The Alabama economy is experiencing a skills gap...

58% of jobs in Alabama require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

47% of Alabama workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace and aviation
- agricultural products and food production
- automotive
- metal and advanced materials

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Alabama, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Alabama had:

158,763 secondary CTE participants

48,357 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.

92% of Alabama secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Alabama 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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