The Tennessee economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

49% of Tennessee workers are trained at this level.

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

• advanced manufacturing
• automotive
• distribution and logistics
• health care and life sciences

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

181,314 secondary CTE participants
44,933 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.

23,946 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Tennessee (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Tennessee 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!