The Delaware economy is experiencing a skills gap...

50% of jobs in Delaware require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

43% of Delaware workers are trained at this level.

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

- science and technology
- food and agriculture
- manufacturing and logistics
- education and health care

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

28,105 secondary CTE participants

10,660 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.

95% of Delaware postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Delaware 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!**