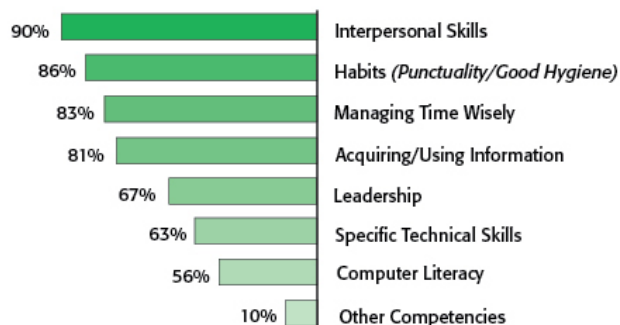


# The Skills Gap

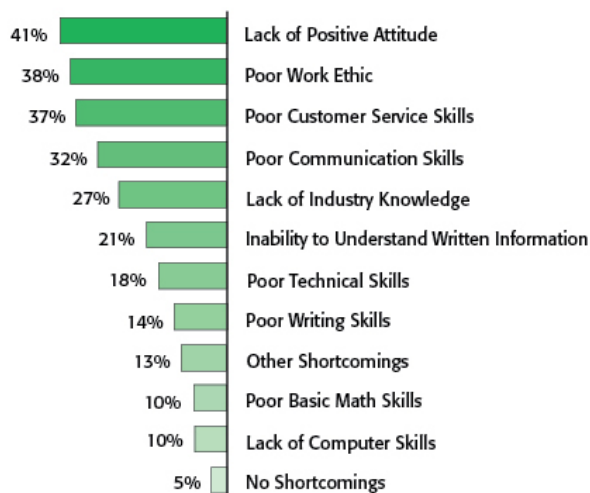
## Missouri Employers Identify Needs

In a statewide survey, more than 2,000 employers having nearly 85,000 job vacancies last year (April – July) selected the basic skills needed for their open positions, as well as the shortcomings they found in the applicant pool.

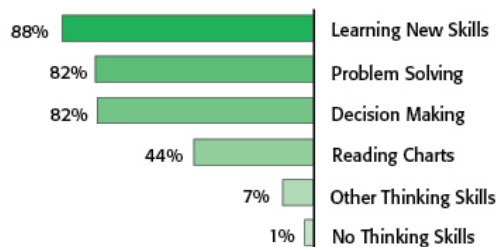
### What workplace competencies are important to this position?



### What are the shortcomings of the applicants?



### What thinking skills does this position require?



Source: Missouri Job Vacancy Survey 2007 • Missouri Department of Economic Development, Missouri Economic Research & Information Center and Division of Workforce Development