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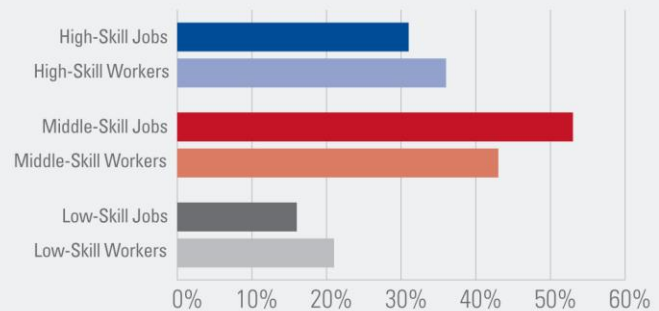
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## Middle-skill gap persists in 2017

NSC's latest analysis on middle-skill jobs reveals that the middle-skill gap persists in 2017 and beyond: middle-skill jobs account for 53% of the U.S. labor market, but only 43% of workers are trained to the middle-skill level. As a result, employers in nearly every state in the country are facing a shortage of sufficiently trained workers to fill these jobs – affecting sectors like manufacturing, health care, and construction. With greater investments in training, low-wage workers could upskill for these middle-skill jobs, move up the career ladder, and earn family supporting wages.

Read our [Skills Blog](#) for more – and visit “Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs: State by State Snapshots” to see the skills gap in your state.

Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, United States, 2015



Source: NSC analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics by State, May 2015 and American Community Survey data, 2015.

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