The Nebraska economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Nebraska require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

46% of Nebraska workers are trained at this level.

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

- renewable energy
- information technology and data services
- agribusiness and food processing
- advanced manufacturing

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

- 115,953 secondary CTE participants
- 25,997 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.

In 2018, 98% of Nebraska high school CTE students pursued postsecondary education, entered the workforce or joined the military.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Nebraska 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!

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