The Idaho economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

49% of Idaho workers are trained at this level.

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

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace
- food production
- energy

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

- **42,700** secondary CTE participants
- **5,400** 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 Idaho 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!**

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