The Wisconsin economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

55% of jobs in Wisconsin require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

48% of Wisconsin workers are trained at this level.  

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

- aerospace manufacturing  
- biohealth  
- energy, power and control  
- food and beverage  

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

82,001 secondary CTE participants  
124,822 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.  

30,946 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Wisconsin (2016-17)  

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Wisconsin 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!