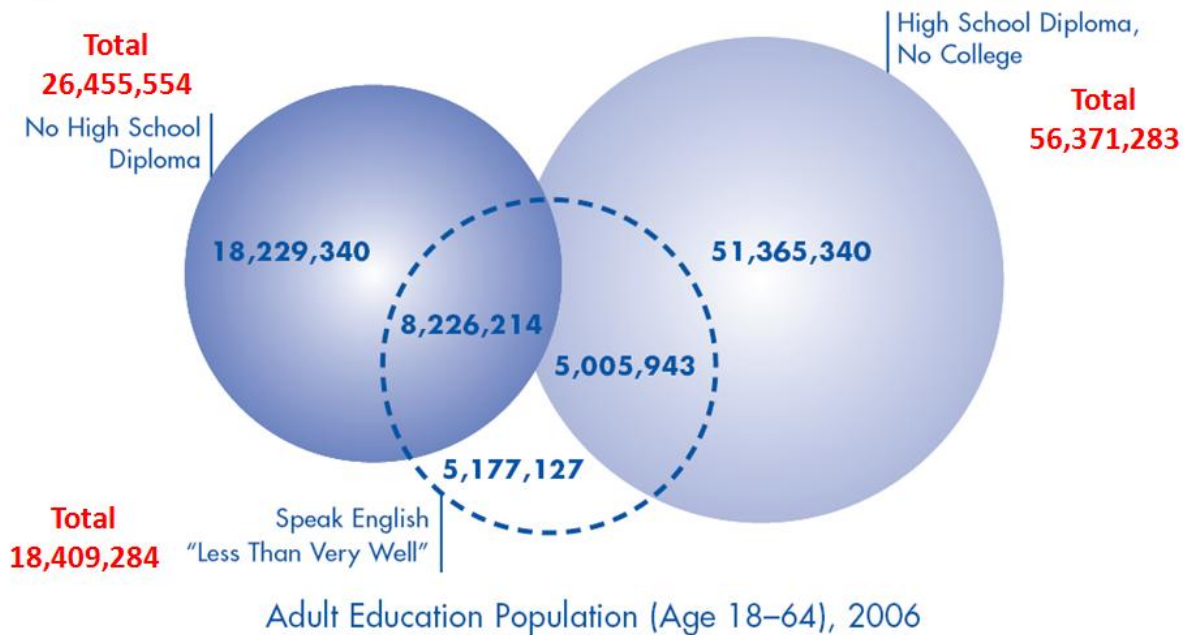


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**Figure 1**

88 Million Adults Have At Least One Education Barrier

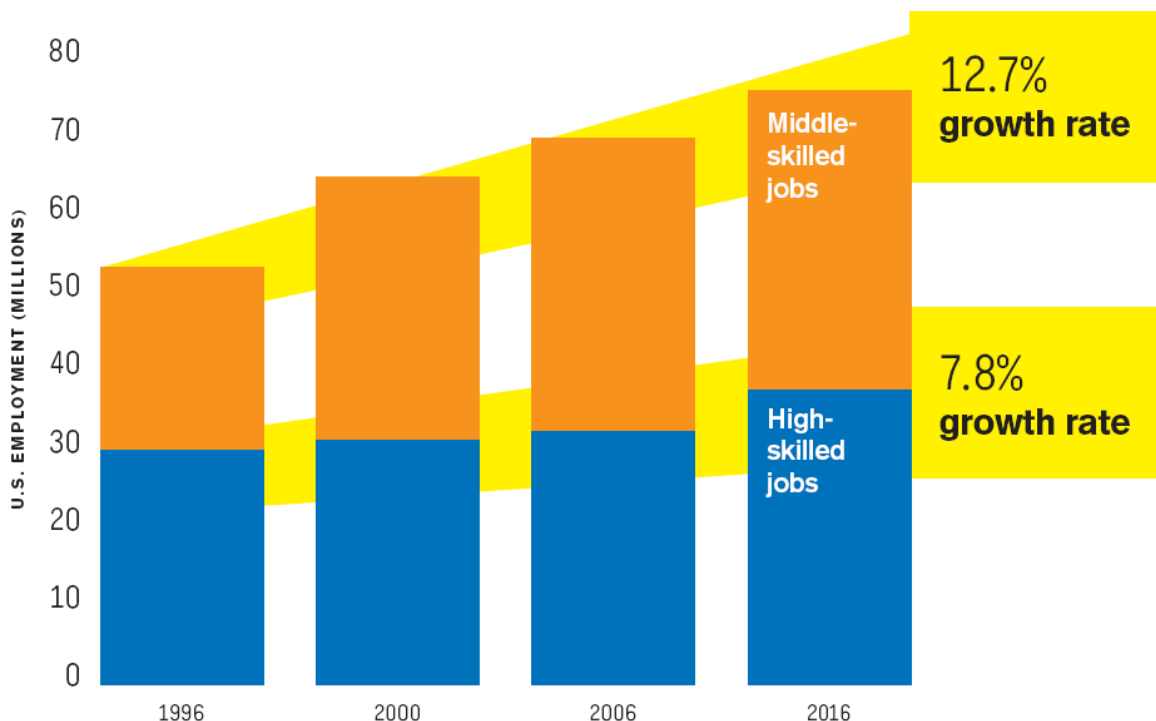


*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey (Public Use Microdata Samples); prepared by National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). Unduplicated population = 88,003,964.*

