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Where Are the Jobs?

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1. Rising Unemployment

Job seekers now outnumber openings by more than six to one with over 15 million people looking for jobs and only 2.4 million openings, which is the fewest job openings recorded since the BLS started collecting the data a decade ago.

While layoffs and terminations are part of the problem, the lack of new [job creation](#) is significant. From November 2008 to November 2009, monthly job separations fell 500,000 per month, from 4.8 million to 4.3 million, but job openings fell 900,000 per month from 3.3 million to 2.4 million. The difference of 400,000 a month shows that while fewer people are losing their jobs, there are even fewer opportunities to find a new one.

2. Overview

Job openings are submitted by establishments on the last business day of the month and require a specific position to be available where work could start in the next 30 days. It could include full, part-time and seasonal work.

Hires are the total number of additions to the payroll occurring at any time during the month, including both new and rehired employees, full-time and part-time, permanent, short-term and seasonal employees, etc.

Separations are the total number of terminations of employment occurring at any time during the month including quits, layoffs and discharges, and other separations.

You're Looking for a Job

Job Openings By Geography

Comparing job openings from November 2008 to November 2009, the South has been hit the hardest, going from 1.267 million job openings to 796,000 for a loss of 471,000. Contrast that with the Northeast and Midwest that lost around 100,000 or the West with 186,000.

Comparing job openings from June 2009 to November 2009, job openings for the South are down about 100,000. The same for the Northeast. But for the Midwest and West, they are up about 50,000, giving some small glimmer of hope in those areas.

Being able to relocate is always helpful in a job search and going west seems to your best chance right now





Job Openings By Industry

The industries where job openings are still trending down over the last three months include transportation and utilities, retail, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality and accommodations and food services.

But there are those industries that are looking up, including construction and manufacturing, and both federal and state government.

It's easier to find work if you are willing to look beyond the cubicle, store or service industry. Look into blue collar jobs or the public sector.

Terminations by Industry

The industries where terminations are trending up over the last three months include retail, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, entertainment, and accommodations and food services.

Industries that are basically flat include manufacturing, transportation and utilities, education and government. But there are a few industries that are terminating fewer people. Those include construction and retail.

While it's hard to feel any job is safe in this environment, the bottom seems to be close in a few industries and many are flattening out. But we are clearly not out of the woods yet.

Conclusion

Headline numbers don't capture the entire picture. Digging deeper into data like the Jobs Openings and Turnover Report shows a more precise picture and more detail. While this isn't good news for anyone, it's better to know what's really going on than to make a bad decision based on faulty information.



[Which jobs are now most in demand?](#)

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It may be hard to believe with U.S. unemployment at 9.9%, but there are positions out there employers are having a tough time filling — and it may give some hope to those long out of work.

The hardest workers for employers to find right now are those in the skilled trades, the traditional blue collar jobs that require apprenticeships like sheet metal workers, welders, plumbers and electricians, according to Manpower Inc. The key here is experience.

And, as companies gear up for a better company, there is also strong demand for sales representatives.

That's a big change from Manpower's top talent in demand in 2009 — engineers and nurses. Engineers dropped to eighth this year and teachers fell off the top 10 list.

Toughest jobs to fill

Rank	Jobs most in demand in 2010	Rank	Jobs most in demand in 2009
1	Skilled trades	1	Engineers
2	Sales representatives	2	Nurses
3	Nurses	3	Skilled manual trades
4	Technicians	4	Teachers
5	Drivers	5	Sales representatives
6	Restaurants & hotel staff	6	Technicians
7	Management/executives	7	Drivers
8	Engineers	8	IT staff
9	Doctors & non-nursing practitioners	9	Laborers
10	Customer service representatives	10	Machinist/machine operator
Source: Manpower Inc.			



Where the Jobs Are Today

Manufacturing did exceptionally well, adding 44,000 jobs, the biggest one-month gain in the sector since August 1998. Construction added 14,000 jobs, the second straight month of gains after nearly three years of uninterrupted job losses in that battered sector.

Retailers added 12,400 jobs, and the leisure and hospitality industries added 45,000 jobs on a seasonally adjusted reading, a sign that employers in those sectors see increased consumer demand.

Temporary help services added 26,200 jobs, which economists see as an important sign of future hiring, since employers often take on temporary workers before they add permanent staff. Temp workers have now increased by 330,000 over the last seven months after roughly three straight years of job losses there.

Sources

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