The Texas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Texas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree. 45% of Texas workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace, aviation and defense
- energy
- information technology

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

1,425,125 secondary CTE participants

209,016 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.

96.4% CTE Concentrators

90% All Students

Four-year cohort graduation rate in Texas (2017-18)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Texas 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!

92% of Texas postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Texas

$113,619,515