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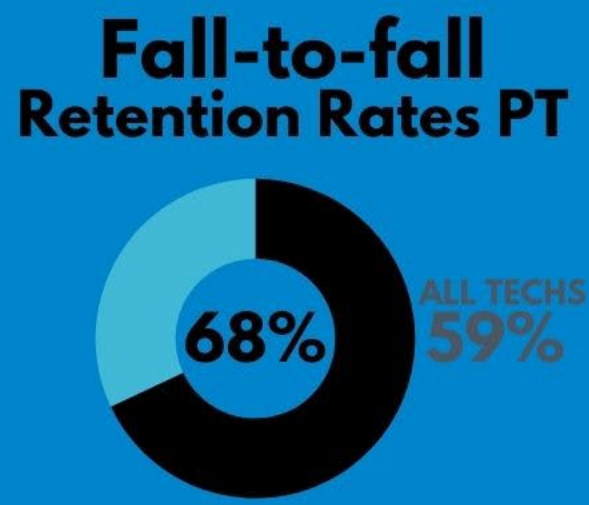
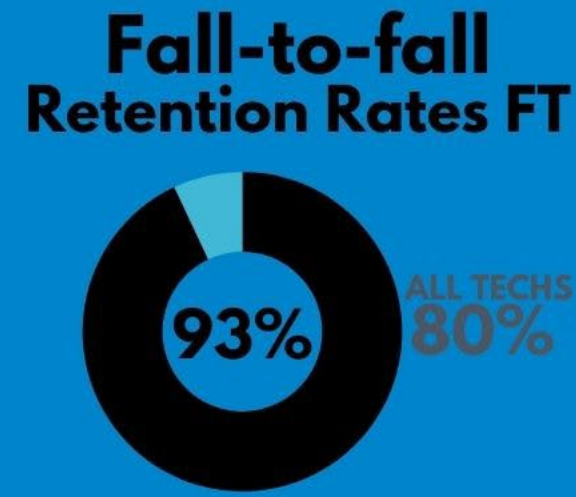
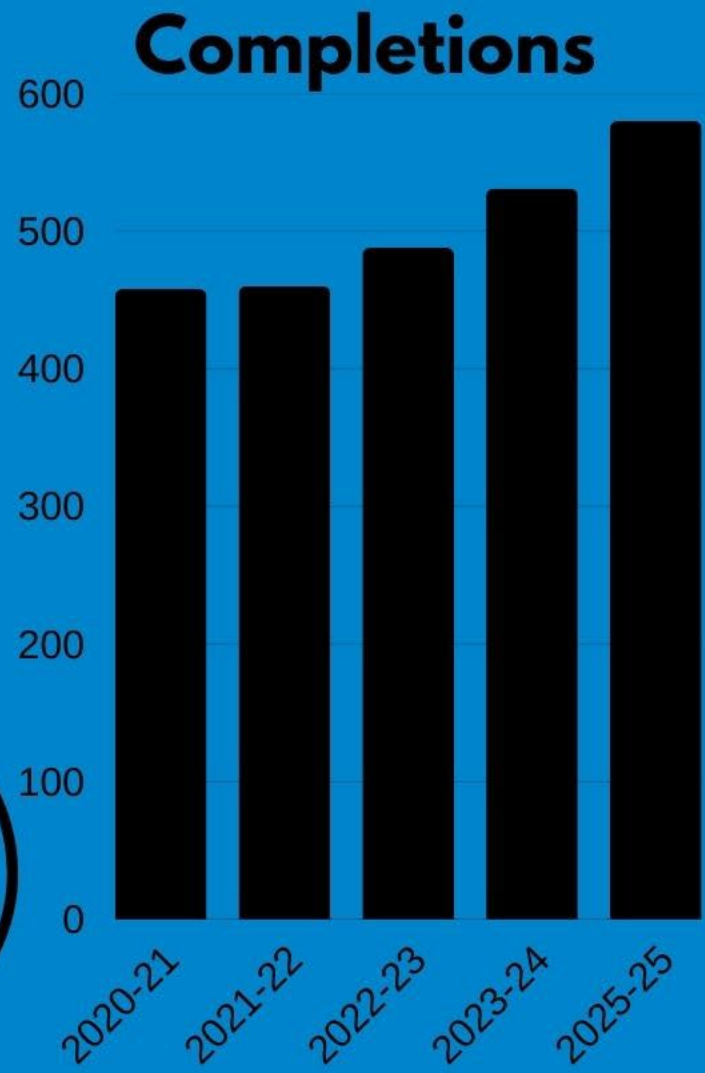


