The Hawai’i economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**48%** of jobs in Hawai’i require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**46%** of Hawai’i workers are trained at this level.

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

- technology
- creative
- agribusiness
- health and wellness

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

- **26,256** secondary CTE participants
- **6,523** 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.

- **3,216** postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Hawai’i (2020-21)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Hawai’i 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!**