The Nebraska economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Nebraska require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree. 46% of Nebraska workers are trained at this level.

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

- renewable energy
- information technology and data services
- agribusiness and food processing
- advanced manufacturing

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

115,953 secondary CTE participants

25,997 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.

6,028 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Nebraska (2019-20)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Nebraska 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 Nebraska

$7,654,685

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