The Delaware economy is experiencing a skills gap...

50% of jobs in Delaware require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

43% of Delaware workers are trained at this level.

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

- science and technology
- food and agriculture
- manufacturing and logistics
- education and health care

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

- **28,297** secondary CTE participants
- **10,591** 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 Delaware 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!**