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 2021-22 school year, New Mexico had:  

67,755 secondary CTE participants  
43,328 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!

In 2022, New Mexico’s Summer Enrichment Internship Program engaged over 500 partners to offer paid internships to 2,100 high school students.

Four-year cohort graduation rate in New Mexico (2021-22)  

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<th>CTE Concentrators</th>
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10,797 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in New Mexico (2021-22)

FY 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for New Mexico  

$10,431,985