The Massachusetts economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

44% of jobs in Massachusetts require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

34% of Massachusetts workers are trained at this level.

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

- education and health services  
- trade, transportation and utilities  
- manufacturing  
- leisure and hospitality

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

- 62,349 secondary CTE participants
- 48,654 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.

85% of Massachusetts high school CTE students who graduated in 2020-21 participated in work-based learning.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts**

$21,740,338