The Ohio economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

54% of jobs in Ohio require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

46% of Ohio workers are trained at this level.  

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

- advanced manufacturing  
- food and agribusiness  
- health care  
- logistics and distribution

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

133,627 secondary CTE participants  

117,443 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.  

49,036 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Ohio (2019-20)

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