**Transportation &
Infrastructure Appropriations
Jan 29, 2026**





STECH Data

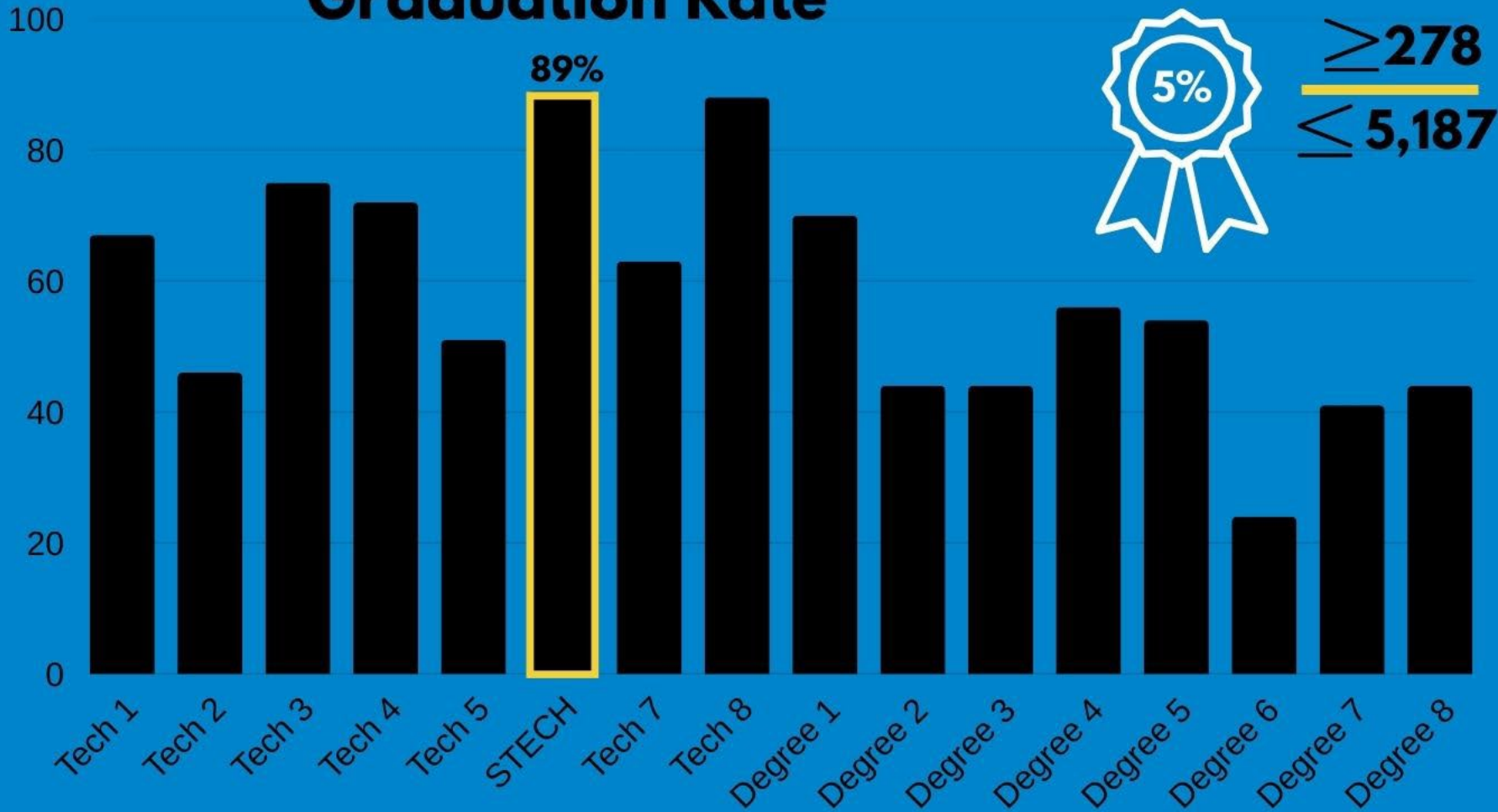


USHE Data: USHE.EDU
(1st Time Students Only, 2021-22)

