The Colorado economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

49% 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

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

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 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!**

In 2020, 98% of high school CTE completers pursued postsecondary education, joined the military or entered the workforce.

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