District of Columbia’s Forgotten Middle

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

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Substantial

Twenty-eight percent of all jobs in 2015 were middle-skill.

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong

Between 2014-2024, 27 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

A Middle-Skill Gap

Middle-skill jobs account for 28 percent of the District of Columbia’s labor market, but only 21 percent of the District’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.