Virginia’s 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 Virginia’s labor market. Key industries in Virginia are unable to find enough sufficiently trained workers to fill these jobs.

### Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Strong

Forty-nine percent of all jobs in 2012 were middle-skill.

![Jobs by Skill Level, Virginia, 2012](source)


### Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong

Between 2010-2020, 46 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

![Job Openings by Skill Level, Virginia, 2010-20](source)

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

### A Middle-Skill Gap

Middle-skill jobs account for 49 percent of Virginia’s labor market, but only 40 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.

![Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, Virginia, 2012](source)