

CTE in Utah



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

Utah high school students earned 64,864 CTE Skill Certifications and 10,752 industry certifications in 2020-21.

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:

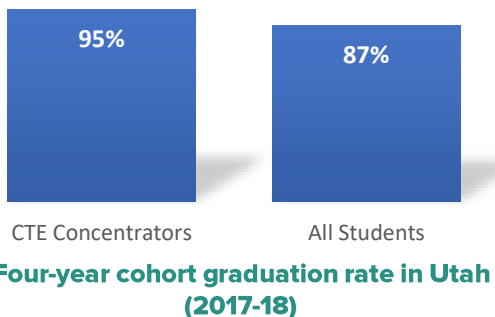
165,252

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.



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

17,014

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



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!

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Utah

\$16,008,563