



JOB MARKET

Hiring is still strong in some professions

Experienced people with certain skills can find positions

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The ease of re-employment depends on what you do. Worried job hunters may be excused for not taking comfort in that truism. No matter what they do, job hunters who need a paycheck want to work right now.

That has a better chance of happening if the job hunters are in these occupations:

Experienced sales representatives (particularly if they'll work on commission)

Software designers or developers

Nurses

Accounting and finance executives

Accounting staff

According to a Jobfox.com report, those are the top five "recession-proof" professions.

It doesn't matter whether we're technically in a recession. What matters is that in many cities and occupations, job losses this year are exceeding job gains.

"Difficult times, unfortunately, are already here for many low-skilled workers," Jobfox CEO Rob McGovern said.

But for workers in the 20 most slump-proof occupations identified by Jobfox, there's "aggressive hiring activity for critical positions."

Know, though, that job markets vary locally, and competition remains strong for jobs, even the fast-hiring ones.

Employers want the best candidates they can attract for the compensation package they're offering. They want proven talent, because they don't necessarily have time or money to invest in training.

And, oh yes, they want candidates with good communication and people skills.

The Jobfox report said candidates with those "soft" skills also might find quick re-employment if their "hard" skills put them in these remaining top categories: networking/systems administration, administrative assistant, business analysis/ software implementation, business analysis/ research, finance

staff, project management, testing/quality assurance, product management, database administration, account/customer support, technology executive, electrical engineering, sales executive, mechanical engineering and government contracts administration.

As for what kind of worker was statistically the “most wanted” professional in July: Jobfox says it was nurses.

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