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 2021-22 school year, Oregon had:

- **166,662** secondary CTE participants
- **42,532** 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: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!**

FY 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Oregon

$17,308,723