





What is one of the chief iscues impacting your business attraction, etention, and expansion efforts?



96% of economic developers reported that a skilled workforce has increased in importance as an employer site selection factor

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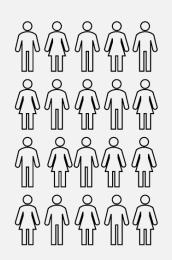
Strategic, *inclusive* approaches to workforce development are critical in today's economy.





Businesses are not finding the workers they need and talent attraction efforts alone won't solve this problem.

There are about **20,000** open jobs in Akron.



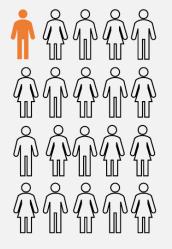
Today, **550** adults with college degrees move here annually for a job-related reason.



Let's say we could somehow double that number to **1,100**.

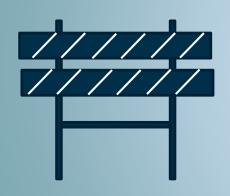


There would still be **19,000** open jobs.





Barriers to Training and Employment



Increased Demand for Advanced Skillsets



Changing Labor Market







Economic development is uniquely poised to drive inclusive workforce strategies







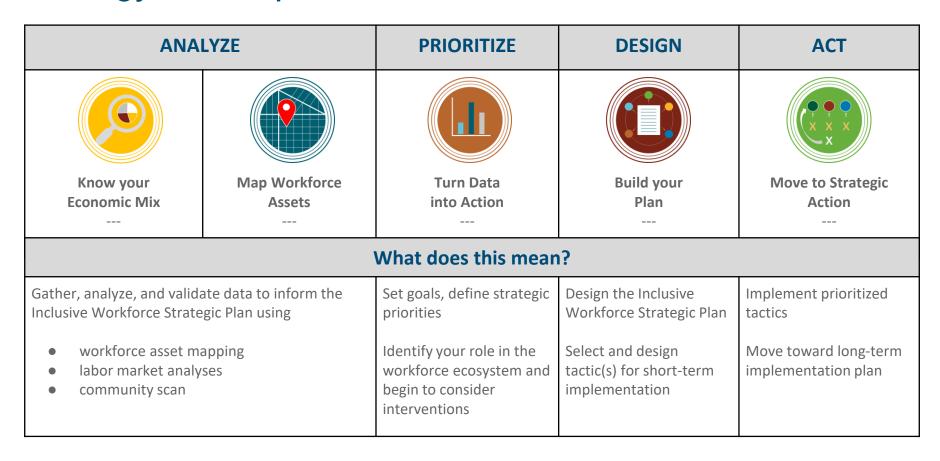
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Economic development can't and shouldn't solve this alone.



Strategy Development Framework



Developing strategies that address workforce disconnects







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