The California economy is experiencing a skills gap... Of jobs in California require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree. of California workers are trained at this level. Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in California's key industries, like:

- agriculture and ag tech
- film and television
- manufacturing
- tourism

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in California, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, California had:

- 1,216,523 secondary CTE participants
- 1,044,055 postsecondary/adult CTE participants

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across California to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!

89% of California postsecondary CTE concentrators earned an industry-recognized credential, certificate or degree in 2018.

CTE Concentrators

92.4%

All Students

83%

Four-year cohort graduation rate in California (2016-17)

166,691 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in California (2016-17)

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for California

$128,798,161

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