CTE in West Virginia

The West Virginia economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in West Virginia require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

43% of West Virginia workers are trained at this level.

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

- agriculture
- energy
- fulfillment distribution
- manufacturing

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

- **42,390** secondary CTE participants
- **17,403** 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.

- **9,335** postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in West Virginia (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across West 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!

92% of West Virginia secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for West Virginia

$8,952,942

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