CTE in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

48% of Wisconsin workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace manufacturing
- biohealth
- energy, power and controls
- water technology



In 2021, 93% of Wisconsin high school CTE concentrators had pursued postsecondary education, entered the workforce, or joined the military or Peace Corps immediately after graduation.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Wisconsin, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2020-21 school year, Wisconsin had:

168,399

secondary CTE participants

133,793

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.



Four-year cohort graduation rate in Wisconsin (2020-21)

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Wisconsin (2020-21)

33,743









More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Wisconsin 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.

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