# Express Pros Study of the Unemployed U.S. Topline Results – National Sample Survey Fielded: March 14 - April 6, 2017

## Respondent Qualifications:

- US resident
- Age 18+
- Mix of gender
- Unemployed but capable of working (excludes those that are currently retired, choose to stay at home and those that are unable to work due to a long-term disability)
  - o Stat testing was done at the 95% confidence level

This report covers the US total and by how long respondents have been out of work; whether they receive unemployment benefits or not; and gender.

#### Notes:

- Upper case letters indicate a significant difference at the 95% confidence level
- Dashes represent <1%</li>
- Asterisks represent 0%

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

## Q268 Gender

			Но	ow Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemployme	•	Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	1	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171 1329		559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Male	55	57	59	43	58	56	63	54	100	-
		G	G		G	G			N	
Female	45	43	41	57	42	44	37	46	ı	100
	•			BFIJ						М

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

#### **Q280** Age

			Но	ow Long Out	of Work		Receiv Unemployme	•	Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
18 - 29	35	45	38	33	31	27	29	36	36	34
		J								
30 - 39	19	19	21	17	16	20	16	20	18	20
40 - 49	18	17	12	20	16	19%	16	18	18	17
50 - 59	16	10	17	15	14	21%	21	15	15	17

						В				
60 and over	12	9	11	15	22	12	19	11	13	11
					J		L			
MEAN	39.5	36.2	38	40.3	42.3	41.9	42.8	39	39.4	39.6
				В		BF	L			

NOTE: as seen between 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, slight age skew continues among those who have been out of work the longest (>24 months 42.8 in 2014 vs. 41.5 in 2015 vs. 43.3 in 2016 vs 41.9)

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q600** What is your current employment status? Please select all that apply.

			Н	ow Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemployme		Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Not employed, but looking for work	87	94	97	89	89	77	96	86	88	86
		J	J	J	J		L			
Not employed and not looking for work	13	6	3	11	11	23	4	14	12	14
	•					BFGI		K		

Not looking 2014 (14%); 2015 (17%); 2016 (14%); 2017 (13%)

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

Q434 What is the highest level of education you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

			Но	ow Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemployme	•	Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	1	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
High school or less (net)	45	44	43	42	42	49	37	47	48	42
Less than high school	1	*	2	1	*	1	*	1	1	1
Completed some high school	6	7	5	6	6	5	3	6	6	5
Completed high school	39	37	35	36	36	43	33	39	41	35
Job-specific training	6	8	6	11	6	3	11	6	5	7

Some college (net)   29   27   29   23   29   32   19   30   29   28	program(s) after high school										
college (net)         29         27         29         23         29         32         19         30         29         28           Some college, but no degree         21         21         22         13         23         22         14         22         20         21           Associates degree         8         6         7         10         6         10         6         8         9         7           College (such as B.A., B.S.)         14         14         19         15         16         10         23         12         11         17           Attended Graduate school (net)         6         6         3         9         7         6         10         5         6         6           Some graduate school, but no degree         2         4         *         5         1         2         7         2         3         2           Graduate degree         4         2         3         4         6         4         3         4         3         4			J		J						
Some college, but no degree		29	27	29	23	29	32	19		29	28
College									K		
degree         8         6         7         10         6         10         6         8         9         7           College (such as B.A., B.S.)         14         14         19         15         16         10         23         12         11         17           Attended Graduate school (net)         6         6         3         9         7         6         10         5         6         6           Some graduate school, but no degree         2         4         *         5         1         2         7         2         3         2           Graduate degree         4         2         3         4         6         4         3         4         3         4	college, but	21	21	22	13	23	22	14	22	20	21
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At least a college degree 2015 (19%); HS or less 2015 (48%); At least a college degree 2016 (23%); HS or less 2016 (44%); At least a college degree 2017 (29%); HS or less 2017 (45%);

## BASE: GRADUATED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Q1600 You indicated that you graduated college. In what broad area of study is your undergraduate degree?

			Н	ow Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemployme	Ū	Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	422	108	54	57	61	142	66	356	147	275
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Science	24	20	24	28	14	30	14	27	23	25
Liberal Arts	29	27	28	33	15	37	30	29	30	29
								_		
Education	5	2	2	4	2	11	3	5	2	8
Business	25	39	20	23	33	9	33	22	30	19
		J								
Fine Arts	5	3	15	*	6	4	11	3	3	7
Other	13	9	12	12	30	10	10	13	12	13

## SECTION #2: SETTING THE STAGE

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q705** Why did you leave your last job? Please select one.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I was laid off	22	21	33	26	31	16	39	20	27	17
			BJ	J	J		L		N	
I quit	22	31	16	22	19	19	13	24	20	26
		FJ						K		М
I was downsized	9	12	7	8	6	9	10	9	10	8
I was let go for performance reasons	6	6	8	5	6	6	10	6	7	5
I am a recent high school graduate looking for a job	3	1	6	1	3	5	*	4	4	2
			В			В				
I decided to go back to school	2	3	2	5	1	1	1	3	2	3
				J						
My position was eliminated due to technology	2	1	3	*	2	2	2	2	2	1
I am a recent college graduate looking for a job	2	1	*	2	6	3	1	2	2	2
I recently left high school without a degree or GED and am looking for a job	1	1	*	1	*	2	3	1	1	1
My position went to an offshore team	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	3	1
Something else	27	23	20	27	23	35 BFI	20	28	22	33

2014 laid off (36%); quit (15%); 2015, laid off (28%); quit (19%); 2016, laid off (23%); quit (22%); 2017, laid off (22%); quit (22%)

Q710/Q711 How long have you been out of work?

			Hov	w Long Out of	Work		Unemp	iving loyment efits	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
3 months or less (net)	30	100	*	*	*	*	44	27	31	28
		FGJ								
1 month	12	42	*	*	*	*	13	12	13	12
		FGJ								
2 months	9	31	*	*	*	*	15	8	9	9
		FGJ								
3 months	8	27	*	*	*	*	17	7	8	8
		FGJ					L			
4 to 6 months	13	*	100	*	*	*	32	10	14	12
			BGIJ				L			
7-12 months	13	*	*	100	*	*	9	13	10	16
				BFIJ						М
13-24 months (net)	10	*	*	*	100	*	6	11	11	10
					FGJ					
13-18 months	7	*	*	*	67	*	5	7	8	6
					FGJ					
19-24 months	3	*	*	*	33	*	1	4	3	4
					FGJ					
More than 24 months	34	*	*	*	*	100	9	38	35	34
						BFGI		K		
MEAN	23.5	1.8	5	9.5	17.3	56.5	9.4	25.8	23.6	23.3
			В	BF	FG	I		K		

Mean: 23.2 in 2014; 26.8 in 2015; 26.3 in 2016; 23.5 in 2017

Q715 When was the last time that you were employed full-time? Please enter the number of months and years it's been since you were last employed full-time.

			Но	w Long Out of	<sup>f</sup> Work		Recei Unemple Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	1	J	K	L	М	N
Base										
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Less than 3 months ago	13	42	*	1	*	*	17	12	13	12
		FGJ								
3 to 6 months ago	14	20	54	2	*	*	37	10	14	14
		GJ	BGIJ				L			
7 to 12 months ago	9	2	7	58	2	*	10	9	7	11
			BJ	BFJ						
13 to 24 months ago	13	9	8	14	54	5	5	14	14	11
				J	FGJ			K		
25+ months ago	31	15	16	10	27	60	19	33	31	31
					G	BFGI				
I have not been employed full time	21	12	14	15	17	35	12	22	21	21
						BFGI		K		
MEAN	41.8	21.7	26.9	24.5	42.8	80.8	27	44.5	39.9	44
					G	BFGI		K		

Mean: 47.7 in 2015; 49.1 in 2016; 41.8 in 2017

## **BASE ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q720** When was the last time that you were employed part-time? Please enter the number of months and years it's been since you were last employed full-time.

			Но	w Long Out of	Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base										
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Less than 3 months ago	11	24	6	8	5	5	13	11	11	11
		FGJ								
3 to 6 months ago	7	12	20	5	3	1	7	7	6	9
		J	GIJ	J						
7 to 12 months ago	5	2	7	22	3	2	6	5	4	6
			BJ	BFIJ						
13 to 24 months ago	8	9	11	8	19	3	5	9	8	8
		J	J	J	GJ					

25+ months ago	21	15	14	17	13	31	13	22	23	17
						BFGI			N	
I have not been employed part time	48	39	41	40	59	59	57	47	47	49
					FG	BFG				
MEAN	50.2	31.3	38	45.2	46	85.2	54.3	49.6	59.6	38.2
						BFG			N	

Mean: 55.7 in 2015; 50.9 in 2016; 50.2 in 2017

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q735** How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Please select one for each statement.

I am currently willing to accept available positions below my most recent pay level.

