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

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

47% of New Mexico workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace and defense
- intelligent manufacturing
- sustainable and green energy
- sustainable and value-added agriculture

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

**68,662**  
secondary CTE participants

**52,770**  
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.

13,610 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in New Mexico (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across New Mexico 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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