## **CTE in Colorado**

The Colorado economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

**39%** of Colorado workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- food and agriculture
- health and wellness
- transportation and logistics



35,740 Colorado middle school students enrolled in CTE programs in 2018-19.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Colorado, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Colorado had:

74,776

secondary CTE participants

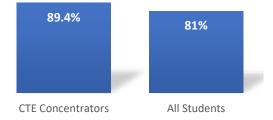
85,901

postsecondary CTE participants

28.563

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students

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.



Four-year cohort graduation rate in Colorado (2017-18)

in Colorado (2019-20)









More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Colorado 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 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Colorado

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