

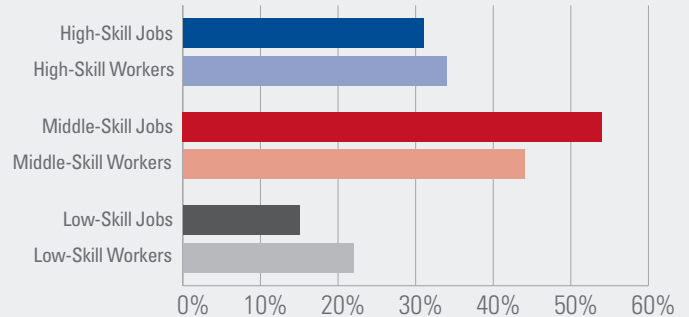
Congress should support industry driven career and technical education (CTE)

The U.S. has a middle-skill gap

Middle-skill jobs — jobs that require more than a high school diploma but not a four-year degree — make up 54% of jobs in the U.S. economy. But only 44% of U.S. workers are trained at the middle-skill level.

Source: NSC analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics by State, May 2012 and American Community Survey data, 2012.

Middle-skill jobs are going unfilled
Jobs and workers by skill level, United States, 2012



Career and technical education is a proven strategy

Supporting industry and CTE partnerships can help bridge the skills gap

Partnerships between industry and CTE providers have proven successful at meeting the skill needs of local and regional industries, but the Perkins Act doesn't provide dedicated funding to support these critical programs.



Funded industry partnerships are good for students, colleges, and businesses

Congress should provide sustainable funding for partnerships

Congress should include support for industry-CTE partnerships under Perkins, and help ensure that U.S. businesses have the talent pipelines they need to compete in today's economy.



Endorse the **Community College to Career Fund Act** to provide dedicated support for partnerships between industry and community colleges.

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