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California Employment Report: Confidence Index Decreases; Fewer Workers Confident In Ability to Find New Job

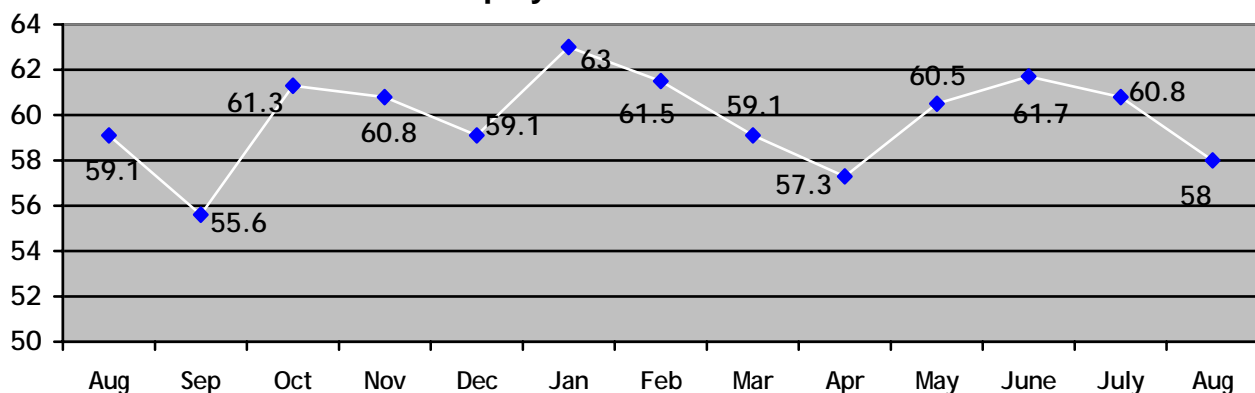
LOS ANGELES, Calif., September 21, 2007 - The California Employee Confidence Index decreased for the second consecutive month, dropping 2.8 points to 58, according to the latest Spherion® Employment Report. The recent survey of California workers, conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Spherion Corporation (NYSE:SFN), reveals that fewer workers are confident in their ability to find a new job.

Results from the California Employment Report:

- Sixty percent of workers are confident in their ability to find a new job, a six percentage point decrease from July.
- Four out of ten (40%) workers reported they believe that there are neither more nor fewer jobs available, a six percentage point increase from the previous month.
- Sixty-seven percent of workers remain confident in the future of their current employer. This is the same percentage as last month.

"The dip in overall worker confidence for the second consecutive month is not surprising considering that the summer months have now ended and some of the seasonal opportunities have winded down," explained Lauren Steel, territory vice president for Spherion. "However, the California market is still very healthy for job seekers, especially those who have strong experience in the customer service and administrative sectors. Interestingly, we have also seen a recent pickup in the manufacturing arena in Southern California. I am also anticipating temporary staffing positions to increase as we head into the busy holiday season."

Employee Confidence Index



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August Employment Report Results

		<u>California 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	22%	19%	-3	20%	19%	-1
	Staying Same	38%	35%	-3	40%	36%	-4
	Getting Weaker	41%	46%	+5	40%	45%	+5
Job Availability	More Jobs	29%	27%	-2	28%	26%	-2
	Same Amount	34%	40%	+6	37%	36%	-1
	Fewer Jobs	36%	33%	-3	35%	37%	+2
Ability to Find New Job	Confident	66%	60%	-6	60%	62%	+2
	Neutral	23%	26%	+3	27%	25%	-2
	Not Confident	11%	14%	+3	14%	12%	-2
Future of Current Employer	Confident	67%	67%	0	64%	67%	+3
	Neutral	24%	18%	-6	24%	20%	-4
	Not Confident	9%	16%	+7	12%	13%	+1
Likelihood to Lose Job	Likely	13%	11%	-2	12%	11%	-1
	Neutral	7%	8%	+1	9%	9%	0
	Not Likely	79%	81%	+2	79%	80%	+1
Likelihood to Look for New Job	Likely	33%	41%	+8	36%	37%	+1
	Neutral	6%	10%	+4	9%	11%	+2
	Not Likely	61%	49%	-12	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 277 are employed in California (for July 2007 n=247), 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 it is 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 California state sample results would be +/- six 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.

About Spherion

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