The Iowa economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Iowa require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

49% of Iowa workers are trained at this level.

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

- renewable energy and fuel
- information and communications technology
- advanced manufacturing
- agriculture and food production

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

107,004 secondary CTE participants
10,559 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.

92% of Iowa secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

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