			How Long Out of Work					Receiving Unemployment Benefits		
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	81	75	84	85	85	82	87	80	83	78
Agree completely	27	17	27	34 B	35	32 B	20	28	28	27
Agree a lot	17	14	25	18	13	17	24	15	19	13
			В				L		N	
Agree somewhat	23	30	20	17	22	22	32	22	23	24
		G								
Agree a little	14	15	12	16	15	11	11	14	13	14
Do not agree at all	19	25	16	15	15	18	13	20	17	22

Agree 83% in 2014; agree 79% in 2015; agree 80% in 2016; agree 81% in 2017

I am currently willing to accept part-time positions.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	91	94	93	90	90	89	90	91	92	91
Agree completely	43	35	46	46	45	47	33	44	38	49
						В				М
Agree a lot	21	23	18	24	16	20	23	20	22	19
Agree somewhat	18	25	20	12	16	14	25	17	20	15
		GJ								
Agree a little	10	12	8	9	14	8	9	10	11	8
Do not agree at all	9	6	7	10	10	11	10	9	8	9

## Agree 93% in 2014; agree 88% in 2015; agree 88% in 2016; agree 91% in 2017

I am currently willing to accept temporary or seasonal positions.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	87	86	89	91	82	87	87	87	86	88
Agree completely	36	30	38	40	32	41	31	37	35	39
						В				
Agree a lot	18	21	22	19	17	15	22	17	18	18
Agree somewhat	20	21	22	19	18	19	22	19	20	19
Agree a little	13	15	8	13	15	12	12	13	13	12
Do not agree at all	13	14	11	9	18	13	13	13	14	12
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Agree 91% in 2014; agree 86% in 2015; agree 85% in 2016; agree 87% in 2017

I am currently willing to accept contract/freelance positions.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	84	86	89	86	86	80	87	84	88	80
									N	
Agree completely	33	33	35	40	32	31	30	34	34	33
Agree a lot	16	14	18	19	15	17	24	15	16	16
							L			
Agree somewhat	22	23	27	20	23	20	24	22	27	17
									N	
Agree a little	12	16	9	8	16	11	9	13	11	14
Do not agree at all	16	14	11	14	14	20	13	16	12	20
_							•			М

Agree 86% in 2014; agree 80% in 2015; agree 82% in 2016; agree 84% in 2017

**Q740** How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Please select one for each statement.

I've completely given up on looking for a job.

			Но	ow Long Ou	t of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	33	17	27	25	32	53	22	35	35	31
						BFGI		K		
Agree completely	6	3	3	1	3	13	1	7	7	5
						BFGI		K		
Agree a lot	5	3	12	2	3	6	6	5	5	4
			BGI			С				
Agree somewhat	9	3	8	12	6	16	8	10	10	9
				В		BI				
Agree a little	12	8	4	10	20	18	7	13	12	13
						BF				
Do not agree at all	67	83	73	75	68	47	78	65	65	69
		J	J	J	J		L			

Agree 47% in 2014; agree 40% in 2015; agree 43% in 2016; agree 33% in 2017

I'm hopeful that I will find a job I really want in the next 6 months.

			How Long Out of Work					ving oyment fits	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	92	98	96	97	95	82	97	91	93	90
		J	J	J	J					
Agree completely	38	48	35	44	39	29	41	38	37	39
		J		J	j					
Agree a lot	23	30	29	25	22	15	34	21	25	21
		J	J	J			L			
Agree somewhat	21	17	23	21	20	25	17	22	22	21
Agree a little	9	3	10	8	14	13	5	10	9	9
			В	В		В				
Do not agree at all	8	2	4	3	5	18	3	9	7	10
<u> </u>			_			BFGI				

Agree 91% in 2014; agree 88% in 2015; agree 87% in 2016; agree 92% in 2017

I'm confident that I will find a job in a reasonable amount of time.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	83	98	92	84	85	66	93	82	83	83
		FGJ	J	J	J		L			
Agree completely	23	29	25	25	23	15	27	22	23	21
		J	J	J						
Agree a lot	21	35	24	19	20	9	29	20	21	21
		GJ	J	J	J					
Agree somewhat	25	24	31	23	25	25	27	25	27	23
Agree a little	14	9	12	16	17	18	10	15	11	18
						В				М
Do not agree at all	17	2	8	16	15	34	7	18	17	17
			В	В		BFGI	•	K		

Agree 2014, 2015 and 2016 (81%); agree 83% in 2017

I'm becoming more discouraged the longer I am unemployed.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei <sup>,</sup> Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	77	70	83	79	76	81	77	77	78	77
			В			В				
Agree completely	23	16	20	19	29	30	14	24	24	22
						BG		K		
Agree a lot	17	13	20	16	18	19	17	17	16	18
Agree somewhat	19	17	26	26	11	17	30	17	19	18
							L			
Agree a little	19	25	18	18	18	14	16	19	19	19
		J								
Do not agree at all	23	30	17	21	24	19	23	23	22	23
		FJ								

Agree 82% in 2014; agree 81% in 2015; agree 80% in 2016; agree 77% in 2017

I'm confident everything will turn out fine.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	92	97	98	98	92	81	98	91	91	92
		J	J	JI	J		L			
Agree completely	30	37	37	31	24	22	34	29	30	30
		J	J							
Agree a lot	26	32	32	20	28	19	29	25	27	24
		GJ	J							
Agree somewhat	24	22	17	34	26	23	23	24	24	23
				BFJ						
Agree a little	13	6	12	14	15	17	13	13	11	15
				В		В				
Do not agree at all	8	3	2	2	8	19	2	9	9	8
					G	BFGI		K		

Agree 88% in 2014; agree 89% in 2015; agree 86% in 2016; agree 92% in 2017

I find being unemployed really stressful.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	86	88	92	89	83	82	89	86	87	85
			J							
Agree completely	29	30	27	30	24	31	22	30	28	31
Agree a lot	17	17	24	12	17	17	23	16	17	17
			G							
Agree somewhat	21	21	24	23	27	19	19	22	21	21
Agree a little	18	21	16	25	15	16	25	17	20	16
Do not agree at all	14	12	8	11	17	18	11	14	13	15
						F				

Agree 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 (86%);

I am able to handle the stress of unemployment.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	84	85	84	84	90	81	88	83	83	85

Agree completely	18	15	15	22	25	17	18	18	19	16
Agree a lot	16	22	18	15	8	13	28	14	17	15
		J					L			
Agree somewhat	30	29	35	25	36	30	29	31	31	30
Agree a little	20	19	16	22	21	20	14	21	16	24
										М
Do not agree at all	16	15	16	16	10	19	12	17	17	15

Agree 88% in 2014; Agree 87% in 2015; Agree 85% in 2016; Agree 84% in 2017

I'll only accept a job that allows me to use my education and skills.

			Hov	w Long Out o	f Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	61	68	64	61	63	54	70	60	63	59
		J								
Agree completely	6	6	4	6	3	8	9	6	6	6
Agree a lot	10	10	11	14	11	6	11	9	9	10
Agree a lot	10	10	11	J	- 11	U	11	<u> </u>		10
Agree somewhat	23	27	23	21	22	21	26	23	25	22
Agree a little	22	24	26	21	27	19	24	22	23	22
Do not agree at all	39	32	36	39	37	46	30	40	37	41
						В				

Agree 65% in 2014; agree 62% in 2015 and 2016; agree 61% in 2017

There is no activity that is more important than finding a job.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	87	89	92	96	80	81	95	85	88	84
		J	IJ				L			
Agree completely	23	26	25	26	25	17	29	22	25	20
		J								
Agree a lot	24	30	24	24	15	21	28	23	24	24
		J								
Agree somewhat	26	24	30	31	26	24	30	25	27	25
Agree a little	14	9	13	15	14	18	8	15	13	15
						В				
Do not agree at all	13	11	8	4	20	19	5	15	12	16

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Agree 86% in 2014; agree 82% in 2015; agree 80% in 2016; agree 87% in 2017

I don't apply for jobs that offer minimum wage because it's just not enough to pay the bills.

,			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	67	74	68	75	61	59	78	65	69	64
		J		IJ			L			
Agree completely	22	28	20	23	23	19	32	21	24	20
		J					L			
Agree a lot	13	16	15	16	8	9	17	12	13	12
		J		J						
Agree somewhat	17	16	20	25	16	14	16	17	17	16
				HJ						
Agree a little	15	14	13	11	14	18	14	15	14	15
Do not agree at all	33	26	32	25	39	41	22	35	31	36
	·				G	BG		K		

Agree 66% in 2016; Agree 67% in 2017

#### BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE GIVEN UP LOOKING FOR WORK

**Q745** Why have you given up looking for a job?

UNCODED OPEN END - NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q755** How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Please select one for each statement.

I'm finding it hard to keep my effort level high in my job search.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	73	64	77	77	72	79	78	72	75	70
			В	В		В				
Agree completely	13	7	11	9	11	20	10	13	13	12
						BFG				
Agree a lot	16	12	21	15	23	18	25	15	19	14
							L			
Agree somewhat	26	22	28	33	19	27	20	27	26	25
				I						
Agree a little	18	23	18	21	19	13	23	18	17	20
		J								
Do not agree at all	27	36	23	23	28	21	22	28	25	30
	·	FGJ								

Agree 84% in 2014; agree 80% in 2015; agree 79% in 2016; agree 73% in 2017

The longer I'm unemployed, the harder I'm finding it to keep working hard at finding a job.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	74	61	77	76	79	83	74	74	77	71
			В	В		В				
Agree completely	16	7	12	9	19	28	7	18	17	16
						BFG		K		
Agree a lot	17	15	21	18	18	17	29	15	18	16
							L			
Agree somewhat	21	16	26	27	22	23	20	22	20	23
				В						
Agree a little	19	24	18	23	20	15	17	20	21	17
		J								
Do not agree at all	26	39	23	24	21	17	26	26	23	29
		FGJ								

Agree 83% in 2014; agree 80% in 2015; agree 78% in 2016; agree 74% in 2017

I expected to find a job more quickly.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	85	87	92	90	80	80	96	83	86	83
			IJ	J			L			
Agree completely	24	19	23	30	24	28	25	24	24	25
				В		В				
Agree a lot	21	22	30	22	19	18	26	21	23	19
			J							
Agree somewhat	24	27	26	22	26	21	27	24	23	25
Agree a little	15	19	14	16	12	14	18	15	16	15
		h								
Do not agree at all	15	13	8	10	20	20	4	17	14	17
					F	FG		K		

