

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.



93% of the projected job openings in high-demand occupations in West Virginia regions are served by at least one CTE program in the same region.

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 2019-20 school year, West Virginia had:

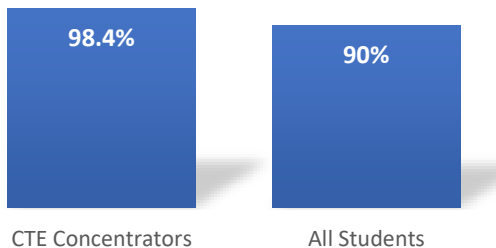
41,421

secondary CTE participants

18,074

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.



Four-year cohort graduation rate in West Virginia (2017-18)

9,016

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



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!

FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for West Virginia

\$9,241,272