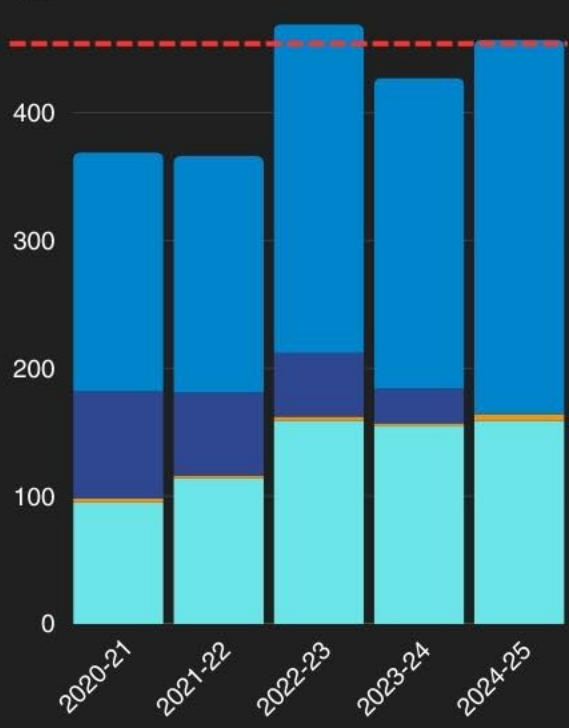
STECH Data

CollegeScorecard.ed.gov
Graduation Rate

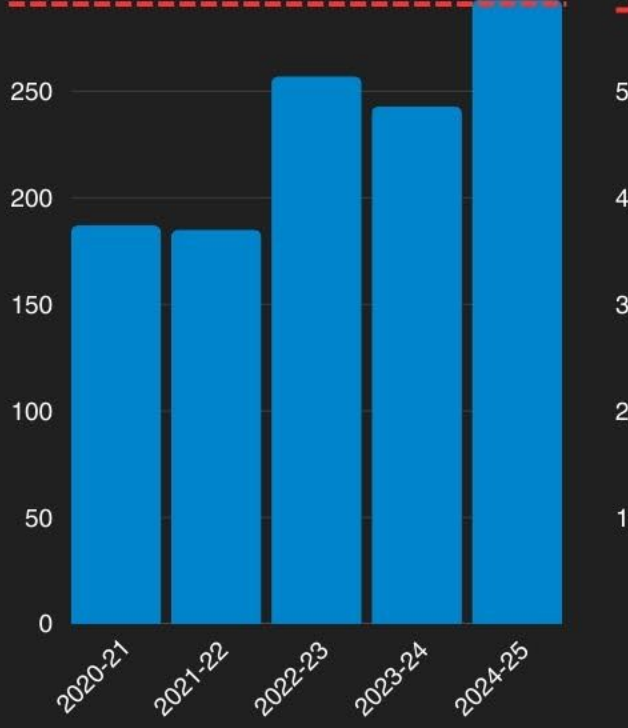
U.S. Department of Education
College Scorecard, collegescorecard.ed.gov



