The Connecticut economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

48% of jobs in Connecticut require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

38% of Connecticut workers are trained at this level.  

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

- advanced manufacturing  
- bioscience and health care  
- film, television and digital media  
- green energy  

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

114,541 secondary CTE participants  
41,842 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.  

93% of Connecticut postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.  

99.3% CTE Concentrators  
88% All Students  

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

10,482 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Connecticut (2019-20)  

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Connecticut 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 Connecticut  

$11,435,582  

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