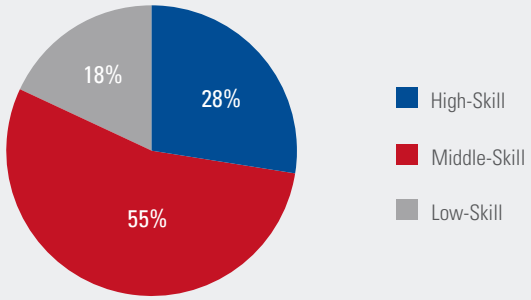
Florida's Forgotten Middle

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

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs is Strong

Fifty-five percent of all jobs in 2012 were middle-skill.

Jobs by Skill Level, Florida, 2012

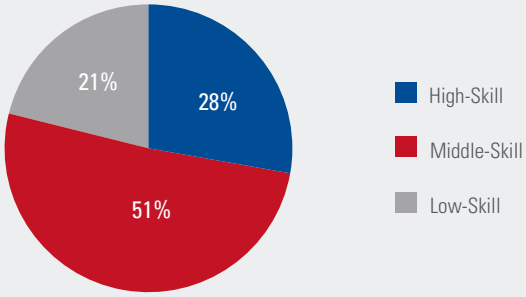


Source: NSC analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics by State, May 2012.

Demand for Middle-Skill Jobs Will Remain Strong

Between 2013-2021, 51 percent of job openings will be middle-skill.

Job Openings by Skill Level, Florida, 2013-21



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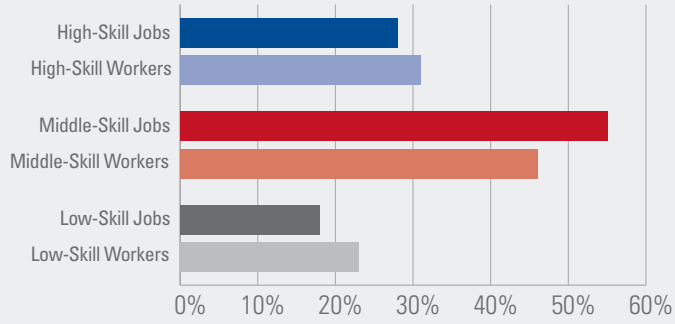
A Middle-Skill Gap

Middle-skill jobs account for 55 percent of Florida'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, Florida, 2012



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