The New Jersey economy is experiencing a skills gap...

53% of jobs in New Jersey require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

37% of New Jersey workers are trained at this level.

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

• transportation, distribution and logistics
• manufacturing
• technology
• construction and energy

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

**74,986**

secondary CTE participants

**109,683**

postsecondary/adult 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.

**25,989**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in New Jersey (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across New Jersey 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!**

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