Agree 85% in 2014; agree 84% in 2015; agree 83% in 2016; agree 85% in 2017

I feel like I know how to go about finding a job.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	89	93	96	90	93	82	94	88	90	88
		J	J		J					
Agree completely	24	28	24	28	32	18	22	25	26	22
		J			J					
Agree a lot	25	30	31	24	22	20	30	24	25	26
		J	J							
Agree somewhat	26	25	30	20	27	27	28	25	26	25
Agree a little	14	9	11	18	12	18	14	14	13	15
				В		В				
Do not agree at all	11	7	4	10	7	18	6	12	10	12
				_		BFI				

Agree 92% in 2014; agree 90% in 2015; agree 89% in 2016 and 2017

I don't have the resources to look for a job.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	42	37	38	39	38	51	36	43	45	39
						BFGI				
Agree completely	6	3	5	3	9	8	3	6	7	4
						В				
Agree a lot	5	4	4	4	2	7	6	5	5	5
Agree somewhat	13	13	13	9	8	16	13	13	13	13
Agree a little	19	17	15	23	19	20	14	19	20	17
				С						
Do not agree at all	58	63	62	61	62	49	64	57	55	61
		J	J	J	J		<del></del>			

Agree 51% in 2014; agree 47% in 2015; agree 48% in 2016; agree 42% in 2017

I'm becoming insecure about my ability to become employed again the longer I'm out of work.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	Ι	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	70	58	71	79	62	79	67	71	70	70
			В	BI		BI				

Agree completely	18	6	16	19	17	28	10	19	17	19
			В	В		BFI		K		
Agree a lot	17	14	14	21	18	19	19	17	18	16
Agree somewhat	18	20	23	14	15	18	19	18	17	20
Agree a little	17	19	18	25	14	14	19	17	18	16
				J						
Do not agree at all	30	42	29	21	38	21	33	29	30	30
		FGJ			GJ					

Agree 76% in 2016; agree 70% in 2017

I'm angry about being out of work.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	69	70	77	66	58	70	76	68	74	64
			1			1			N	
Agree completely	16	16	13	13	11	20	15	16	17	14
Agree a lot	14	13	14	15	12	14	16	13	14	14
Agree somewhat	18	16	27	14	11	18	22	17	19	15
			BGI							
Agree a little	22	26	23	25	23	18	24	22	24	20
Do not agree at all	31	30	23	34	42	30	24	32	26	36
					FJ					M

Agree 72% in 2016; agree 69% in 2017

Being out of work makes me feel desperate.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	69	66	71	77	58	72	71	69	71	68
				I		1				
Agree completely	15	11	14	16	10	21	12	16	15	16
						BI				
Agree a lot	16	18	17	16	10	15	21	15	18	13
Agree somewhat	19	19	18	19	18	20	19	19	19	19
Agree a little	19	18	22	26	20	17	19	19	19	20
							•			
Do not agree at all	31	34	29	23	42	28	29	31	29	32
_		g			GJ		•			

Agree 71% in 2016; agree 69% in 2017

The way the economic system is set up in the United States only benefits the rich.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	81	82	85	80	79	80	83	81	81	81
Agree completely	22	18	19	20	25	27	19	23	23	21
						В				
Agree a lot	18	18	21	16	16	19	20	18	18	18
Agree somewhat	24	30	22	26	19	20	27	23	23	25
		J								
Agree a little	17	16	23	18	19	14	18	17	17	16
Do not agree at all	19	18	15	20	21	20	17	19	19	19

## Agree 83% in 2016; agree 81% in 2017

Being out of work makes me feel like I don't know what I'm going to do with my life.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	73	66	74	82	61	79	70	74	74	72
				BI		BI				
Agree completely	21	16	24	17	11	29	11	23	20	22
						BGI		K		
Agree a lot	15	15	15	18	18	14	20	15	16	14
Agree somewhat	19	14	14	30	20	21	18	19	18	21
				BF						
Agree a little	18	21	21	17	13	16	21	17	20	15
Do not agree at all	27	34	26	18	39	21	30	26	26	28
		GJ			GJ					

Agree 76% in 2016; agree 73% in 2017

I feel like people are judging me because I'm still out of work.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	72	64	75	81	70	77	71	73	75	70
				В		В				
Agree completely	22	18	20	24	20	26	15	23	23	21
						В				
Agree a lot	15	14	12	16	13	16	13	15	15	15
Agree somewhat	19	16	23	23	15	20	22	19	19	19
Agree a little	17	15	19	18	22	14	22	16	17	16
	·									
Do not agree at all	28	36	25	19	30	23	29	27	25	30
		GJ					•			

## Agree 72% in 2016 and 2017

I wish I focused on a vocational career (e.g., automotive technology, electrician, plumber, HVAC specialist, dental assisting, medical assisting, etc.) rather than getting my college degree.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	52	55	58	48	50	50	59	51	57	47
									N	
Agree completely	10	9	10	9	8	13	10	10	12	8
Agree a lot	9	10	9	6	11	9	13	8	10	7
Agree somewhat	17	15	20	24	13	17	25	16	18	17
Agree a little	16	20	19	10	18	12	12	16	16	15
		GJ								
Do not agree at all	48	45	42	52	50	50	41	49	43	53
										M

Agree 53% in 2016; agree 52% in 2017

**Q760** How many hours did you spend <u>last week</u> looking for work?

				Н	ow Long Ou	t of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
		Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
		Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
	Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0		16	8	11	7	12	31	6	18	16	17
							BFGI		K		
1-5 hours		26	22	29	27	35	26	17	28	24	29
									K		
6-10 hours		18	14	14	23	21	19	21	17	19	16
11-20 hours		19	25	21	27	13	13	26	18	18	22
			J		JI						
21-30 hours		13	22	15	6	12	6	18	12	14	11
			GJ	J							
31+ hours		8	10	10	10	7	4	11	7	10	5
			J		J					N	
	MEAN	13.3	17.5	17.6	13.3	11.5	8.6	16.3	12.8	14.8	11.5
			GJ	J	J					N	

Mean: 13.8 in 2014; 12.9 in 2015; 11.7 in 2016; 13.3 in 2017

## BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS WHO WERE LOOKING FOR WORK LAST WEEK (Q760 GREATER THAN 0)

Q765 Of the time you spent looking for work <u>last week</u>, how would you say you allocated your time? Your answers should total to 100%. Please enter in zero for each of the activities you did not do last week.

Filling out applications online

			Hov	w Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	40	40	36	30	44	44	36	40	41	38
						G				
11-20%	17	16	21	16	25	12	22	15	18	15
					J					
21-30%	16	21	19	16	9	13	15	17	17	16
31-40%	8	10	3	12	6	6	9	7	6	10
				F						
41-50%	9	5	13	11	5	11	9	9	7	10
			В							
51-75%	4	4	1	9	3	3	2	4	3	5
				J						
76-100%	7	3	8	6	8	11	7	7	8	7
						В				

MEAN	25.8	23.2	25.4	29.9	23.2	28	25.2	25.9	25	26.8
				В						

## Mean: 17.5 in 2014; 21.9 in 2015; 23.7 in 2016; 25.8 in 2017

Filling out applications in-person

Timing out applications in p			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	83	82	84	91	78	83	86	83	82	85
				I						
11-20%	8	9	9	5	17	4	8	8	9	6
					GJ					
21-30%	4	6	4	2	3	3	2	4	3	5
31-40%	1	*	1	*	1	2	1	1	1	*
41-50%	3	2	1	2	*	6	3	2	3	2
						BI				
51-75%	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	0	1	*
76-100%	1	1	1	*	1	2	*	1	1	*
MEAN	6.9	6.9	5.7	4.4	6.7	8.9	6	7.1	7.6	6
						G				

Mean: 8.3 in 2014; 9.0 in 2015; 8.5 in 2016; 6.9 in 2017

## Sending resumes

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	66	60	60	68	63	77	61	67	68	64
				С		BFI				
11-20%	17	19	19	18	19	12	21	16	16	17
21-30%	7	11	7	5	9	4	3	8	6	9
31-40%	3	2	4	1	2	4	6	2	3	2
							L			
41-50%	4	6	2	6	5	2	4	4	5	4
51-75%	1	1	4	*	1	1	3	1	1	1
76-100%	1	1	4	1	*	*	3	1	1	1
			J							
MEAN	12	13.9 J	15.1 J	12.3 J	12.4 J	8	15.3	11.4	11.4	12.8

## Mean: 10.5 in 2014; 12.4 in 2015; 11.6 in 2016; 12 in 2017

Interviewing

e			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Bas	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	88	83	89	93	87	92	86	89	86	91
				В		В				
11-20%	6	10	7	4	6	3	10	6	7	6
		J								
21-30%	3	5	4	*	2	4	4	3	4	2
31-40%	1	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	*
41-50%	1	1	*	2	*	*	*	1	1	*
51-75%	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
76-100%	*	*	*	*	4	*	*	1	1	*
					J					
MEAI	l 4.7	6	4.1	3.8	7.9	2.7	4.6	4.7	5.5	3.7
		J			J				N	

Mean: 4.2 in 2014; 4.4 in 2015; 4.9 in 2016; 4.7 in 2017

Following up on resumes/applications submitted

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	ı	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	83	79	78	91	81	89	80	84	82	85
				BF		BF				
11-20%	11	14	14	6	13	7	16	10	11	10
		J								
21-30%	3	3	3	1	3	2	1	3	2	3
31-40%	1	1	2	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
41-50%	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
										ļ
51-75%	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1
76-100%	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
MEAN	6.8	8.1	8.5	5.9	7.3	4.6	7.1	6.7	6.9	6.6
		J	J							

