—barriers that would otherwise prevent many of them from entering the trades."

Kansas Olson
CTE Coordinator
Central Arizona Valley Institute
of Technology



By The Numbers

Every investment in the High School Builder Program helps extend construction education to more students in more schools.

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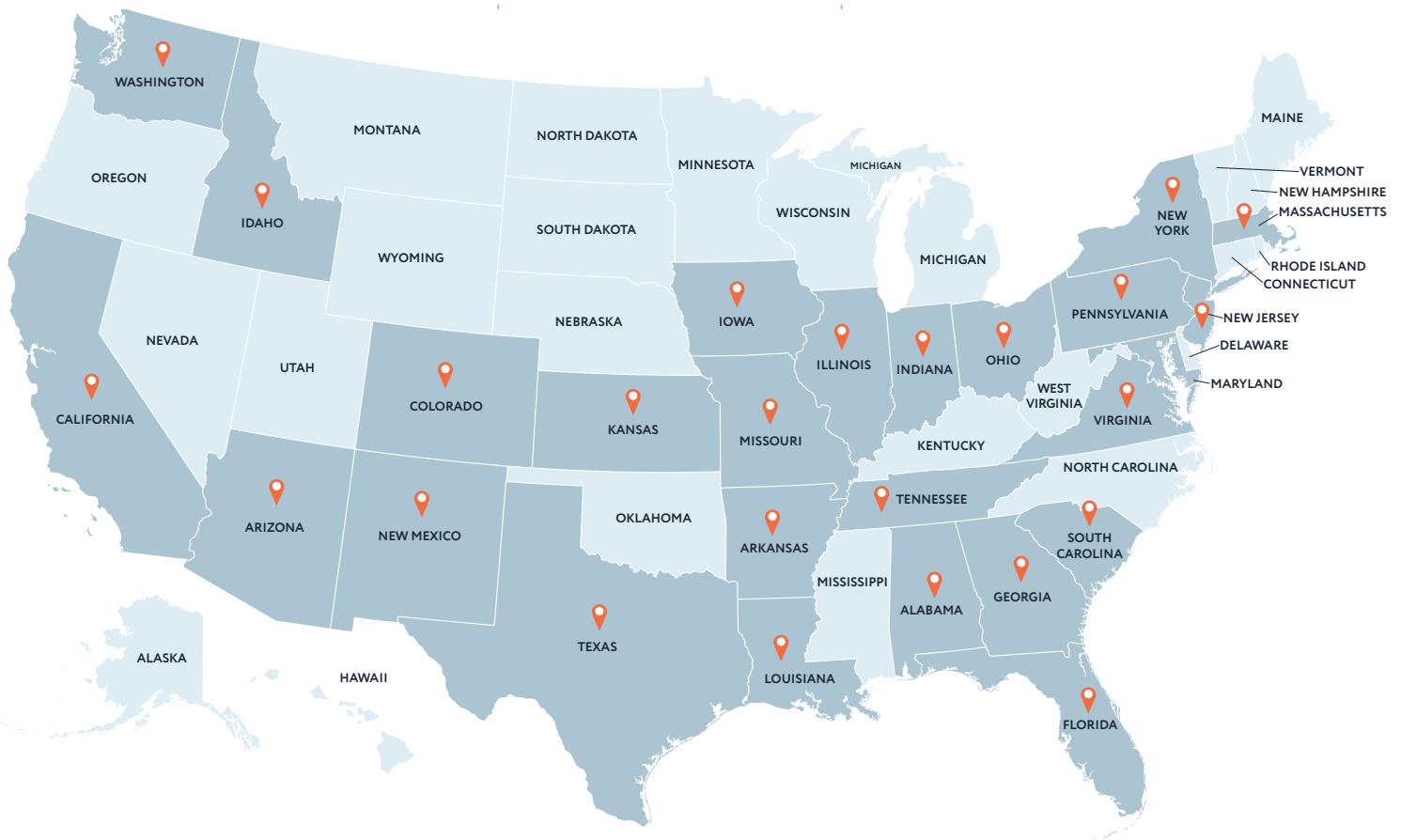
States

