

CTE in Minnesota



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.



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

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.



Four-year cohort graduation rate in Minnesota (2017-18)

20,538

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Minnesota (2019-20)



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!

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Minnesota

\$19,798,388