

# CTE in Montana



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.



In 2018, 97% of Montana high school CTE students met performance goals for technical skills.

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 2019-20 school year, Montana had:

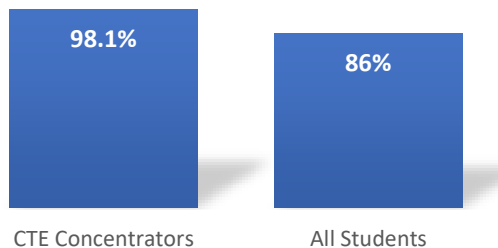
**29,394**

secondary CTE participants

**8,851**

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.



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

**2,044**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Montana (2019-20)



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!**

**FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Montana**

**\$6,275,150**