The Minnesota economy is experiencing a skills gap...

49% of jobs in Minnesota require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

45% of Minnesota workers are trained at this level.

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

- manufacturing
- medical technology
- clean and renewable energy
- logistics and distribution

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

121,141 secondary CTE participants
45,541 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.

91.7% postsecondary CTE students were placed in employment by the end of the second quarter following program completion.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Minnesota 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!

For more information visit www.actonline.org, education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/cte and minnstate.edu/system/cte. Data sources are available from publicpolicy@actonline.org.