The Florida economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

45\% of Florida workers are trained at this level.

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

- aviation and aerospace
- manufacturing
- logistics and distribution
- clean tech

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

- 361,875 secondary CTE participants
- 143,548 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 Florida 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.

Students earned 164,792 industry credentials from the state-approved industry credential list in 2017-18.

CTE Concentrators

Four-year cohort graduation rate in Florida (2017-18)

97.5\% for CTE Concentrators

86\% for all students

107,791 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Florida (2016-17)

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Florida

$73,997,159


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