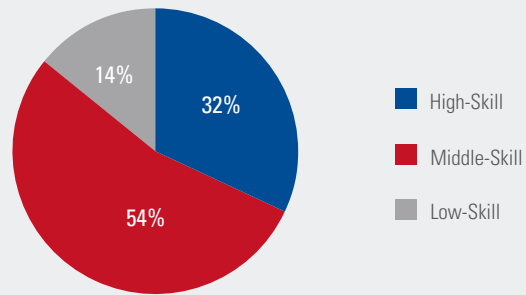


Illinois' Forgotten Middle

Middle-skill jobs, which require education beyond high school but not a four-year degree, make up the largest part of America's and Illinois' labor market. Key industries in Illinois are unable to find enough sufficiently trained workers to fill these jobs.

Jobs by Skill Level, Illinois, 2012

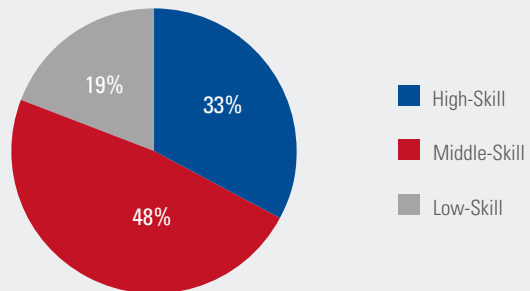
Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Strong
Fifty-four percent of all jobs in 2012 were middle-skill.



Source: NSC analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics by State, May 2012.

Job Openings by Skill Level, Illinois, 2010-20

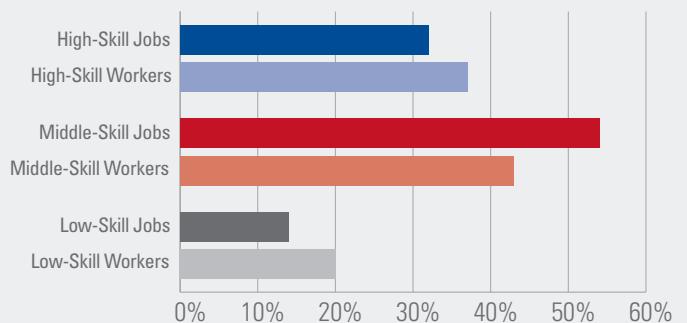
Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong
Between 2010-2020, 48 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.



Source: NSC analysis of long-term occupational projections from state labor/employment agency.

Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, Illinois, 2012

A Middle-Skill Gap
Middle-skill jobs account for 54 percent of Illinois' labor market, but only 43 percent of the state's workers are trained to 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.

