The Texas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Texas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

45% of Texas workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace, aviation and defense
- energy
- information technology

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

- **1,727,471** secondary CTE participants
- **133,304** 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 Texas 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!**