The North Dakota economy is experiencing a skills gap...

55% of jobs in North Dakota require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

50% of North Dakota workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- energy and natural resources
- food and agriculture
- autonomous systems

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

**25,604**
sen secondary CTE participants

**7,831**
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.

**2,727**
postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in North Dakota (2020-21)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across North Dakota 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!**

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