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
- agribusiness
- water management
- process industries

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 2020-21 school year, Louisiana had:

163,158 secondary CTE participants
37,095 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.

14,348 Louisiana high school CTE concentrators graduated in 2021 with a recognized postsecondary credential.

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!

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