



# Integrated Education Technology, Training, and Demand for Skilled Trades

LFC - June 2026

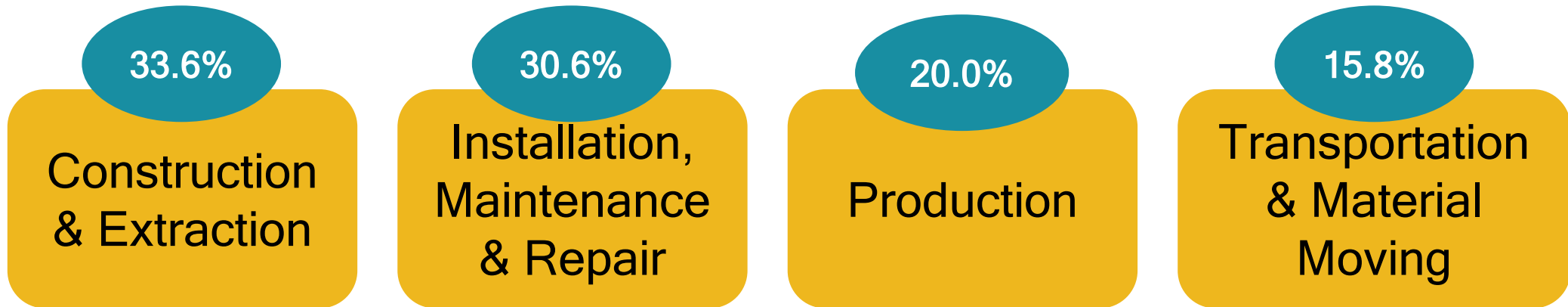
Sarita Nair, Cabinet Secretary



# WHAT ARE SKILLED TRADES?

**High Skilled Occupations** have education/ training beyond a high school diploma, to include certifications, industry-recognized credentials, on-the-job training, apprenticeship, internship, and residency.

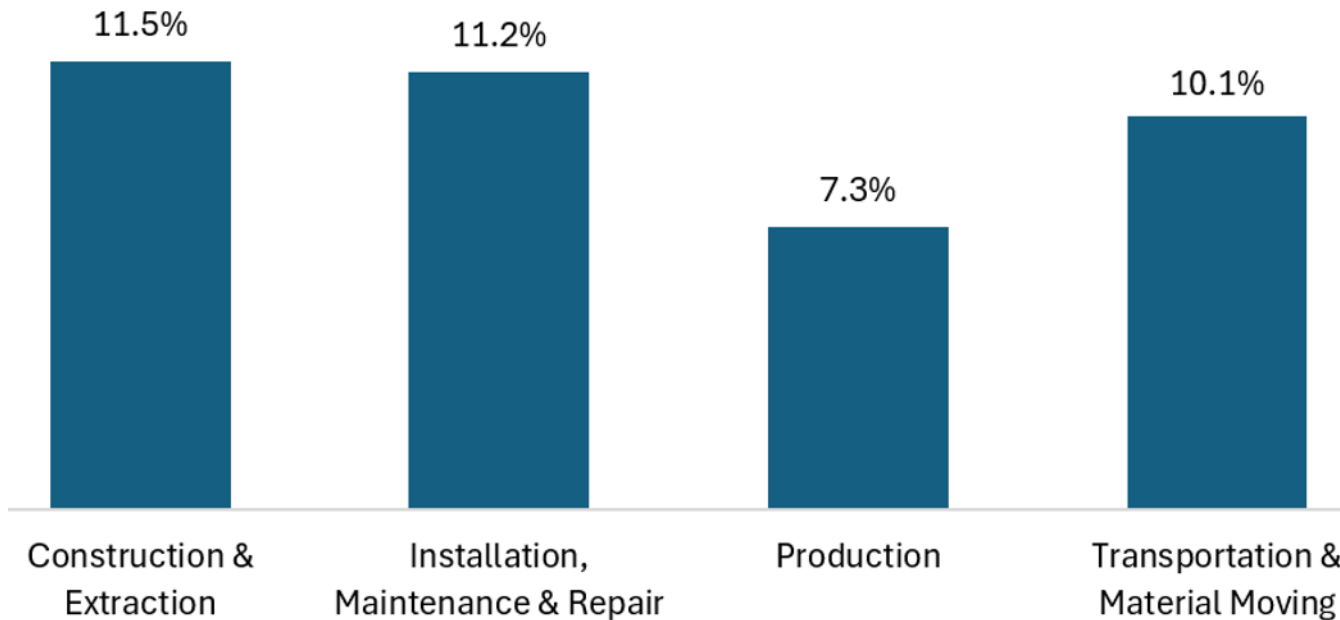
Over one in every five jobs in New Mexico is in the skilled trades (21.3%)



## Industries Employing Most Skilled Trades Workers

Specialty Trade Contractors, Mining Support, Self-Employed, General Merchandise Retailers, Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction

