CTE in New Jersey

The New Jersey economy is experiencing a skills gap...

52% of jobs in New Jersey require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

37% of New Jersey workers are trained at this level.

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

• information technology
• manufacturing
• pharmaceuticals
• transportation and logistics

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

77,428 secondary CTE participants
66,466 postsecondary/adult 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.

23,082 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in New Jersey (2020-21)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across New Jersey 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, 98% of New Jersey high school CTE concentrators and completers pursued postsecondary education, entered the workforce, or joined the military or Peace Corps immediately after graduation.