The Arkansas economy is experiencing a skills gap...

57% of jobs in Arkansas require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

48% of Arkansas workers are trained at this level.

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

- food and beverage
- metals
- distribution and logistics
- transportation equipment

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Arkansas, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Arkansas had:

180,847 secondary CTE participants

19,370 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.

15,405 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Arkansas (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Arkansas 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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