The California economy is experiencing a skills gap...

47% of jobs in California require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

39% of California workers are trained at this level.

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

• agriculture and ag tech
• film and television
• manufacturing
• tourism

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

**368,950**
secondary CTE participants

**928,853**
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.

89% of California postsecondary CTE concentrators earned an industry-recognized credential, certificate or degree in 2018.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across California 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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