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

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

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong
Between 2014-2024, 53 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

A Middle-Skill Gap
Middle-skill jobs account for 58 percent of Tennessee’s labor market, but only 45 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.