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

Jobs by Skill Level, Wyoming, 2015

- High-Skill: 16%
- Middle-Skill: 27%
- Low-Skill: 58%

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


Job Openings by Skill Level, Wyoming, 2014-2024

- High-Skill: 28%
- Middle-Skill: 22%
- Low-Skill: 50%

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong
Between 2014-2024, 50 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

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

Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, Wyoming, 2015

A Middle-Skill Gap
Middle-skill jobs account for 58 percent of Wyoming’s labor market, but only 53 percent of the state’s workers are trained to the middle-skill level.