The Oregon economy is experiencing a skills gap...  
50% of jobs in Oregon require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  
45% of Oregon workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Oregon's key industries, like:
- metals and machinery
- forestry and wood products
- food and beverages
- outdoor gear and apparel

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Oregon, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2020-21 school year, Oregon had:

- **159,372** secondary CTE participants
- **42,540** 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 Oregon 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 in Oregon**

One-third of Oregon high school CTE concentrators who graduated in 2021 had participated in work-based learning.

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<th>Four-year cohort graduation rate in Oregon (2020-21)</th>
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