

# 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 students in Virginia earned 142,202 industry credentials in 2021-22.

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 2020-21 school year, Virginia had:

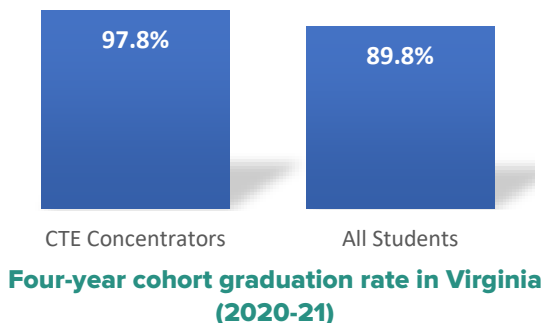
**297,677**

secondary CTE participants

**107,753**

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.



**25,347**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Virginia (2020-21)



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 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Virginia**

**\$32,312,989**