The Massachusetts economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

44% of jobs in Massachusetts require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

34% of Massachusetts workers are trained at this level.

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

- education and health services
- trade, transportation and utilities
- manufacturing
- leisure and hospitality

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

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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 Massachusetts 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.

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Massachusetts

$20,908,948

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

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