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

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Strong

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

A Middle-Skill Gap

Middle-skill jobs account for 57 percent of West Virginia’s labor market, but only 49 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong

Between 2014-2024, 51 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.