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

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

**Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong**
Between 2014-2024, 49 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

**A Middle-Skill Gap**
Middle-skill jobs account for 60 percent of North Dakota’s labor market, but only 50 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.

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