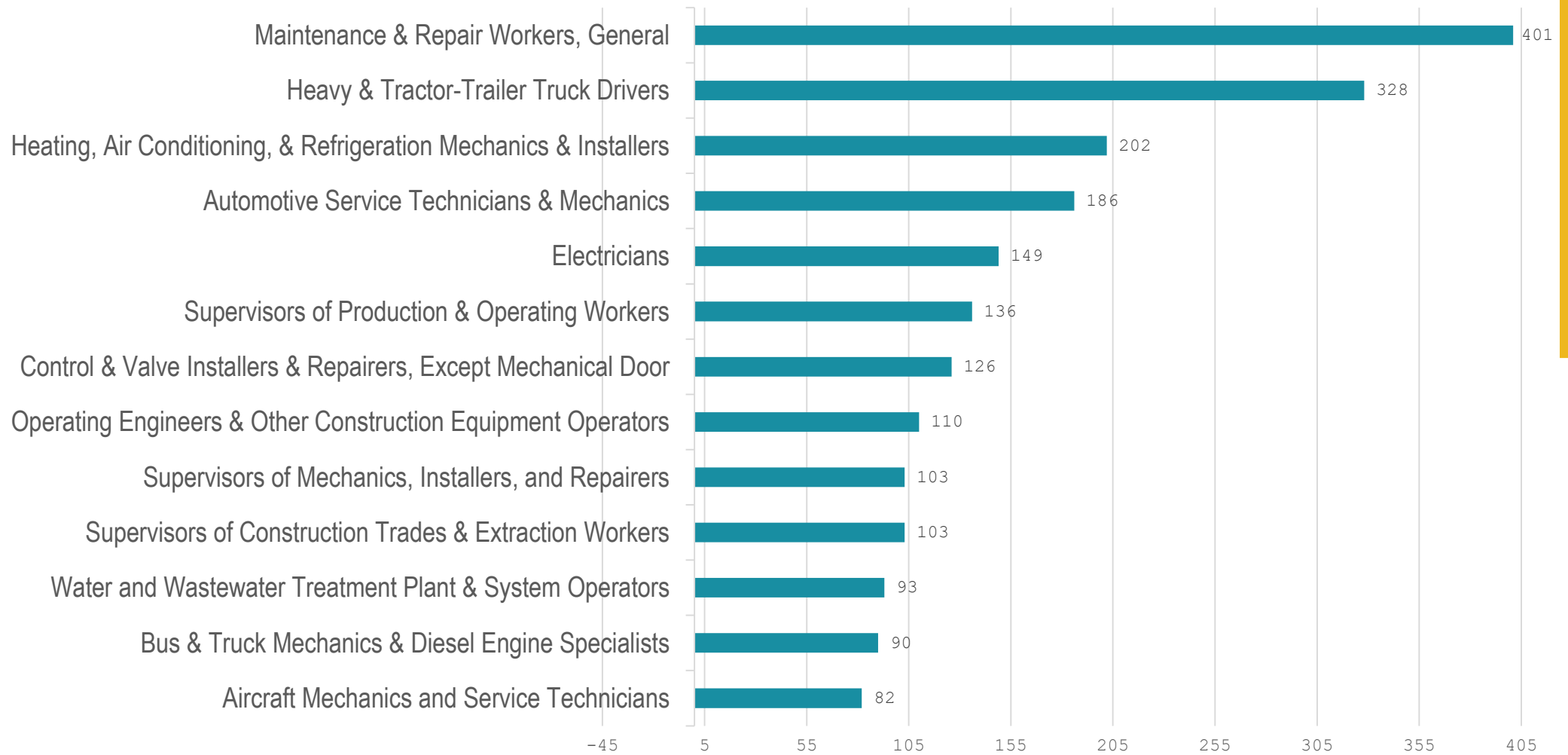
# EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS TO 2033



Skilled Trades With the Fastest Growth			
Occupation	Projected 2033 Employment	# Increase	% Increase
Wind Turbine Service Technicians	296	131	<b>79.4%</b>
Solar Photovoltaic Installers	283	77	37.4%
Medical Equipment Repairers	317	61	23.8%
Riggers	154	27	21.3%
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	3,305	537	19.4%
Electricians	6,419	<b>975</b>	17.9%

