

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:

- food and agriculture
- building products
- manufacturing
- information technology



2,910 West Virginia high school CTE concentrators graduated in 2021 with a postsecondary certificate or credential.

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 2020-21 school year, West Virginia had:

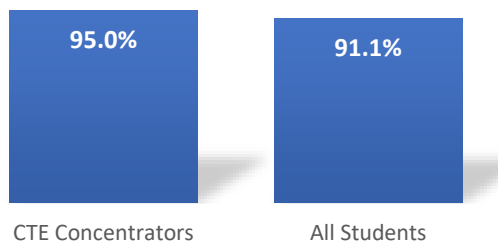
38,082

secondary CTE participants

13,067

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 (2020-21)

9,216

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



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 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for West Virginia

\$9,780,475