The Louisiana economy is experiencing a skills gap...

56% of jobs in Louisiana require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

46% of Louisiana workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- energy
- automotive
- agribusiness

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Louisiana, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2017-18 school year, Louisiana had:

130,107 secondary CTE participants
45,330 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.

28,384 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Louisiana (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Louisiana 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!