The South Dakota economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

47% of South Dakota workers are trained at this level.

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

- manufacturing
- livestock development
- precision agriculture
- cybersecurity

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

24,117 secondary CTE participants

6,435 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.

3,373 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in South Dakota (2019-20)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Dakota 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 South Dakota

$5,504,479