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 2021-22 school year, Texas had:  

**1,792,279** secondary CTE participants  

**177,934** 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.  

**112,191** postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Texas (2021-22)  

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!**  