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 2021-22 school year, Virginia had:

247,235 secondary CTE participants
83,585 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.

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!

High school students in Virginia earned more than 147,000 industry credentials in the 2021-22 school year.

CTE Concentrators

95.7% Four-year cohort graduation rate in Virginia (2021-22)

All Students

89.1% postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Virginia (2021-22)

FY 23 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Virginia

$32,312,989