The Maine economy is experiencing a skills gap...

51% of jobs in Maine require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

47% of Maine workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced materials and composites
- aerospace
- environmental technology
- renewable energy

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

- 8,369 secondary CTE participants
- 8,119 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.

- 3,767 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Maine (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Maine 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!**