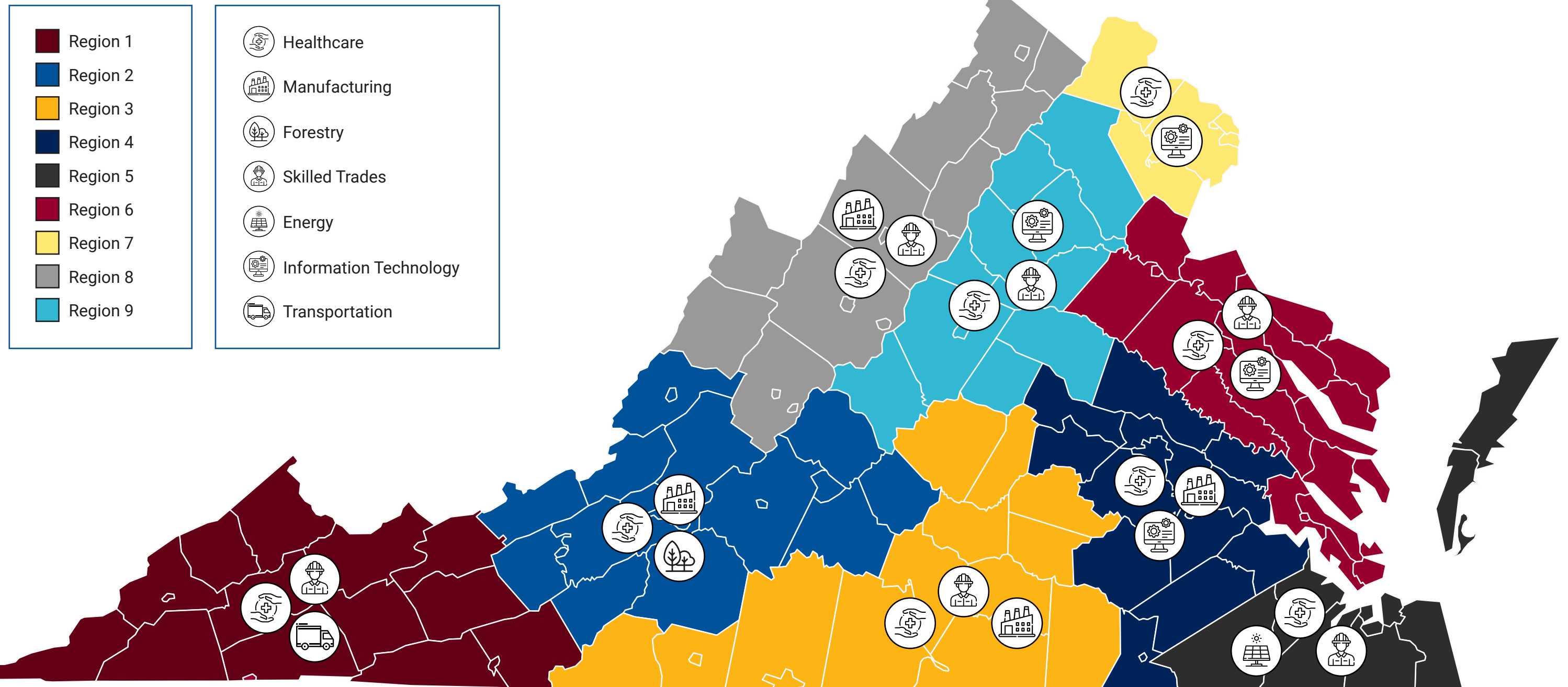


Regional Education & Workforce Needs

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Addressing Virginia's Regional Education & Workforce Needs

A Detailed Overview

The nine GO Virginia regions were created in 2016 by Virginia's senior business leaders to encourage regional collaboration, stimulate economic development, and foster job creation.

The six-year plan for the Virginia Community College System recognizes the need for our 23 colleges to closely collaborate along these regional lines to better address economic development and workforce needs.

Since **81% of graduates from Virginia's community colleges stay in Virginia**, we need an intentional, strategic alignment between regional business needs and college programs in each region. This convergence will allow for accelerated training and credentialing, while placing more students directly into open jobs with family-sustaining wages.

With a total investment of \$136,213,913 by 2026, Virginia's Community Colleges can scale its workforce training offerings, resulting in renovations, modernizations, and new equipment to prepare, upskill, and reskill 13,049 additional learners across Virginia by 2031.

*SOURCE: VCCS Six-Year Plan: FY 2024-2030,
Approved by State Board for Community Colleges,
September, 2023*

	Localities	Regional Needs	Community Colleges	Est. Regional Investment	Add'l New Credentialers Employed
1	Cities of Bristol, Galax, and Norton; and the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe.	Healthcare Skilled Trades Transportation	Mountain Empire Southwest Virginia Virginia Highlands Wytheville	\$12,255,190	850
2	Cities of Covington, Lynchburg, Radford, Roanoke, and Salem; and the counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Roanoke.	Healthcare Manufacturing Forestry	Central Virginia Mountain Gateway New River Patrick & Henry Virginia Western	\$26,716,586	572
3	Cities of Danville and Martinsville; and the counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Patrick, Pittsylvania, and Prince Edward.	Skilled Trades Healthcare Manufacturing	Brightpoint Danville Patrick & Henry Piedmont Virginia Southside Virginia	\$11,413,917	631
4	Cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond; and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Greenville, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex.	Healthcare Manufacturing IT	Brightpoint J. Sargeant Reynolds Rappahannock Southside Virginia	\$21,205,375	5,157
5	Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg; and the counties of Accomack, Isle of Wight, James City, Northampton, Southampton, and York.	Healthcare Skilled Trades Energy	Eastern Shore Paul D. Camp Tidewater Virginia Peninsula	\$23,810,784	1,413
6	City of Fredericksburg; and the counties of Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland.	Healthcare Skilled Trades IT	Germanna Rappahannock	\$14,626,459	1,491
7	Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William.	Health Information Mgmt. Healthcare IT/Software Devel.	Northern Virginia	\$1,508,614	473
8	Cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, Winchester; and the counties of Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren.	Healthcare Manufacturing Skilled Trades	Blue Ridge Laurel Ridge Mountain Gateway	\$15,035,632	998
9	City of Charlottesville; and the counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock.	Healthcare IT Skilled Trades	Germanna J. Sargeant Reynolds Laurel Ridge Piedmont Virginia	\$9,641,356	1,464
TOTAL				\$136,213,913	13,049