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  

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 2021-22 school year, West Virginia had:  

- 41,626 secondary CTE participants  
- 13,177 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.  

In 2022, more than 4,200 West Virginia high school CTE concentrators graduated with a postsecondary certificate or credential.  

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