The Kentucky economy is experiencing a skills gap...

58% of jobs in Kentucky require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

48% of Kentucky workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace
- manufacturing
- agritech
- health care

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

151,572 secondary CTE participants

44,181 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.

33,198 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Kentucky (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Kentucky 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!

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Kentucky

$19,665,870

For more information visit www.acteonline.org, education.ky.gov/CTE and KYACTE.org.

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