The Arizona economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

46% of Arizona workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace and defense
- manufacturing
- bioscience and health care
- film and digital media

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Arizona, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Arizona 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 Arizona 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!

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Arizona

$32,139,650