The California economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

47% of jobs in California require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

39% of California workers are trained at this level.  

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in California's key industries, like:  
- agriculture and ag tech  
- film and television  
- manufacturing  
- tourism

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

368,950 secondary CTE participants  

928,853 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.  

175,802 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in California (2019-20)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across California 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 California  

$133,555,412