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

### Jobs by Skill Level, Louisiana, 2015

- **High-Skill**: 16%
- **Middle-Skill**: 26%
- **Low-Skill**: 57%


### Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Strong

Fifty-seven percent of all jobs in 2015 were middle-skill.

### Job Openings by Skill Level, Louisiana, 2014-2024

- **High-Skill**: 20%
- **Middle-Skill**: 26%
- **Low-Skill**: 54%

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

### A Middle-Skill Gap

Middle-skill jobs account for 57 percent of Louisiana’s labor market, but only 46 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.

### Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, Louisiana, 2015