The Hawai’i economy is experiencing a skills gap...

48% of jobs in Hawai’i require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

46% of Hawai’i workers are trained at this level.

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

- technology sectors
- creative sectors
- agribusiness sectors
- health and wellness sectors

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

27,674 secondary CTE participants
6,870 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.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Hawai’i 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!