Source: Employment Projections Program

# MOST JOB OPENINGS (April 2026)



**Key Skills**

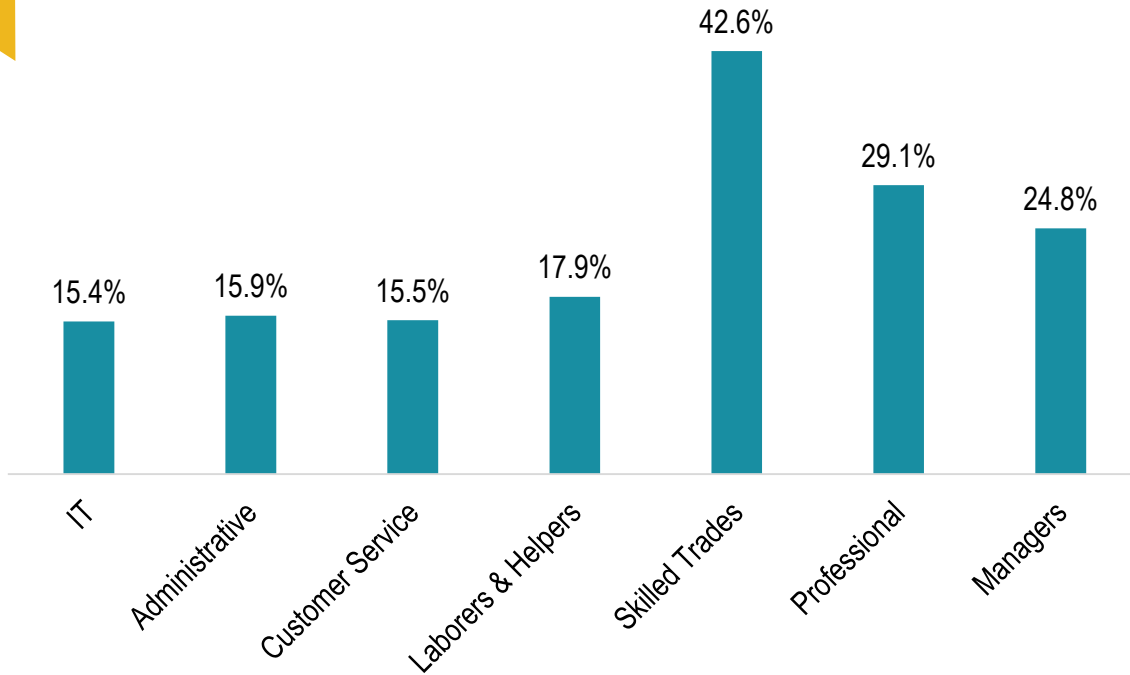
**Job skill:  
Customer Service**

**Tool or Tech:  
MS Office**

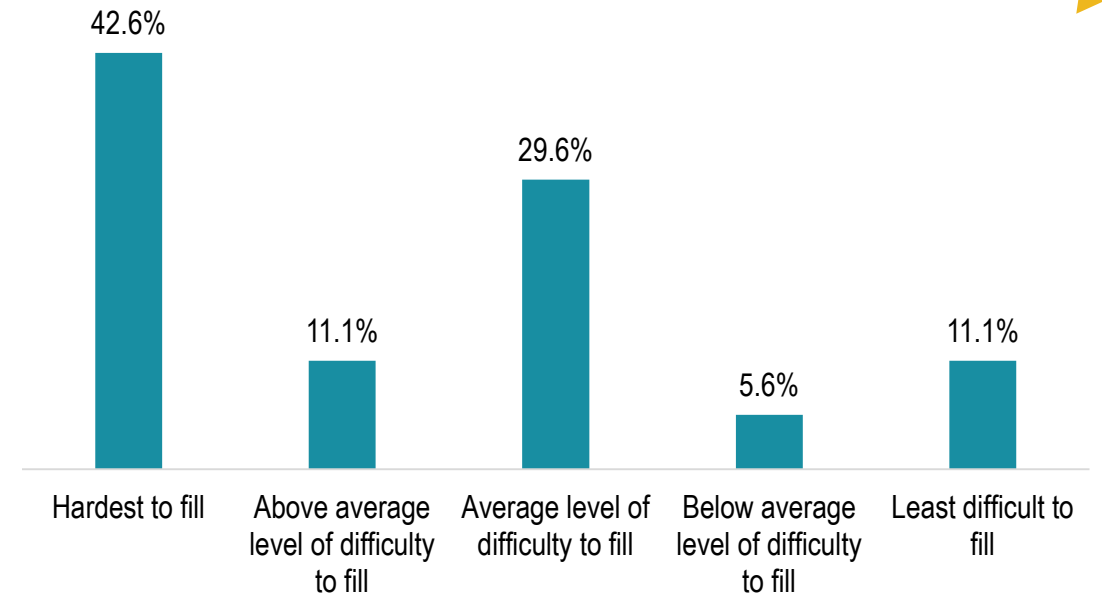
**Certification:  
CDL**

# DEMAND FOR SKILLED TRADES

What positions are hardest to fill? (by type)



How difficult is it to fill skilled trades positions?



Source -2025 DWS Employer Survey

# AJC CUSTOMERS



In what field of work would you be interested?

1. Healthcare
2. Construction Industries
3. Tourism & Recreation
4. Film & Digital Media
5. Advanced Manufacturing
6. Oil & Gas
7. Aerospace
8. Education
9. Energy Transition and Climate Resilience
10. Natural Resource Management



# DWS SKILLED TRADES PROGRAMS

Apprenticeship  
Pre-Apprenticeship  
Be Pro Be Proud  
Economic Transition Program  
Draft Days  
Partnerships with Corrections

