The Texas economy is experiencing a skills gap... 54% of jobs in Texas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree. 45% of Texas workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace, aviation and defense
- energy
- information technology

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

1,619,219 secondary CTE participants
188,561 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.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Texas 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!

38,161 Texas high school CTE students earned recognized postsecondary credentials in 2018-19.

105,016 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Texas (2019-20)

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Texas
$118,724,955