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 2019-20 school year, Louisiana had:

165,210 secondary CTE participants

40,371 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.

96% of Louisiana secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

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!