

# CTE in Alabama



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



In 2020, CTE students in Alabama earned more than 22,000 industry-endorsed credentials.

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 2020-21 school year, Alabama had:

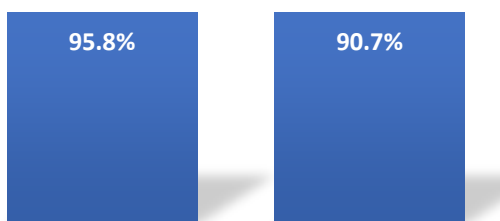
**351,521**

secondary CTE participants

**51,795**

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.



**Four-year cohort graduation rate in Alabama (2020-21)**

**18,154**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Alabama (2020-21)



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!***

**FY 22 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Alabama**

**\$23,291,195**