Mean: 6.7 in 2014; 7.6 in 2015; 7.2 in 2016; 6.8 in 2017

Researching job opportunities

			How Long (				Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	43	45	49	36	49	38	44	42	43	42
11-20%	17	21	20	14	11	15	32	15	19	16
							L			
21-30%	11	15	5	14	13	9	11	11	10	12
		F		F						
31-40%	6	6	10	4	5	5	2	7	6	5
41-50%	9	6	6	18	7	9	7	9	8	10
				BFI						
51-75%	5	3	1	7	5	7	1	5	4	5
				F		F				
76-100%	10	4	8	7	11	17	2	11	9	10
						BG		K		
MEAN	26.9	21.5	22.8	30	26.8	33.9	17.8	28.6	25.9	28.2
				В	D	BF		K		

Mean: 21.1 in 2014; 26.8 in 2015; 25.3 in 2016; 26.9 in 2017

Attending professional networking events (i.e., job fairs)

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Bas	e 1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	96	95	99	99	92	96	92	97	96	96
			I	I						
11-20%	3	4	*	1	5	3	5	3	4	2
21-30%	1	1	*	*	2	*	1	*	1	*
31-40%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
41-50%	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
51-75%	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
76-100%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MEAI	N 2	2.2	1.6	1.3	3.9	1.5	3.3	1.7	1.9	2
					GJ		L			

Mean: 3.0 in 2014; 2.7 in 2015; 2.7 in 2016; 2 in 2017

Networking on the phone (i.e., calling contacts looking for job leads)

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	87	82	78	95	89	93	76	89	84	90
				BF		BF		K		М
11-20%	7	8	14	4	6	3	12	6	8	5
		J	GJ				L			
21-30%	3	5	4	*	1	2	5	3	4	1
		G							N	
31-40%	1	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	*	1
41-50%	1	3	*	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
51-75%	1	1	2	*	*	1	4	*	1	1
							L			
76-100%	*	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	*
MEAN	5.8	7.9	7.8	3.6	5.2	3.5	10.6	4.9	6.5	4.9
·		GJ	GJ	·			L			

Mean: 4.9 in 2014; 5.2 in 2015; 5.6 in 2016; 5.8 in 2017

Networking online (i.e., emailing contacts looking for job leads)

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1235	368	180	175	154	358	163	1072	463	772
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-10%	78	75	76	77	88	79	70	79	78	78
					Е					
11-20%	10	11	11	13	5	8	18	8	9	11
							L			
21-30%	5	7	5	5	3	5	6	5	5	5
31-40%	1	1	2	*	1	2	1	1	1	1
41-50%	3	3	4	4	*	4	3	3	4	3
51-75%	1	1	1	1	*	1	2	1	1	1
76-100%	1	2	*	*	2	2	*	2	2	1
MEAN	9.2	10.3	8.9	8.9	6.6	9.1	10.1	9	9.3	9
					1					

Mean: 19.4 in 2014; 10.2 in 2015; 10.5 in 2016; 9.2 in 2017

**Q770** Thinking about your current job search, which one statement comes closest to how you feel? Please select one.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	ı	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I expected it to be difficult and it's been more difficult than I thought.	37	21	37	44	35	49	33	38	36	38
			В	В		BI				
I expected it to be difficult and it's been as difficult as I thought.	28	35	21	24	35	24	23	29	29	26
		J								
I expected it to be difficult and it's been easier than I thought.	7	8	4	9	7	5	7	7	7	7
I expected it to be easy and it's been more difficult than I thought.	23	29	31	21	19	16	32	21	21	24
		J	J				L			
I expected it to be easy and it's been about as easy as I thought.	3	5	3	2	2	3	4	3	4	2
I expected it to be easy and it's been easier than I thought.	2	2	4	*	1	2	1	2	2	2

2014 data (top to bottom) 42%, 28%, 8%, 18%, 2%, 3% 2015 data (top to bottom) 45%, 28%, 6%, 16%, 3%, 3% 2016 data (top to bottom) 40%, 27%, 7%, 18%, 3%, 5%

2017 data (top to bottom) 37%, 28%, 7%, 23%, 3%, 2%

**Q775** Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion? Please select one.

			Hov	w Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am willing to take whatever job I can get.	44	36	44	46	39	53	34	46	45	44
						BI				
I am looking for a job with a company that has a history of stability to reduce my risk of losing a job even if it means a lower salary or wage.	34	38	36	32	43	28	43	33	35	33
		J			J		1			
I am looking for a job that meets or exceeds my previous salary/wage and I would be unwilling to accept a job making less money.	22	26	20	22	18	19	23	21	20	23

2014: 48%, 32%, 20% (top to bottom), 2015: 48%, 32%, 20% (top to bottom), 2016: 45%, 34%, 21% (top to bottom), 2017: 44%, 34%, % (top to bottom)

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q780** In your current job search, which one of the following statements comes closest to how you feel? Please select one.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I'll only accept a job that I <u>really</u> want to do.	35	32	35	40	36	37	31	36	31	41
										М
I'm willing to accept almost any job that will help me pay the bills.	65	68	65	60	64	63	69	64	69	59
									N	

2014 (34%, 66% - respectively); 2015 (36%, 64% - respectively); 2016 (38%, 62% - respectively); 2017 (35%, 65% - respectively)

## SECTION #3: THE JOB SEARCH

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q800** What are you doing/have you done to help you find a job? Please select all that apply.

			How	Long Out	of Work		Recei Unempl Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Visiting/researching online job boards	56	57	56	60	54	54	58	56	54	58
Visiting a prospective company's website	44	49	46	49	48	36	51	43	44	44
		J		J						
Entering search terms directly into an internet search engine box (e.g., Google, Yahoo)	46	52	43	57	52	36	52	45	44	49
		J		J	J					
Posting resumes on a major online job board (e.g., CareerBuilder, Monster)	43	46	51	54	41	33	64	39	41	45
		J	J	J			L			
Visiting/researching websites that provide resume tips	34	38	39	37	34	27	47	31	30	38
		J	J				L			М
Visiting social networking websites	30	36	27	31	32	25	35	29	27	33
Going to job/career fairs	22	J 19	24	27	27	20	26	21	23	21
Using resources at the state/provincial employment office	26	28	24	32	30	22	56	21	27	25
Working with a temporary staffing agency	20	27	21	22	23	13	30	19	21	19
,		J		J	J		L			
Visiting professional networking websites	27	34	28	31	30	17	38	25	28	25
		J	J	J	J		L			
Working with an employment agency	23	27	28	27	19	16	35	21	25	20
)		J	J	J			L			
Working with a job recruiter	17	20	24	20	24	9	28	16	19	15

			How	Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
		J	J	J	J		L			
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Doing research on a professional organization's website (e.g., American Welding Society, Society, American Bar Association, IBEW or other trades, etc.)	16	20	14	16	18	12	17	15	13	18
		J								
Visiting demographically- specific websites (e.g., Jobs and Moms, Black Career Zone)	14	15	16	12	16	12	19	13	13	15
Attending social networking group meetings/events	7	12	6	4	9	4	11	7	6	8
		GJ								
Attending professional networking group meetings/events	6	7	7	10	8	4	11	6	7	6
		-					L			
Working with someone at a college/university/votech career center	6	6	5	9	2	6	9	5	7	5
				I						
Something else	7	6	7	9	7	7	7	7	7	7
Nothing	10	3	6	3	13 G	20 BFG	2	11 K	11	9

Visiting/research online job boards 49%; 2017 Visiting/research online job boards 56%

## BASE: USED SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES TO LOOK FOR A JOB (Q800/12)

Q805 How useful have you found social networking sites (e.g., LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) in helping you find a job?

			How Long Out of Work					Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female	
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N	
Base	459	144	63	68	56	128	64	395	150	309	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Extremely/very useful (net)	16	16	19	21	12	13	23	14	13	18	
Extremely useful	3	6	3	1	*	3	2	4	3	4	
,											
Very useful	12	10	16	20	12	10	21	10	11	14	
Somewhat useful	42	49	48	42	41	31	55	39	42	42	
		J									
Not very useful	32	22	23	30	40	47	16	35	33	32	
						В					
Not at all useful	10	13	11	7	7	10	6	11	13	8	

Extremely/very useful 17% in 2014; 14% in 2015; 22% in 2016; 16% in 2017

## BASE: HAVE NOT USED SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES TO LOOK FOR JOBS

**Q810** What are some of the reasons why you have not used social networking sites to look for a job? Please select all that apply.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1041	252	133	120	120	416	107	934	409	632
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I've been using other sites that are specifically tailored to job searching	36	44	38	32	35	30	52	33	36	36
		J					L			
I have a sense that searching or applying for a job on a social networking site would be a waste of my time	24	23	26	21	24	24	35	22	25	22
							L			
I don't know how to get started	19	14	17	19	22	22	6	21	18	20
								K		
I wasn't aware I could look for jobs on social networking sites	22	24	16	25	14	23	17	23	19	25
				_	_		_		_	

I tried using them before and they weren't helpful	18	14	24	17	19	18	23	17	18	18
I don't have routine access to a computer	4	5	4	3	12	2	6	4	5	4
					J					
Other reason	12	11	4	13	8	16	12	12	12	12
						F				

Using other sites specifically tailored to job search 32% in 2016 and 36% in 2017

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q825** How many interviews have you been on in the <u>last month</u>?

