In the past few years, Nebraska has experienced all-time high workforce shortages.

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

- manufacturing
- agriculture and agribusiness
- construction
- transportation and warehousing

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

- **117,232** secondary CTE participants
- **29,126** 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 Nebraska 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!**

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