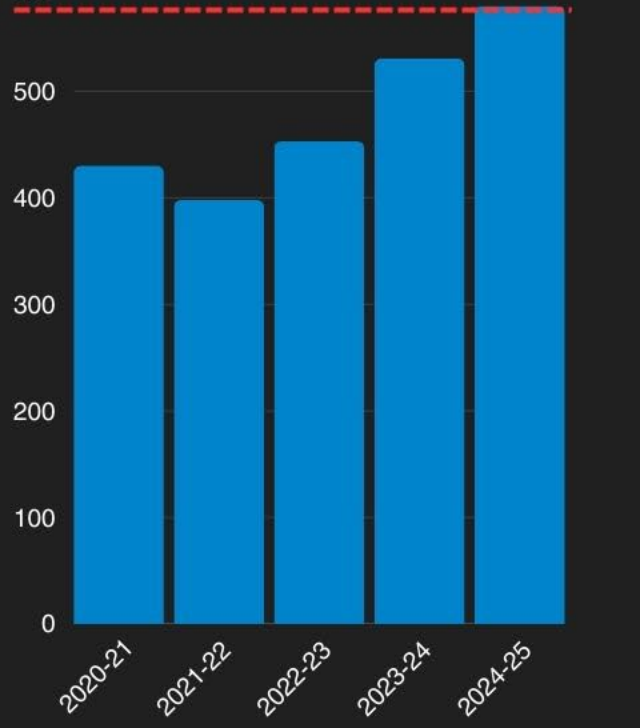
FTE All Enrollment **24%**



FTE Certificate Seeking **56%**

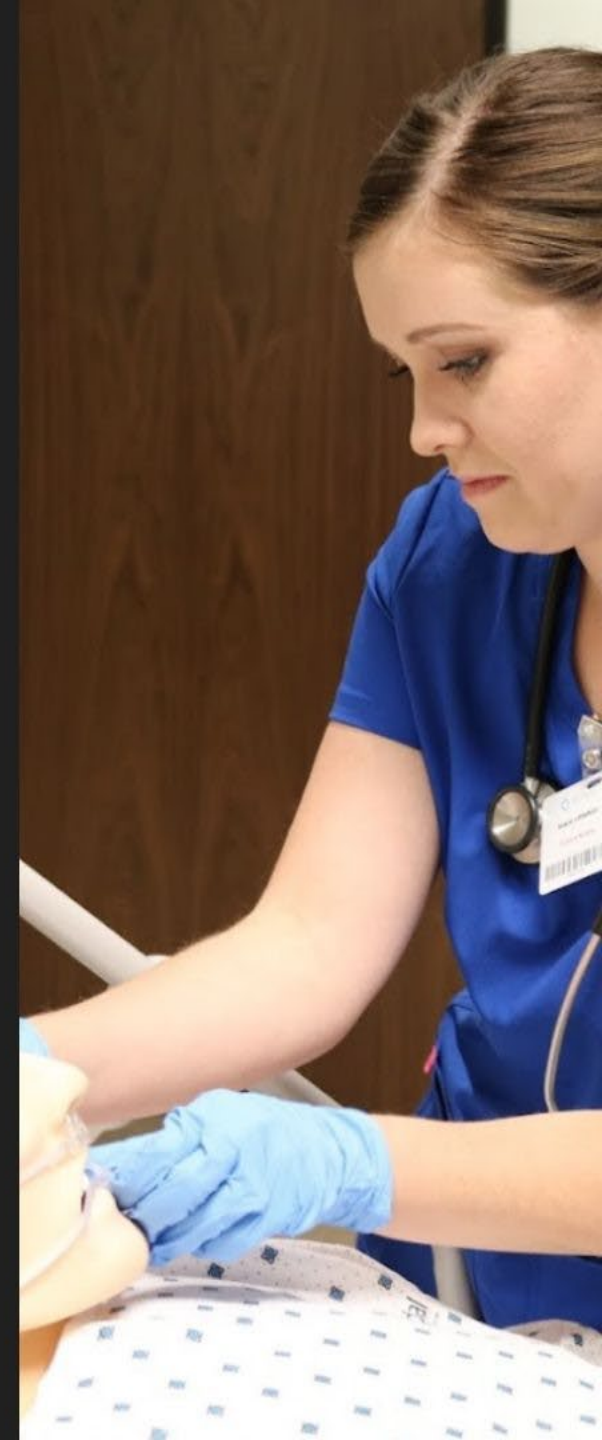


Completions **35%**



The Facts

No Capital Development Projects in 10 Years





“What we’re witnessing here today will be the most important economic initiative in the southwest part of the state for generations to come. I’m confident that’s the case because I see us all working together.”