**Note: Working-age adults (18 to 64) in 2006 totaled 188 million. (88/188 = 46.8%)**

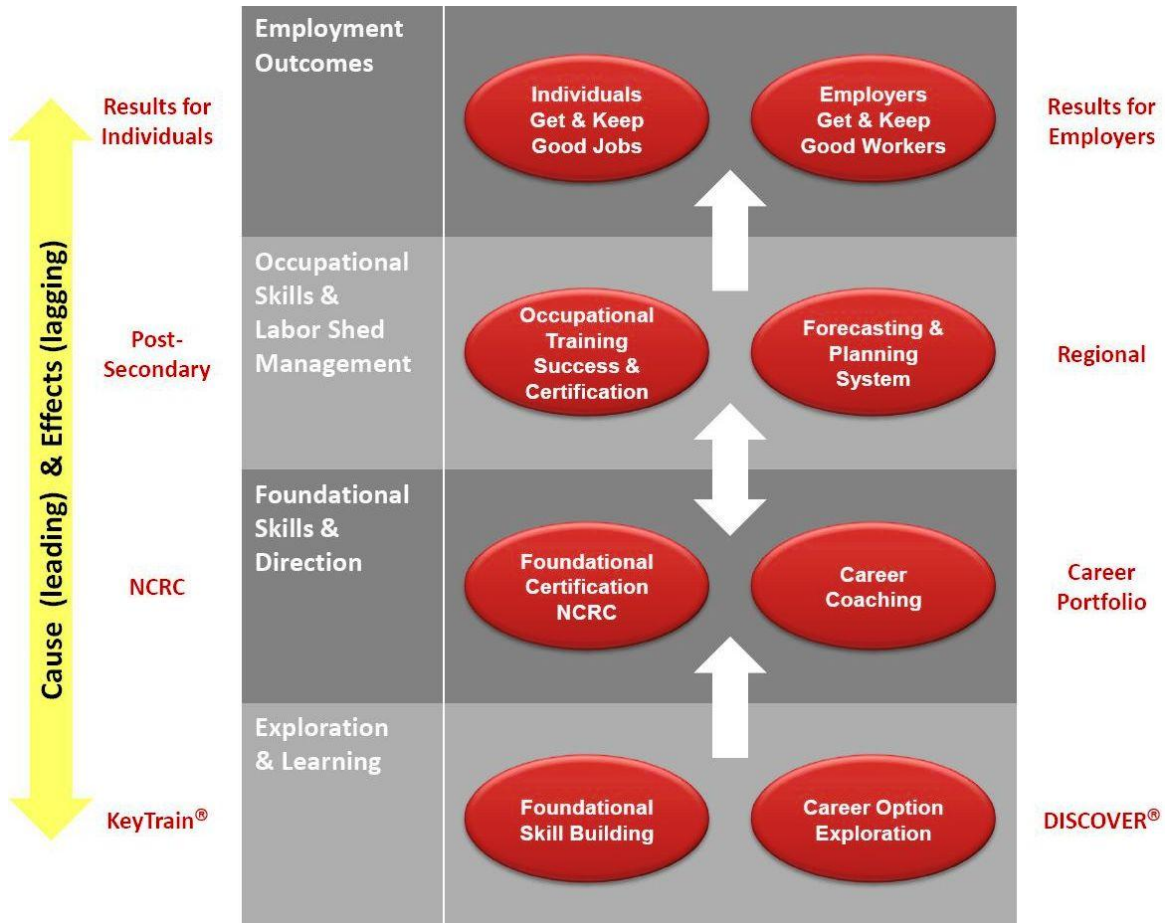
## 4. The Growth in Middle-Skilled Jobs Creates New Workforce Opportunities

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections



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