				Но	ow Long Out	t of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
		Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
		Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
	Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0		55	36	48	54	53	74	32	58	50	60
					В		BFGI		K		М
1		13	14	13	14	14	11	11	13	11	14
2		14	22	18	13	14	7	16	14	18	10
			J	J		J				N	
3		8	12	11	12	10	3	19	7	9	7
			J	J	J	J		L			
4		4	6	3	2	5	3	8	3	4	3
								L			
5		2	3	5	2	2	1	6	2	3	2
				J				L			
6 to 9		3	6	2	2	1	1	7	2	3	3
			J					L			
10 to 14		1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	*
15 to 19		*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20 or more		*	*	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*
N	MEAN	1.3	2	1.4	1.5	1.2	0.7	2.2	1.2	1.5	1.1
			J	J	J	J		L		N	

Mean: 1.8 in 2014; 1.4 in 2015; 1.4 in 2016; 1.3 in 2017

## BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ON ONE INTERVIEW IN THE LAST MONTH

**Q830** When was the last time you went on an interview?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	901	175	96	99	102	429	62	839	303	598
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Q1 2017 (JAN, FEB, AND MAR. 2016 (NET)	11	12	20	19	3	9	10	11	10	13
			IJ	IJ						
Q4 2016 (OCT., NOV., DEC. 2016) (NET)	13	17	22	7	16	11	15	13	16	11
			G							
Q3 2016 (JUL., AUG., SEPT., 2016) (NET)	10	11	7	20	12	7	9	10	9	11
				J						
Q2 2016 (APR., MAY., JUNE., 2016) (NET)	8	10	12	12	18	4	12	8	8	8
			J	J	J					
Q1 2016 (JAN., FEB. AND MAR. 2016) (NET)	4	2	5	8	3	4	4	4	3	5
		_	_							
Q4 2015 or before (NET)	53	49	35	34	48	66	50	54	54	52
						BFGI				

**Interviewing has not been recent** 

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

Q835 Have you been told by an employer that you are overqualified for the position for which you were applying?

			Hov	v Long Out o	f Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	31	31	36	41	31	25	32	31	31	31
			J	J						
No	69	69	64	59	69	75	68	69	69	69
						FG				

Yes 36% in 2014; 32% in 2015; 34% in 2016; 31% in 2017

Q840 Since becoming unemployed, have you applied for positions that are <u>below the job level</u> you had at your previous employer?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	65	65	77	68	76	56	71	64	67	63
			J	J	J					
No	35	35	23	32	24	44	29	36	33	37
						FGI	•			

Yes 67% in 2014; 64% in 2015; 63% in 2016; 65% in 2017

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

Q845 Since becoming unemployed, have you received any job offers that you turned down?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	18	18	25	17	16	16	18	18	18	18
No	82	82	75	83	84	84	82	82	82	82

Yes 19% in 2014 and 2015; 20% in 2016; 18% in 2017

## BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE TURNED DOWN JOBS (Q845/1)

Q850 Why have you turned down offers for a job? UNCODED OPEN END – NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

Q855 Which of the following reasons, if any, do you feel is holding you back from finding a job? Please select all that apply.

			F	low Long Out	of Work		Unemployn enefits	nent	Gende	er
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I've been out of work too long	33	13	14	29	46	56	14	36	30	36
				BF	FG	BFG		K		
My experience doesn't meet hiring requirements	30	32	32	31	25	30	34	30	30	31
There are no available jobs	26	22	28	27	31	25	29	25	27	24
I'm too old	27	16	25	34	33	32	38	25	26	27
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I don't have relevant work experience	28	27	25	30	18	33	27	28	28	28
·						I				
My experience is too narrow (is not transferable to other industries/types of work)	22	24	22	24	17	22	24	22	24	21
I have breaks in my	_		_			_	_		_	
work history	27	20	25	28	29	34	21	28	27	28
						В				
My education doesn't meet hiring requirements	21	17	22	23	20	23	19	21	20	22
I'm overqualified for the jobs that are available	19	20	20	18	24	17	26	18	18	20
I don't want to										
relocate	15	17	13	18	14	14	24	14	19 N	11
I'm not willing to take something less than what I want	11	14	7	13	12	9	L 14	10	10	11
The pay is too low for jobs that meet my skill set	16	20	17	16	14	12	23	14	17	13
		J					L			

My personal background	13	15	12	12	11	13	12	13	16	9
									N	
I'm too young	4	7	2	4	3	3	1	5	4	5
Something else	13	12	10	8	12	16	7	14	11	15

I have been out of work for too long 2016: 34%; 2017: 33%

My experience doesn't meet hiring requirements 2016: 33%; 2017: 30%

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS (Q99/1)**

Q870 Since becoming unemployed, are you going or have you gone back to school to make yourself more marketable?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes (net)	33	41	30	36	24	28	30	33	31	35
		J								
Yes, I <u>plan on</u> enrolling in classes	22	31	25	20	19	15	19	23	21	24
		J								
Yes, I am <u>currently</u> <u>enrolled</u> in classes	5	8	1	9	2	3	8	4	5	5
		F		FIJ						
Yes, I have <u>already</u> <u>gone back</u> and attended classes/earned a certificate/earned a degree	6	2	4	7	4	9	4	6	6	6
						В				
No	67	59	70	64	76	72	70	67	69	65
						В				

Yes 36% in 2014; already have gone back 6% in 2014, Yes 33% in 2015; already have gone back 8% in 2015, Yes 30% in 2016; already have gone back 7% in 2016, Yes 33% in 2017; already have gone back 6% in 2017

**Q875** How willing are you to consider relocating to another city/town or state to find a job?

City/Town

			Hov	w Long Out (	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female	
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N	
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Already did	5	6	6	9	5	3	5	5	4	7	
				J							
Willing (net)	53	57	57	48	50	51	51	54	58	47	
Extremely willing	14	14	13	16	12	14	14	14	15	13	
Very willing	8	13	6	3	5	8	12	8	10	6	
		G									
Willing	14	15	11	14	13	14	6	15	15	12	
								K			
Somewhat willing	17	15	27	16	20	15	19	17	18	16	
			BJ								
Not at all willing	41	36	36	43	44	46	44	41	38	46	
						В				М	

2014 Willing (50%) and already did (4%), 2015 Willing (52%) and already did (6%), 2016 Willing (49%) and already did (5%), 2017 Willing (53%) and already did (5%)

State

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Already did	4	3	3	9	4	2	4	4	3	5
				BJ						
Willing (net)	36	37	38	29	33	38	33	37	42	30
Extremely willing	10	10	11	10	10	9	8	10	11	9
Very willing	4	6	5	*	3	4	7	4	5	3
		G	G			G				
Willing	8	9	5	8	9	7	7	8	10	6
									N	
Somewhat willing	14	12	17	11	11	18	11	15	16	12
Not at all willing	60	59	60	62	63	59	63	59	55	66
										М

2014 Willing (38%) and already did (2%), 2015 Willing (35%) and already did (4%), 2016 Willing (35%) and already did (4%), 2017 Willing (36%) and already did (4%)

## SECTION #4: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q905** What sources of income, if any, are you currently personally relying on during your unemployment? Please select all that apply.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Using my savings	38	46	37	33	46	32	43	38	42	34
<u> </u>		GJ			J				N	
Income from my spouse/partner who is working	31	33	25	48	37	24	31	31	24	40
		J		BFJ	J					М
Financial support from friends/family members (i.e., borrowed money from them)	25	30	24	25	19	24	22	26	25	26
Non-financial support from friends/family members (i.e., living with them until things turn around)	22	19	22	24	14	28	9	25	24	21
						BI		K		
Receiving income from various odd jobs for cash	26	29	22	27	24	25	23	26	29	22
									N	
Receiving unemployment compensation benefits/employment insurance	14	21	33	10	9	4	100	*	16	11
		GIJ	BGIJ	J			L			
Something else	17	13	10	17	19	22 BF	7	18 K	17	16

Use my savings (39%) in 2016 and (38%) in 2017

Receive unemployment compensation (13%) in 2016 and (14%) in 2017

## BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION/EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Q910** When will your unemployment compensation benefits run out?

			Hov	w Long Out o	of Work		Receio Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	168	71	48	18	15	16	168	0	75	93
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Q1 2017 (MAR 2017)	8	1	12	27	20	5	8	*	4	15
Q2 2017 (APR, MAY, JUNE 2017) (NET)	47	48	62	33	46	7	47	*	50	44
Q3 2017 (JULY, AUG, SEPT 2017) (NET)	17	24	11	10	9	16	17	*	15	19
Q4 2017 (OCT., NOV., DEC. 2017) (NET)	9	9	9	10	*	9	9	*	10	6
Q1 2018 (JAN., FEB., MAR. 2018) (NET)	6	11	*	*	*	9	6	*	4	9
Q2 2018 or later (NET)	13	7	4	20	25	54	13	*	16	7
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Those whose benefits will run out in Q3 and 4 of 2014 (19%, 12%, respectively), Those whose benefits will run out in Q3 and 4 of 2015 (27%, 14%, respectively), Those whose benefits will run out in Q3 and 4 of 2016 (31%, 15%, respectively), Those whose benefits will run out in Q3 and 4 of 2017 (17%, 9%, respectively)

## BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION/ EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Q920** If your unemployment compensation benefits run out before you find a job, which is more likely to happen? Please select one.

