The Virginia economy is experiencing a skills gap...

49% of jobs in Virginia require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

41% of Virginia workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Virginia’s key industries, like:

- food and beverage processing
- information technology
- manufacturing
- supply chain management

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Virginia, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Virginia had:

- **299,333** secondary CTE participants
- **80,606** 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.

26,866 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Virginia (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Virginia 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!**

Virginia CTE students earned 109,590 industry certifications in 2016-17.

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Virginia

$28,777,108