The Minnesota economy is experiencing a skills gap...

49% of jobs in Minnesota require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

45% of Minnesota workers are trained at this level.

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

• advanced manufacturing
• retail
• clean tech and renewable energy
• food and agriculture

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Minnesota, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2021-22 school year, Minnesota had:

**125,767** secondary CTE participants

**43,074** 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.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Minnesota 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 2022, 89% of Minnesota postsecondary CTE concentrators were employed, had pursued further education, or had joined the military or Peace Corps after program completion.

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