The Utah economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

53% of jobs in Utah require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

42% of Utah workers are trained at this level.  

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Utah's key industries, like:  
- advanced manufacturing  
- energy  
- life sciences and health care innovation  
- outdoor products and recreation  

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

**165,252**  
secondary CTE participants  

**74,734**  
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 Utah 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!**  

16,580 industry certifications were earned by Utah secondary students in 2019.