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High Schools

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Partners



3,453

Modules Completed

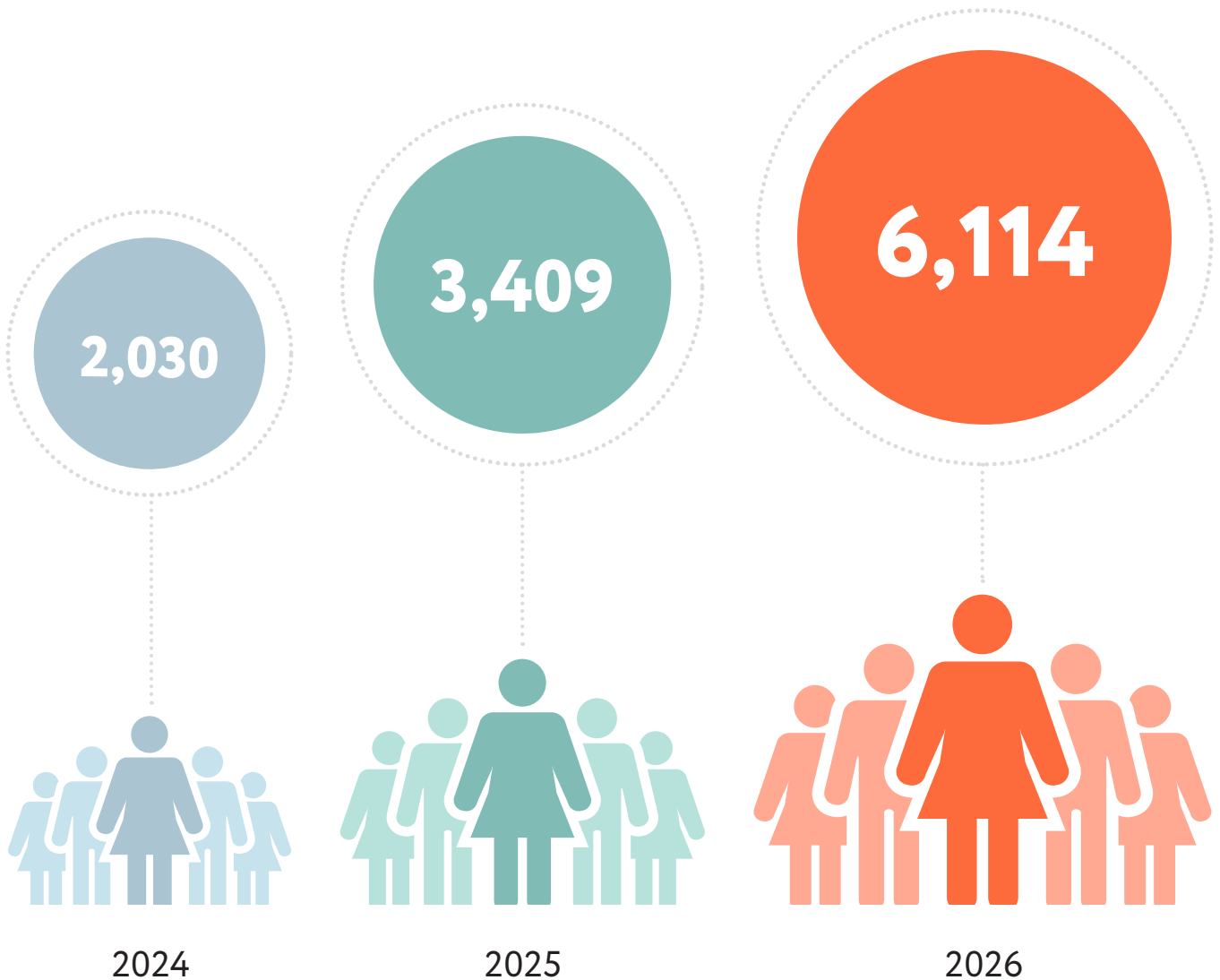
3,409

Students Impacted

Looking Ahead

Every high school should have a CTE program. Construction careers offer purpose, stability and opportunities for advancement. By expanding access to hands-on training, we help students recognize these opportunities and connect their interests to real, well-paying careers. Moreover, through CTE programs, students are able to earn industry-recognized credentials that demonstrate their competency and signal to prospective employers that they are ready to enter the workforce. These credentials are portable and can be used anywhere student's careers take them.

Projected Students Impacted





Thank You to Our High School Builder Program Supporters

This work would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of our partners. We look forward to expanding our reach and welcoming new partners who share our mission.



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