		How Long Out of Work					Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	171	72	50	18	15	16	171	0	76	95
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I'd search harder and wider for a job.	87	98	80	78	99	67	87	*	84	94
I'd give up looking for work altogether.	13	2	20	22	1	33	13	*	16	6

Search harder and wide 82% in 2014; 89% in 2015; 87% in 2016; 87% in 2017

# BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION/ EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Q925** If your unemployment compensation benefits run out before you find a job, how will it affect your efforts to find a job?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	171	72	50	18	15	16	171	0	76	95
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I will put more effort into looking for a job.	44	54	30	48	36	49	44	*	41	50
I will put less effort into looking for a job.	11	3	21	*	*	34	11	*	16	2
									N	
It will have no effect on my efforts to look for a job.	45	43	49	52	64	17	45	*	43	48

2014: More effort (57%), no effect (40%), less effort (3%), 2015: More effort 59%, no effect 35%, less 5%, 2016: More effort 54%, no effect 40%, less 5%, 2017: More effort 44%, no effect 45%, less 11%

# BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION/EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Q930** Thinking about your unemployment compensation benefits, how much do you agree with each of the following statements?

I haven't had to look for work as hard knowing I have some income to rely on

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	171	72	50	18	15	16	171	0	76	95
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	49	41	56	58	19	76	49	*	48	50
Agree completely	5	7	*	2	3	12	5	*	4	6
Agree a lot	5	9	*	10	*	3	5	*	4	9
Agree somewhat	17	6	24	20	*	59	17	*	21	10
Agree a little	22	19	32	26	16	2	22	*	19	26
Do not agree at all	51	59	44	42	81	24	51	*	52	50

Agree 48% in 2014; 40% in 2015; 50% in 2016; 49% in 2017

It has allowed me to turn down positions that weren't right for me.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receio Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	171	72	50	18	15	16	171	0	76	95
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	42	37	36	58	30	79	42	*	41	43
Agree completely	6	8	*	6	11	11	6	*	3	11
Agree a lot	9	13	5	*	2	23	9	*	10	8
Agree somewhat	14	5	19	27	4	35	14	*	15	13
Agree a little	12	11	12	25	12	10	12	*	13	12
Do not agree at all	58	63	64	42	70	21	58	*	59	57

Agree 48% in 2014; agree 36% in 2015; agree 39% in 2016; 42% in 2017

It is giving me a cushion so that I can take my time in searching for a job.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	171	72	50	18	15	16	171	0	76	95
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	75	71	73	73	96	87	75	*	72	79
Agree completely	8	1	12	*	5	37	8	*	6	12
Agree a lot	21	33	9	10	39	3	21	*	20	23
Agree somewhat	25	17	29	32	30	38	25	*	27	22
Agree a little	20	19	22	31	22	8	20	*	19	22
Do not agree at all	25	29	27	27	4	13	25	*	28	21

Agree 72% in 2014; agree 69% in 2015; agree 76% in 2016; 75% in 2017

It has allowed me to take time for myself.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	171	72	50	18	15	16	171	0	76	95
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	75	82	68	73	60	83	75	*	80	68
Agree completely	10	15	3	7	3	16	10	*	11	9
Agree a lot	15	17	16	12	16	5	15	*	15	16
Agree somewhat	19	11	23	33	18	31	19	*	18	20
Agree a little	31	38	26	21	23	32	31	*	36	22
Do not agree at all	25	18	32	27	40	17	25	*	20	32

Agree 62% in 2014; agree 59% in 2015; agree 67% in 2016; 75% in 2017

# BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS NOT RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION/ EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Q935** You indicated that you are not currently receiving unemployment compensation benefits. Which one of the following statements most closely describes your situation? Please select one.

			How	/ Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1329	324	146	170	161	528	0	1329	483	846
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
My unemployment compensation has already run out.	16	7	11	24	21	21	*	16	18	15
				В	В	В				
I am not eligible for unemployment compensation.	36	40	28	33	26	38	*	36	33	39
		I								
I never applied for unemployment compensation.	38	43	50	38	43	29	*	38	37	39
		J	J	_	J		_		_	
I was denied unemployment compensation.	10	11	11	5	10	12	*	10	13	7
									N	

2014: Never applied (30%) – not eligible (32%), run out (27%) – denied (10%), 2015: Never applied (37%) – not eligible (32%), run out (22%) – denied (9%), 2016: Never applied (34%) – not eligible (37%), run out (19%) – denied (9%), 2017: Never applied (38%) – not eligible (36%), run out (16%) – denied (10%)

# BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS NOT RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION/ EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BECAUSE IT RAN OUT

**Q940** How long has it been since you last received unemployment compensation benefits?

			Hov	w Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	250	14	12	42	43	139	0	250	111	139
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Less than 1 month	3	21	2	2	2	*	*	3	2	4
1 month to less than 3 months	10	34	8	31	2	*	*	10	13	7
4 months to less than 6 months	10	1	36	40	1	*	*	10	10	11
6 months to less than 9 months	7	20	*	4	28	1	*	7	7	7
9 months to less than 1 year	8	14	18	14	11	1	*	8	10	5
1 year to less than 2 years	12	*	*	*	30	15	*	12	11	13
2 years to less than 3 years	14	*	*	9	20	19	*	14	10	19
3 or more years	36	11	36	*	7	64	*	36	38	34

2014: 1 to less than 3 months (16%), 3 to 6 months (13%)... 3 or more years (21%), 2015: 1 to less than 3 months (9%), 3 to 6 months (8%)... 3 or more years (34%), 2016: 1 to less than 3 months (5%), 3 to 6 months (9%)... 3 or more years (35%), 2017: 1 to less than 3 months (10%), 4 to 6 months (10%)... 3 or more years (36%)

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q941** Are you currently receiving health insurance as a result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA also referred to as Obamacare)?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	20	22	18	17	25	19	17	21	19	22
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No	72	71	72	80	61	73	76	71	72	72
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Not sure	8	7	9	3	14	8	7	8	9	6
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#### **NEW IN 2017**

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q945** Who do think is most responsible for you being currently unemployed? Please select all that apply.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receio Unemplo Bene	yment	Ger	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Myself	50	49	45	47	42	56	29	53	48	52
						I		K		
The economy	26	22	22	30	39	26	34	25	27	25
					BFJ		I			
My last boss	23	29	29	28	17	16	46	20	25	21
		IJ	J	J			L			
The government	11	5	6	9	11	17	11	10	14	6
						BF			N	
Someone/something else	17	13	21	16	21	18	15	18	16	18
	·									

2014: Blame on the economy (45%); one's self (36%), 2015: Blame on the economy (37%); one's self (48%), 2016: Blame on the economy (34%); one's self (48%), 2016: Blame on the economy (26%); one's self (50%)

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q950** How hopeful are you that you will soon find a job...?

In your field

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Hopeful (net)	80	90	89	86	82	66	89	79	81	80
		J	J	J	J		L			
Extremely hopeful	16	20	24	17	12	9	26	14	16	15
		J	J	J			L			
Very hopeful	14	21	16	12	12	9	23	13	16	12
		J	J				L			
Hopeful	27	30	30	30	33	21	23	28	26	29
					J					
Somewhat hopeful	24	19	18	26	26	28	17	25	23	24
						В				
Not at all hopeful	20	10	11	14	18	34	11	21	19	20
						BFGI		K		

Hopeful 83% in 2014; hopeful 79% in 2015; hopeful 76% in 2016; hopeful 80% in 2017

For the pay you want

To the pay you man			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Hopeful (net)	80	91	90	84	80	66	88	79	80	81
		IJ	J	J	J					
Extremely hopeful	16	20	23	18	14	10	19	16	18	13
		J	J	J						
Very hopeful	15	21	20	10	12	12	26	14	17	14
		GJ					L			
Hopeful	26	29	29	31	30	19	20	27	25	28
		J		J	J					
Somewhat hopeful	23	21	19	25	25	25	22	23	20	26
Not at all hopeful	20	9	10	16	20	34	12	21	20	19
<u> </u>			_		В	BFGI				

Hopeful 82% in 2014; hopeful 79% in 2015; hopeful 77% in 2016; hopeful 80% in 2017

## That has decent benefits

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	ı	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Hopeful (net)	83	93	92	86	84	68	91	81	83	81
		IJ	J	J	J		L			
Extremely hopeful	14	20	16	17	11	8	18	14	16	12
		J	J	J						
Very hopeful	16	25	25	9	12	9	29	14	18	14
		GIJ	GIJ				L			
Hopeful	29	27	29	35	37	27	25	30	28	30
Somewhat hopeful	23	21	22	25	24	24	19	24	21	25
Not at all hopeful	17	7	8	14	16	32	9	19	17	19
					В	BFGI		K		

Hopeful 80% in 2014; hopeful 79% in 2015; hopeful 75% in 2016; hopeful 83% in 2017

That is as good or better than the last job you had

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	- 1	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Hopeful (net)	80	92	88	82	81	65	87	79	80	80
		GIJ	J	J	J		I			
Extremely hopeful	17	21	24	19	9	11	23	16	16	17
		IJ	IJ							
Very hopeful	16	28	17	16	12	8	23	15	17	16
		GIJ	J	J			I			
Hopeful	29	29	35	32	34	25	28	30	30	29
Somewhat hopeful	17	15	12	15	26	20	13	18	17	18
					BF					
Not at all hopeful	20	8	12	18	19	35	13	21	20	20
	·			В	В	BFGI				

Hopeful 79% in 2014; hopeful 78% in 2015; hopeful 76% in 2016; hopeful 80% in 2017

## **NEW SECTION – RE: THE ECONOMY AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q1640** Would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or the wrong direction regarding the economy?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Headed in the right direction	40	47	38	38	41	36	41	40	42	38
		J								
Headed in the wrong direction	60	53	62	62	59	64	59	60	58	62
						В				

2016: Right Direction (37%); Wrong Direction (63%); 2017: Right Direction (40%); Wrong Direction (60%)

# **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED US RESPONDENTS**

Q1647 What kind of impact do you think the new administration will have on creating jobs?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Positive impact	39	44	44	40	37	33	39	39	41	37
		J								
Negative impact	35	34	29	32	39	37	35	34	36	33
No impact at all	26	22	27	28	23	30	26	26	24	29

