

Virginia's Credentialing Performance Trends



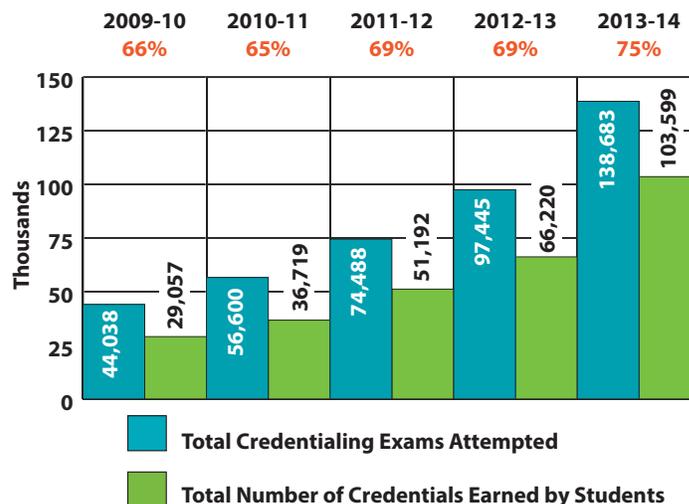
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Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares students for many of the jobs in Virginia forecasted to experience the fastest growth in the coming years. Given the large percentage of jobs that require some type of postsecondary education or training (currently estimated at 63 percent of all jobs in the United States), it is critical that high school graduates leave high school with the knowledge and skills needed to continue their learning and have a choice in their future.

Completion of certain skill sets and coursework enable students to participate in Board-approved external examinations that test essential employability and technical skills. Students who earn these credentials are eligible to earn verified credit towards graduation requirements.

Pass Rates of Exams Attempted vs Earned



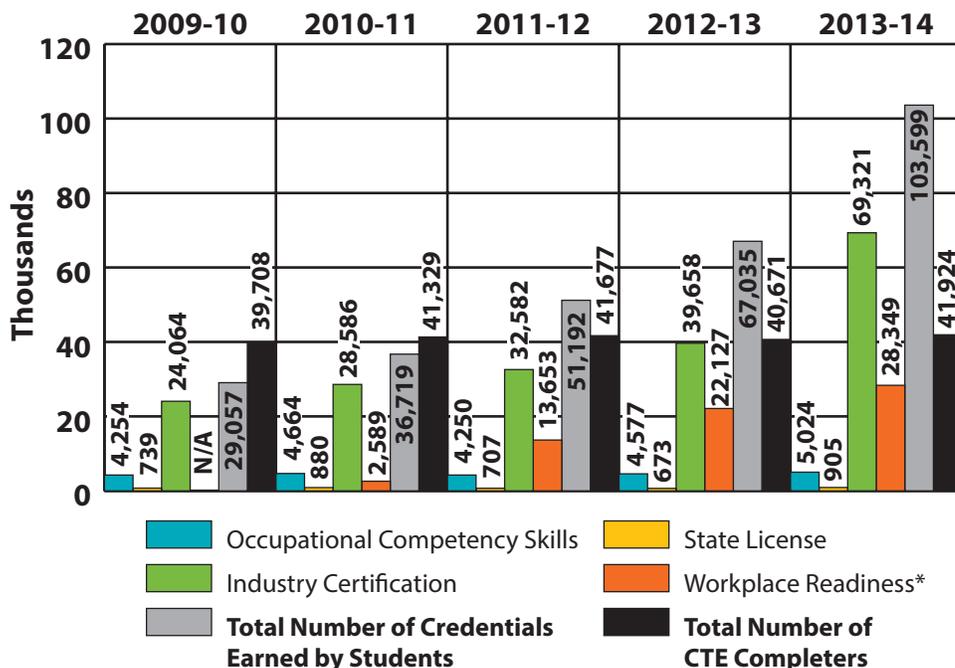
Note: Totals include multiple exams attempted/earned by individual students.

The cost of Board-approved credentialing tests range from \$10 to \$300 per test.

Data presented in this snapshot is based on the performance of CTE program completers. A CTE completer is a student who has met the requirements for a CTE concentration (course sequence) and all requirements for high school graduation, or an approved alternative education program.

Beginning in 2013-2014, first time ninth grade students are required to earn a Board-approved career and technical education credential to graduate with a Standard Diploma. Students may take additional CTE courses that will enhance their career pathway goals.

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Secondary schools report the number of credentials earned by students for passing occupational competency assessments recognized by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI), state licensure examinations, industry certification examinations, and workplace readiness skills assessments.

*Prior to 2010-2011, workplace readiness skills assessments were included in the Industry Certification category.

Source: Virginia's School Report Card

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