The Minnesota economy is experiencing a skills gap…

49% of jobs in Minnesota require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

45% of Minnesota workers are trained at this level.

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

- manufacturing
- medical technology
- clean and renewable energy
- logistics and distribution

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

121,141 secondary CTE participants

45,541 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.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Minnesota 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!

In 2021, 90% of Minnesota postsecondary CTE students were employed, pursued further education, or joined the military or Peace Corps after graduation.

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Minnesota

$19,798,388