Ben Hart, Executive Director of Utah Inland Port Authority

Commerce Crossroads Industrial Park Ribbon Cutting



The Why





UIPA Project Areas



Mineral Mountains

With three distinct zones the Mineral Mountains Inland Port will provide for a wider pool of resources that exist across Beaver County. The Milford Valley & City Center zones will be central hubs for fueling, logistics, and emerging industry growth.

The Beaver City zone is suited to trucking logistics as its anchor point is nearest Interstate 15 and falls directly between Salt Lake City, Utah and Las Vegas, Nevada.



Iron Springs

This 2,300-acre project area, strategically located in Cedar City with direct access to I-15, the Union Pacific Railroad, and a regional airport, is ready for your business.

With existing infrastructure, including two rail transloading facilities and readily available utilities, Iron Springs provides a prosperous environment for advanced industries looking to thrive in Southern Utah.



The Need



Savage

June 7, 2024

Grand Opening of Savage Cedar City Transload Facility -

Savage, the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA), Iron County, and Cedar City are proud to announce the grand opening of the new Savage Cedar City, UT Transload facility, **providing transload services between trucks and railcars**, on-site storage for shippers, and direct access to Union Pacific Railroad.



Hive Plastics

July 15, 2025

New Project in Iron Springs Project area will create up to 60 jobs -

Hive Plastics, a manufacturer of large-scale plastic products, has selected the Iron Springs Project Area in Iron County as the site of its new 23,300-square-foot manufacturing facility. The project represents a capital investment of more than \$12.6 million and is expected to create up to **60 new jobs** with wages above the county average.

BZI

July 1, 2025

UIPA Celebrates Milestone at BZI Innovation Park Grand Opening -

The Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) proudly joined community leaders, state officials, and private sector partners on July 1, 2025, to celebrate the **official opening of the BZI Innovation Park and Transportation Hub** in Iron County - a transformative 820-acre development in the heart of the Iron Springs Project Area.

Utah Inland Port NEWS



MCM Engineering II

Jan 8, 2026

The Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) awarded MCM Engineering II a post-performance tax reduction for its expansion in Iron County. The corporate incentive is part of the state's Rural Economic Development Tax Increment Financing (REDTIF) program.

Under the agreement, MCM Engineering II, Inc projects it will add 250 new, high-paying jobs and invest \$168,000,000 in Utah during the next 10 years.



250 Jobs & 168M CapX



Switchgears, distribution centers & walk-in units

GOEO NEWS



U.S. BUREAU
OF LABOR
STATISTICS



DEPARTMENT OF
**WORKFORCE
SERVICES**

Diesel Service Technicians & Mechanics

2024 Median Pay \$29.15

No. Jobs 319,900

Annual Openings 26,500

Job Growth 2% - 2024-34

Change 7,800 - 2024-34

Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists



Median Hourly Rate \$30.28

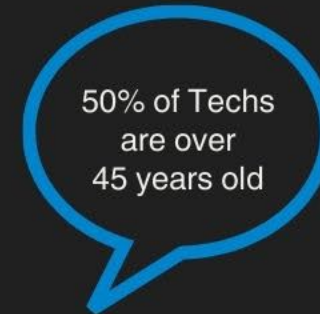
Projected Average
Annual Openings 343



2.97 million semi-trucks
operating in the US



10.4 million trucks
operating in the US



50% of Techs
are over
45 years old



2-3%

U.S. median annual wage
\$60,640



The Data



Lightcast gathers and integrates economic, labor market, demographic, education, profile, and job posting data from dozens of government and private-sector sources, creating a comprehensive and current dataset that includes both published data and detailed estimates with full United States coverage.

