

CTE in Virginia



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



High school CTE students in Virginia earned 158,452 postsecondary credentials in 2018-19.

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 2019-20 school year, Virginia had:

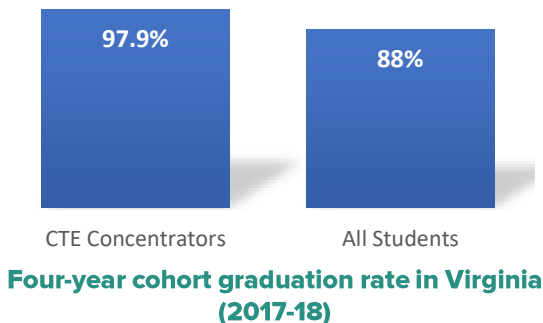
305,230

secondary CTE participants

119,940

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.



24,247

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Virginia (2019-20)



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!

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Virginia

\$29,977,131