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

51% of jobs in New Mexico require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

47% of New Mexico workers are trained at this level.  

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

- aerospace  
- film and television  
- intelligent manufacturing  
- outdoor recreation  

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

- **65,759** secondary CTE participants  
- **44,066** 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 New Mexico 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!**