51% of jobs in Alaska require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can develop this workforce, particularly in Alaska’s key industries, like:

- oil and gas
- construction
- transportation
- tourism

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Alaska, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2021-22 school year, Alaska had:

- 11,711 secondary CTE participants
- 3,691 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 Alaska 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!