

# 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
- aerospace and defense
- life sciences and health care
- software and IT



Utah high school students earned more than 144,000 CTE Competency Certificates in 2022-23.

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 2020-21 school year, Utah had:

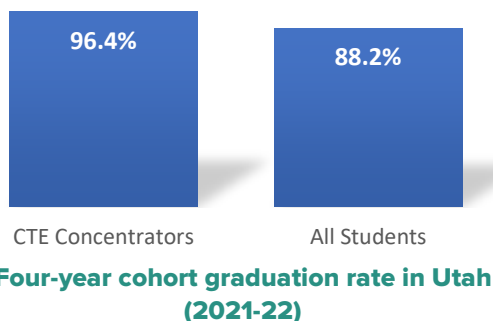
**187,813**

secondary CTE participants

**80,017**

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 (2021-22)

**23,202**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Utah (2021-22)



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 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Utah**

**\$17,267,879**