The Maine economy is experiencing a skills gap... of jobs in Maine require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree. 51% of Maine workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Maine's key industries, like:
- forest products
- marine and aquaculture
- food and agriculture
- clean energy

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

- **7,677** secondary CTE participants
- **7,813** 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 Maine 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!**

In 2021, 92% of Maine postsecondary CTE concentrators were employed, pursued further education, or joined the military or Peace Corps immediately after program completion.

For more information visit [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org), [mainecte.org](http://mainecte.org), [www.maine.gov/doe/cte](http://www.maine.gov/doe/cte) and [www.acteonline.org/Maine](http://www.acteonline.org/Maine).

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