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

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Strong
Fifty-five percent of all jobs in 2015 were middle-skill.

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong
Between 2012-2022, 51 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

A Middle-Skill Gap
Middle-skill jobs account for 55 percent of Kansas’ labor market, but only 45 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.


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