**NEW IN 2017** 

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED US RESPONDENTS**

Q1658 How do you think President Trump's policies will affect your job search?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
They will make it harder for me to find a job	30	29	25	31	37	30	29	30	31	29
They will make it easier for me to find a job	18	21	25	18	19	14	20	18	23	13
			J						N	
It will have no impact on me finding a job	22	22	19	26	20	23	23	22	23	21
Not sure	30	28	31	25	23	33	28	30	24	36
										M

**NEW IN 2017** 

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED US RESPONDENTS**

**Q1659** The Federal government is considering various policies to help create jobs for unemployed Americans. Of the two statements below, which ONE do you think would be the most helpful?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	1	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
New government spending for a jobs program	52	54	50	50	55	50	55	51	50	54
Cutting taxes for corporations so they can hire more workers	48	46	50	50	45	50	45	49	50	46
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## **NEW IN 2017**

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED US RESPONDENTS**

Q1659a How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I am in favor of repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA also referred to as Obamacare)

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	57	59	63	64	55	51	59	57	57	57
				J						
Agree completely	24	23	24	24	21	25	23	24	25	22
Agree a lot	9	11	9	16	12	4	11	9	9	9
		J		J	J					
Agree somewhat	14	16	18	14	11	10	18	13	12	16
Agree a little	10	9	12	10	11	11	7	11	10	11
Do not agree at all	43	41	37	36	45	49	41	43	43	43
						G				

#### **NEW IN 2017**

It would be easier to get a job if there was less illegal immigration in the United States?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Agree (net)	58	56	64	57	53	60	63	57	60	55
Agree completely	18	18	17	17	15	20	19	18	19	16
Agree a lot	12	10	15	10	14	12	8	13	15	8
									N	
Agree somewhat	13	12	19	16	15	11	19	12	11	16
										М
Agree a little	15	16	13	14	10	16	18	15	14	16
Do not agree at all	42	44	36	43	47	40	37	43	40	45

**NEW IN 2017** 

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED US RESPONDENTS**

Q1660a For whom did you vote for in the 2016 presidential election?

				Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	To	tal	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Δ	١	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
В	ase 150	00	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	ó	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Donald Trump	2.	5	22	27	31	27	24	25	25	27	22
Hilary Clinton	3!	5	34	39	28	38	36	46 L	33	32	39
Gary Johnson	3	3	4	*	5	3	3	3	3	4	2
Jill Stein	1		1	*	2	*	2	1	1	1	2
Other	2	<u>!</u>	2	3	1	2	2	4	2	1	4
											М
I did not vote	34	4	37	31	34	30	34	22	36	35	32
									K		

**NEW IN 2017** 

## SECTION 5: WRAP UP AND DEMOGRAPHICS

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q1004** Which of the following skills, if any, do you think employers are looking for these days? And which of the following attributes, if any, do you think you possess?

What employers are looking for

A A B F G I J J K L M	/hat employers are lookii	-8		How	Long Out of	Work		Rece Unempl Ben	oyment	Gei	nder
Base   1500   396   196   188   176   544   171   1329   559   5		Total		_				Yes	No	Male	Female
Section		Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Can work the hours needed	Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
Needed		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Computer skills		78	81	74	86	76	75	73	79	75	81
Customer service skills					FJ						M
Customer service skills         77         78         72         76         78         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         78         72         76         71         72         76         71         72         76         71         71         72         76         71         71         77         74         69         77         73         70         70         77         74         69         77         73         70         70         71         74         69         77         73         70         70         71         74         69         77         73         70         70         70         74         69         77         73         70         70         71         74         69         77         73         70         71         74         69         77         73         70         70         70         70         70         70         70         70         70         70	Computer skills	77	78	77	82	79	75	76	78	74	81
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Verbal communication skills		77	78	72	76	78	78	72	78	72	83
Communication skills  76  80  77  80  78  88  84  78  73  72  76  71  71  Trustworthiness  76  78  78  78  71  80  69  71  74  74  74  74  71  Time management skills  73  75  77  77  74  74  79  77  74  79  77  77											M
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Leadership skills											М
Can handle stress   72   79   66   77   67   69   74   72   68	Leadership skills	73	79	75	76	69	67	76	73	70	77
Organizational skills         72         76         69         83         65         67         71         72         68           Critical thinking skills         71         76         70         80         79         63         70         71         69           People management skills         71         74         70         78         68         66         68         71         69           Complex problem solving skills         70         77         68         76         72         62         71         70         69           Written communication skills         70         77         66         77         65         63         68         70         66           Ill         J         J         J         J         J         J         J         J         Analytical skills         66         72         64         69         70         60         70         65         64<	·		J								М
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Critical thinking skills			FIJ								M
Critical thinking skills         71         76         70         80         79         63         70         71         69           People management skills         71         74         70         78         68         66         68         71         69           Complex problem solving skills         70         77         68         76         72         62         71         70         69           Written communication skills         70         77         66         77         65         63         68         70         66           IJ         J         J         J         J         J         J         J         Analytical skills         66         72         64         69         70         60         70         65         64         6	Organizational skills	72	76	69	83	65	67	71	72	68	76
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Complex problem solving skills         70         77         68         76         72         62         71         70         69           Written communication skills         70         77         66         77         65         63         68         70         66           IJ         J		71	74	70	78	68	66	68	71	69	73
Solving skills         70         77         68         76         72         62         71         70         69           Written communication skills         70         77         66         77         65         63         68         70         66           IJ         J         J         J         J         J         J         J         J         Analytical skills         66         72         64         69         70         60         70         65         64					J						
Written communication skills         70         77         66         77         65         63         68         70         66           IJ         J		70	77	68	76	72	62	71	70	69	71
Communication skills			J		J						
Interpersonal skills         66         72         64         69         70         60         70         65         64           J         J         68         58         70         64         64         64           J         J         J         J         J         65         70         64         64         64		70	77	66	77	65	63	68	70	66	74
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J J											
	Analytical skills	65		62		68	58	70	64	64	66
Collaboration skills   62   65   64   71   64   55   60   62   61											
55	Collaboration skills	62	65	64	71	64	55	60	62	61	63

Math skills	61	70	57	58	66	56	57	62	59	64
		FJ								
Negotiation skills	56	60	51	67	56	51	59	56	52	61
		J		FJ						М
Persuasiveness	52	56	49	60	45	48	50	52	49	55
				J						
Other	22	24	28	20	16	22	24	22	24	21

Skills I possess

kills I possess			How	Long Out of	Work		Unemp	eiving loyment efits	Gei	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	ı	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Trustworthiness	85	90	77	91	88	81	89	85	82	89
		FJ		FJ						М
Can work the hours needed	72	76	80	74	74	64	79	71	75	68
		J	J						N	
Organizational skills	71	75	74	79	74	62	72	71	65	79
		J	J	J						M
Can handle stress	70	79	75	73	75	57	75	69	69	71
		J	J	J	J					<u> </u>
Computer skills	68	74	68	73	75	61	72	68	66	72
		J		J	J					m
Verbal communication skills	68	76	72	77	70	55	68	68	61	76
		J	J	J	J				1	M
Time management skills	67	77	70	76	68	53	74	66	64	71
		J	J	J	J					M
Critical thinking skills	66	76	67	75	72	52	71	65	64	69
		J	J	J	J					
Customer service skills	66	74	67	78	64	54	66	66	58	75
		J	J	IJ						M
Written communication skills	63	71	64	70	62	55	64	63	57	71
		J		J						M
Math skills	56	59	62	58	61	48	63	55	58	53
		J	J		J					
Complex problem solving skills	55	63	55	62	62	44	57	55	55	56
		J		J	J					
Interpersonal skills	54	61	54	65	61	42	56	54	50	59
		J		J	J			_		M
Leadership skills	54	67	54	64	51	39	64	52	52	57
People management skills	52	1J 66	J 53	J 57	60	35	59	51	48	56
311113		FJ	J	J	J					М
Collaboration skills	52	59	60	57	59	38	62	50	53	51
		J	J	J	J					<del>                                     </del>

Analytical skills	51	59	54	49	58	41	54	50	51	51
		J	J		J					
Technology skills	50	57	46	55	53	44	52	50	51	49
		J								
Persuasiveness	40	47	41	49	38	29	45	39	40	39
		J	J	J						
Negotiation skills	39	47	42	44	39	29	40	39	38	40
		J	J	J						
Other	21	27	19	24	14	18	23	21	24	18
		IJ								

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q1001** How financially secure do you feel right now?

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Extremely/Very (net)	9	13	6	9	4	8	10	8	8	9
Extremely secure	2	2	1	2	1	4	*	2	2	2
Very secure	7	11	5	8	4	4	10	6	6	7
		J								
Somewhat secure	28	27	30	23	30	29	30	27	24	32
										М
Not very	26	24	28	37	26	24	32	25	29	23
				BJ						
Not at all secure	37	36	36	32	40	40	28	39	38	36

2015 Extremely/Very (Net) (7%); at least somewhat: (32%), 2016 Extremely/Very (Net) (10%); at least somewhat (24%), 2017 Extremely/Very (Net) (9%); at least somewhat (28%)

#### **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q1002** Which of the following messages, if any, did you get from your parents regarding work and higher education? Please select one.

