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 2019-20 school year, South Carolina had:

217,091 secondary CTE participants

41,122 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.

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!

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