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Ohio Employment Report: Employee Confidence Index Rebounds in August After Reaching Lowest Level in 2007

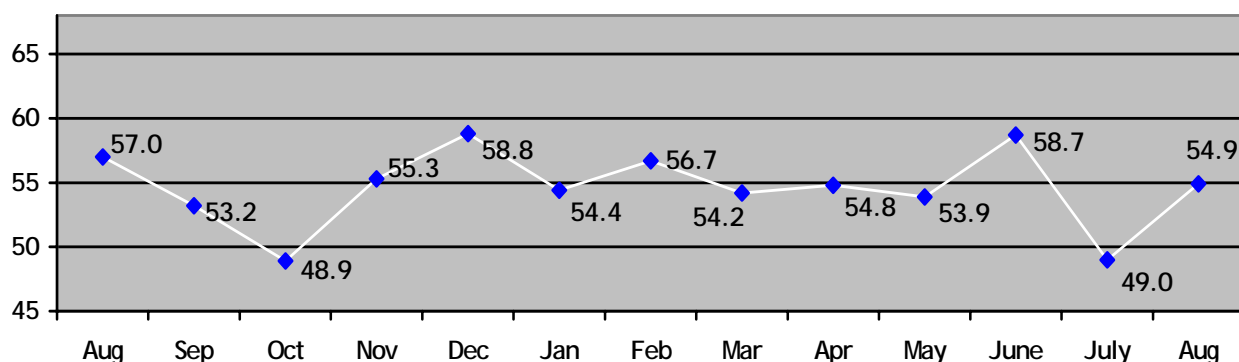
COLUMBUS, Ohio, September 21, 2007 — The Ohio Employee Confidence Index increased 5.9 points to 54.9 in August, according to the Spherion® Employment Report. The monthly survey conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Spherion Corporation (NYSE:SFN), reported that more workers believe the economy is getting stronger, more jobs are available and have more confidence in their ability to find new jobs.

Results from the Ohio Employment Report:

- Nineteen percent of workers think the economy is getting stronger, an increase of 11 percentage points from the previous month.
- The percentage of workers that believe the amount of jobs available has increased. Specifically, 21 percent of workers believe more jobs are available, an 11 percentage point increase from July.
- More than half of workers (54%) are confident about their ability to find a new job, an increase of five percentage points from the previous month.

"After a significant drop in July, we saw workers feeling more positive about the economy and their personal job prospects. This is likely a result of some pickup in certain Ohio markets," said Robert Schulte, Spherion franchise owner in Ohio. "Right now, skilled workers such as welders and machinists are in higher demand, and full-time hiring has picked up for professional positions such as engineers. Many of our clients seem to have confidence that the economy is staying strong, so hopefully that will help translate into additional hiring in the coming months."

Employee Confidence Index



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August Employment Report Results

		<u>Ohio Workers</u>			<u>U.S. Workers</u>		
		<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>% Point Change</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>% Point Change</i>
Economy	Getting Stronger	8%	19%	+11	20%	19%	-1
	Staying Same	40%	35%	-5	40%	36%	-4
	Getting Weaker	53%	46%	-7	40%	45%	+5
Job Availability	More Jobs	10%	21%	+11	28%	26%	-2
	Same Amount	38%	31%	-7	37%	36%	-1
	Fewer Jobs	52%	48%	-4	35%	37%	+2
Ability to Find New Job	Confident	49%	54%	+5	60%	62%	+2
	Neutral	39%	40%	+1	27%	25%	-2
	Not Confident	12%	6%	-6	14%	12%	-2
Future of Current Employer	Confident	60%	61%	+1	64%	67%	+3
	Neutral	20%	21%	+1	24%	20%	-4
	Not Confident	19%	18%	-1	12%	13%	+1
Likelihood to Lose Job	Likely	23%	13%	-10	12%	11%	-1
	Neutral	7%	5%	-2	9%	9%	0
	Not Likely	71%	83%	+12	79%	80%	+1
Likelihood to Look for New Job	Likely	44%	31%	-13	36%	37%	+1
	Neutral	14%	16%	+2	9%	11%	+2
	Not Likely	43%	53%	+10	56%	52%	-4

About the Spherion Employment Report

As part of the Spherion® Emerging Workforce® Series of employment surveys, the monthly Spherion Employment Report provides a snapshot of the latest workforce trends across the country and is issued in conjunction with state and national labor market releases. Three key indices are measured: the Spherion *Job Security Index*, which captures how likely respondents think it is that they will lose their job or that their job will be eliminated in the next 12 months; the Spherion *Job Transition Index*, which captures how likely respondents are to look for a new job in the next 12 months; and the *Employee Confidence Index*, which measures employees' overall confidence in the economy, the future of their employer, the availability of jobs, and their ability to find other employment. The Employee Confidence Index is based on these four components, with a 'score' calculated for each by taking the difference of the percentage of positive responses and the percentage of negative responses. These four scores are then averaged to indicate an overall level of employee confidence scaled from 0 (no confidence) to 100 (complete confidence). A reading above 50 indicates a positive confidence level.

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Methodology

The August 2007 Spherion® Employment Report is based on data from a Harris Interactive® QuickQuerySM online omnibus conducted on behalf of Spherion Corporation. A U.S. sample of 3,126 employed adults, aged 18 years and older, of whom 135 are employed in Ohio (for July 2007 n=142), was interviewed in a series of two polls conducted between August 6 and 8, and August 13 and 15, 2007. Figures for age, sex, race/ethnicity, income, education and region were weighted where necessary to bring them in line with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting adjusted for respondents' propensity to be online.

With pure probability samples, with 100 percent response rates, it is possible to calculate the probability that the sampling error (but not other sources of error) is not greater than some number. With a pure probability sample of 3,126 U.S. employed adults one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results would have a sampling error of +/- two percentage points, and the sampling error for the Ohio state sample results would be plus or minus eight percentage points. However, that does not take other sources of error into account. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

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