			Hov	v Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	Ge	nder
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Getting a college degree is important, but you should work while you go to school too	21	21	25	26	20	18	22	21	20	23
Getting a college degree is most important, and	15	19	15	18	12	11	16	15	14	16

		ı	1	ı		1	ı	ı	ı	
you shouldn't be										
distracted by trying to										
work as well										
		J								
Getting a vocational										
education is a valuable										
way for you to get a	10	16	14	6	9	6	12	10	11	10
good job and build a										
future										
		GJ	J							
We can't afford to send										
you to										
college/university, but	10	10	5	11	11	11	4	11	11	8
there are plenty of jobs	10	10	)	11	11	11	4	11	11	0
for those who don't										
have a college degree										
	-									
We can't afford to send										
you to college,										
therefore you're going	5	5	6	4	5	5	7	5	5	5
to have limited	3	3	U	4	3	3	,	3	3	3
prospects when you get										
out of high school										
A college degree isn't										
worth the money, so	2	2	2	*	4	2	4	2	2	2
you should get a job	2	2			4	2	4			2
right out of high school										
You aren't smart										
enough to go to college	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	2
so you better get a job	۷.	ر	_	1	1	1	,			_
right out of high school										
Getting a vocational										
education is the last	1	1	*	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
choice you should	1			1	-	1	1	1		1
consider										
None of these	34	24	31	31	35	44	31	35	35	33
						BFG				

New question in 2015: getting a college degree is important but you should work while you go to school too (28%) vs. 20% in 2016 vs 21% in 2017

# **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q1003** Which of the following work values do you think your parents modeled for you?

			How	Long Out o	of Work		Receiv Unemplo Bene	yment	G	ender
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
A strong work ethic	68	78	60	77	74	59	69	68	66	71
		FJ		FJ	J					

			How	Long Out o	of Work		Rece Unempl Bend	oyment	G	ender
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
Trustworthiness	68	68	61	78	70	65	64	68	64	72
				FJ						M
Dependability/Responsi bility	67	73	61	72	69	62	69	67	62	74
		FJ								M
Honesty/integrity	66	68	65	71	67	63	65	67	63	71
		60		70	F.C.					M
Loyalty	57	60	52	70	56	51	52	57	55	59
Holping others	57	61	54	FJ	60	53	ED	E7	EO	61
Helping others	37	0.1	34	55	00	J3	53	57	53	61 M
A positive attitude	55	57	59	63	59	47	59	54	53	57
A positive attitude	33	J	J	J	J	47	33	34	33	37
Punctuality	52	58	43	60	50	48	51	52	50	55
Tanecaancy	32	FJ	73	F	30	40	31	32	30	33
Keeping promises	50	49	47	64	54	45	45	50	47	52
Recping promises	30	73	77	BFJ	34	73	73	30	77	32
Self-motivation	49	55	44	52	56	41	48	49	45	53
Sell-motivation	49	J	44	52		41	40	49	45	M
Desire to learn and		J			J					IVI
Desire to learn and	49	55	50	45	62	40	52	48	48	49
grow		J			GJ					
Professionalism	47	56	46	55	47	36	47	47	45	49
Professionalism	47	J	40	J	47	30	47	47	45	49
A strong sense of		J		J						
self/Confidence	40	46	43	48	42	31	43	40	39	42
		J		J	J					
Communication skills	40	48	34	48	41	31	34	41	35	46
		FJ		J						M
Adaptability	39	45	39	43	45	30	45	38	36	43
		J		J	J					M
Meeting deadlines	38	42	36	51	38	32	35	39	36	42
		J		FJ						m
Leadership	37	47	39	46	34	25	35	37	37	37
		J	J	J						
Creativity	36	36	35	42	43	32	32	37	34	39
Customer service	29	35	29	27	30	24	28	29	24	35
	-	J		-		•		1	<u> </u>	M
Collaboration	22	24	20	27	31	17	18	23	23	22
	-			J	J	•		1	1	
Autonomy	14	18	15	13	18	11	16	14	16	12
aconomy		J	-10	- 10	10		-10		1	
		, ,		ļ				1	+	
Other	1	2	2	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Other	1	2	2	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Other	7	3	3	*	*	* 13	3	7	7	6

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS** 

Q1000 How many dependents do you currently care for?

				How	Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	G	ender
		Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
		Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
	Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0		68	58	66	62	73	78	68	68	70	65
						В	BFG				
1		16	18	17	21	12	14	14	16	16	16
2		9	12	12	12	9	5	12	9	7	12
			J	J	J						М
3+		7	12	5	6	6	4	5	7	7	7
			J								
	MEAN	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7
			J	J	J						

Mean: 2015 0.7, Mean 2016: 0.6; Mean 2017: 0.7

# **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q462** Which of the following income categories best describes your total 2016 <u>household</u> income before taxes?

			How	Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	G	ender
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Less than \$15,000	17	14	18	15	21	19	12	18	18	15
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12	13	9	11	10	13	5	13	11	12
								K		
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10	9	9	8	6	12	10	10	10	9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12	11	14	13	9	12	12	12	14	10
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15	14	18	16	20	14	18	15	n 14	17
			_	_						
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10	13 F	3	6	17 FG	10 f	12	10	10	11
\$100,000 to \$124,999	11	12	18	13	5	7	20	9	9	12
			IJ				L			
\$125,000 to \$149,999	3	2	*	2	6	3	4	2	1	4
					F					М
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2	4	2	3	3	1	3	2	2	3
\$200,000 to \$249,999	*	<b>J</b>	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	1
Ψ200,000 to Ψ243,333				BJ						-

\$250,000 or more	1	2	3	2	*	1	2	1	2	1
Decline to answer	7	4	5	9	4	9	2	7	8	5
MEAN (000)	58	63.1	62.4	65.3	57.2	49.1	72.1	55.6	55.3	61.2
		J	J	J			L			
MEDIAN (000)	50	50	50	50	75	50	75	50	50	75

2015 Mean:55.6; Mean 2017:58

BASE: ALLQUALIFIED RESPONDENTS Q485: Do you consider yourself...?

Total  A 1500	3 months or less B	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24	More				
1500			1110111113	months	than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
		F	G	I	J	K	L	М	N
/0	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
70	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
57	55	52	57	59	59	58	57	56	59
17	20 J	22 J	18	16	12	19	17	17	16
20	18	21	19	20	23	21	20	21	20
2	2	1	4	*	1	*	2	3	1
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	N *	*
*	*	*	*	2	1	1	*	*	1
*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1	*	2	1	*	*	1	1	*	1
*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
1	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
1	2	1	*	2	1	*	2	2	1
	% 57 17 20 2 * * 1 1 1	%     %       57     55       17     20       J     J       20     18       2     2       *     *       *     1       *     1       1     1       1     1       1     1	%       %         57       55       52         17       20       22         J       J         20       18       21         2       2       1         *       *       *         *       *       *         *       1       *         1       *       2         *       1       *         1       1       *         1       1       *	%       %       %         57       55       52       57         17       20       22       18         J       J       J       19         2       2       1       4         *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *         1       *       2       1         *       1       *       *         1       1       *       *         1       1       *       *	%       %       %       %         57       55       52       57       59         17       20       22       18       16         J       J       20       19       20         2       2       1       4       *         *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *       *         1       1       *       *       *         1       1       *       *       *	%       %       %       %       %         57       55       52       57       59       59         17       20       22       18       16       12         20       18       21       19       20       23         2       2       1       4       *       1         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *       *       *         *       *       1       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *	%       %       %       %       %       %         57       55       52       57       59       59       58         17       20       22       18       16       12       19         20       18       21       19       20       23       21         2       2       1       4       *       1       *         *       *       *       *       *       *       *         *       *       *       *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *       *       *       *         *       1       *       *       *       *       *         *       1       1       *       *       *       1       1	%       %	%       %

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q364** What is your marital status?

			How	Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	oyment	G	ender
	Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
	Α	В	F	G	I	J	К	L	M	N
Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Never married	50	48	52	40	48	56	40	52	59	39
						G			N	
Married/Living with Partner (Net)	37	40	34	50	35	31	44	36	30	46
				FIJ						М
Married or civil union	30	33	27	39	31	25	38	29	25	37
				J						М
Living with partner	7	8	6	10	4	6	6	7	5	9
										М
Divorced	9	9	8	6	11	10	9	9	9	9
Separated	2	2	6	3	1	1	4	2	2	2
			J							
Widow/ Widower	2	*	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	3
					В					М

Never married 2014 (45%); 2015 (51%); 2016 and 2017 (50%)

## **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

Q368 Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in your household?

				How	Long Out o	of Work		Recei Unemplo Bene	yment	Gender	
		Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
		Α	В	F	G		J	K	L	М	N
	Base	1499	396	196	188	176	543	170	1329	559	940
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1		20	20	22	14	22	20	20	20	23	16
										N	
2		38	40	39	44	40	34	51	36	36	41
								L			
3		24	21	22	27	24	27	19	25	22	27
4		12	10	8	14	10	15	8	13	13	11
5+		5	8	8	1	4	4	2	6	6	5
			G	G							
	MEAN	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.5
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2015 Mean: 2.5, 2016 Mean: 2.7, 2017 Mean: 2.5

# **BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

Q372 How many people under the age of 18 live in your household?

			How Long Out of Work					Receiving Unemployment Benefits		Gender	
		Total	3 months or less	4 – 6 months	7 – 12 months	13 – 24 months	More than 24 months	Yes	No	Male	Female
		Α	В	F	G	ı	J	K	L	М	N
	Base	1500	396	196	188	176	544	171	1329	559	941
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0		69	60	65	61	75	79	74	68	72	65
						В	BFG				
1		15	19	12	19	12	11	12	15	13	17
			J								
2		10	14	16	10	7	5	13	10	9	11
•			J	J				•			
3+		6	7	6	10	6	4	2	7	6	7
								•			
	MEAN	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
			J	J	J			•			

2015, 2016, 2017 mean 0.6