The Connecticut economy is experiencing a skills gap...

48% of jobs in Connecticut require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

38% of Connecticut workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Connecticut’s key industries, like:

• advanced manufacturing
• bioscience and health care
• film, television and digital media
• green energy

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

125,350 secondary CTE participants
68,075 postsecondary 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.

93% of Connecticut postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

12,748 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Connecticut (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Connecticut 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!

Data sources are available from publicpolicy@acteonline.org.