2024 Jobs - 110

2030 Jobs - 133

21% Growth

41 Unique Job Posting
from Jan 24 to Aug 25

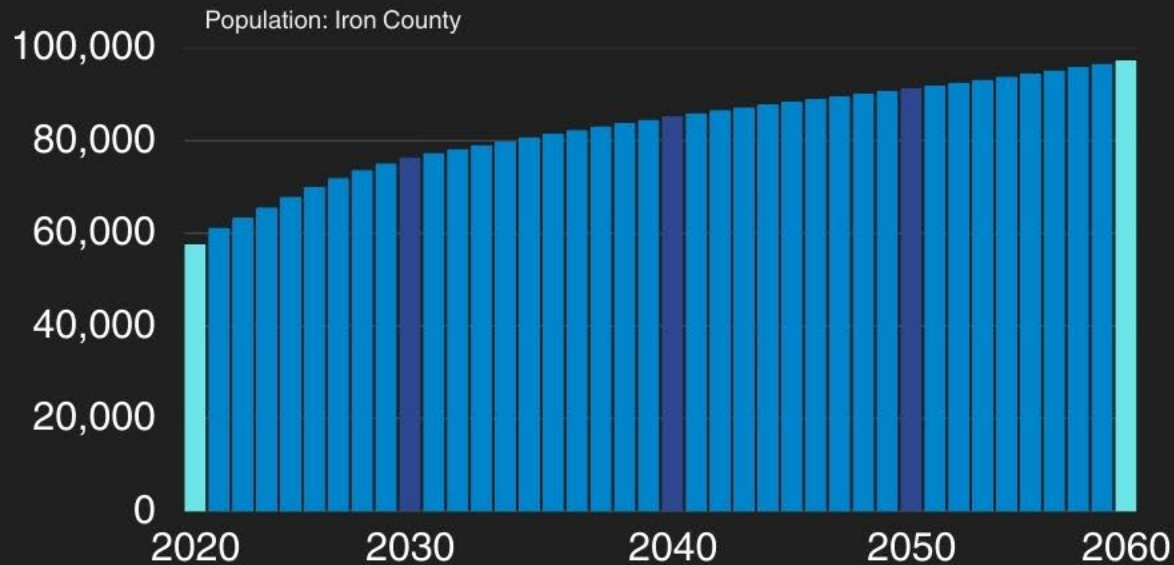
**0 Programs
in Region**



0 Completions



15 Employers





Western Rock

“Southwest Tech has a proven record of preparing students with the technical knowledge and hands-on skills necessary to enter the workforce ready to contribute. A Diesel Technology Program would not only provide local students with valuable career pathways but also directly address critical workforce shortages in our industry.”

Iron

...we strongly urge the approval and support of STECH’s diesel technology program.

Color County Diesel

Our company, along with many others in the region, depends on a workforce trained in diesel technology to keep essential equipment operating safely and efficiently. Unfortunately, the shortage of qualified technicians has become a significant challenge, impacting productivity, increasing downtime, and limiting growth opportunities.

Garfield

...is closely aligned with workforce needs in Southern Utah and is especially vital to our small rural communities.

SUU

As an institution deeply connected to the workforce needs of Southern Utah, we see firsthand the growing demand for highly skilled diesel technicians.

Kane

KCSD fully supports your efforts to launch a diesel technology program. This initiative will open valuable career pathways for our students and meet growing workforce needs in our region.

The Support

The logo for Penske, featuring the word "PENSKE" in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font inside a white rounded rectangle with a blue border.

How Penske is Managing the Diesel Technician Shortage



New ATRI Research Addresses Shortage of Qualified Diesel Techs in Trucking



Diesel Technician Shortage: A Growing Challenge in Trucking



Most Diesel Repair Shops Understaffed Last Year



The Numbers Don't Lie: Diesel Mechanics Are in Record-High Demand



Under the Hood: Unraveling the Diesel Technician Shortage

The logo for Uptake, featuring the word "UPTAKE" in a bold, sans-serif font inside a white rounded rectangle.

Bridging the Diesel Technician Shortage

The Headlines





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