The South Carolina economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

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

42% of South Carolina workers are trained at this level.  

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

- advanced manufacturing  
- agribusiness  
- automotive  
- distribution and logistics  

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

187,774 secondary CTE participants  
36,414 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.  

16,784 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in South Carolina (2016-17)  

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Carolina 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!  