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 

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 2021-22 school year, Alabama had: 

**40,266** secondary CTE participants 

**36,426** 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. 

CTE Concentrators 98.0%  

All Students 88.2% 

Four-year cohort graduation rate in Alabama (2021-22) 

18,446 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Alabama (2021-22) 

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 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Alabama  

$24,204,914