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 2019-20 school year, Virginia had:  

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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.  

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!