The Florida economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in Florida require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

45% of Florida workers are trained at this level.

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

- information technology
- manufacturing
- logistics and distribution
- cleantech

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Florida, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2020-21 school year, Florida had:

- 322,519 secondary CTE participants
- 144,618 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.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Florida 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 Concentrators All Students
97.2% 90.2%

Four-year cohort graduation rate in Florida (2020-21)

116,189 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Florida (2020-21)

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!

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