The Montana economy is experiencing a skills gap...

- **51%** of jobs in Montana require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.
- **47%** of Montana workers are trained at this level.

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

- tourism and outdoor recreation
- agriculture
- manufacturing
- data centers

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Montana, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Montana had:

- **29,362** secondary CTE participants
- **9,317** 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.

- **2,594** postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Montana (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Montana 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!**