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!**

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

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Utah

$16,008,563

For more information visit www.acteonline.org, UtahCTE.org and www.acteonline.org/Utah-ACTE. Data sources are available from publicpolicy@acteonline.org.