The Maine economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

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

47% 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 2021-22 school year, Maine had:  

- **7,200** secondary CTE participants  
- **7,274** 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.

**FY 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Maine**  

$6,971,416

In 2022, more than 1,000 Maine high school CTE concentrators graduated with postsecondary credits in CTE.

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