The Mississippi economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

50% of Mississippi workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace
- energy
- information technology

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

**114,447**
secondary CTE participants

**23,034**
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.

**16,046**
postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Mississippi (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Mississippi 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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