

Welcome!

Thanks for agreeing to help the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) with this survey on job-search methods. The purpose of this survey is to collect information about the types of activities people engage in when searching for a job. Your answers will help us improve questions and interviewing procedures for BLS surveys that collect information about employment-related activities.

This survey is voluntary and your answers will be used for research purposes only. We expect that the survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete, and you may stop at any time. This survey has been approved by OMB under control number 1220-0141, with an expiration date of February 28, 2015. Without a currently valid number BLS would not be able to conduct this survey.

Please note that this survey is being administered by SurveyMonkey.com and resides on a server outside of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) domain. The BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses and advises against the inclusion of personally-identifiable information--such as your full name, phone number, e-mail address, etc.--in any response.

We greatly appreciate your feedback! If you have any questions about the survey, feel free to contact Scott Fricker ([fricker.scott@bls.gov](mailto:fricker.scott@bls.gov)) for more information.

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**1. Last week, did you have a job either full- or part-time? Include any job from which you were temporarily absent.**

Yes

No

**2. Have you been doing anything to find work during the last 4 weeks?**

Yes

No

**3. What are all the things that you have done to find work? Please take a few moments to list and briefly describe your job-search activities. List as many as you can think of then click 'Next' to continue.**

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**4. Thinking back to the last time you searched for a job, what were all the things that you did to find work? Please take a few moments to list and briefly describe those job-search activities. List as many as you can think of then click 'Next' to continue.**

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**5. What year was it when you last searched for a job? Please answer in the format 'YYYY'**

**6. We are interested in your use of the Internet in your job search. Did you use the Internet for anything in your most recent job search?**

- Yes
- No

**7. Can you say a bit more about that – why didn't you use the Internet in your most recent job search?**



**8. What sorts of things did you do on the Internet to find work? List as many as you can think of then click 'Next' to continue.**

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**9. We are interested in any specific sites that you may have used in your job search. In the spaces below, please list any specific Internet sites that you used to look for work.**

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| Site #1. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #2. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #3. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #4. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #5. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #6. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #7. | <input type="text"/> |

**10. Briefly explain what you did on each site to look for work.**

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| Site #2. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #3. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #4. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #5. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #6. | <input type="text"/> |
| Site #7. | <input type="text"/> |

**11. Thinking about the amount of time you spent using the Internet on your most recent job search, what percentage of your time (out of 100% of your total Internet-based job-search activities) would you say that you spent looking at job listings and what percentage was spent filling out applications, contacting employers, sending out resumes, etc.?**

Looking at job listings

Filling out applications, contacting employers, sending out resumes, etc.

## 12. Sometimes we refer to job search methods as either “active” or “passive.”

**Active job search methods** are those in which a person could be offered a job or get an interview with no further action (e.g., submitting an application for a job)

**Passive job search methods** are those in which a person would have to do something else before she/he could get a job offer or an interview (e.g., reading the help wanted ads)

**We have listed a few job-search activities below and are interested in whether people think these activities should be considered an Active job-search activity or a Passive job-search activity. There are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers here, so please just tell us what you think. If you are unfamiliar with the activity or unsure how to answer, please indicate that.**

|   | Active                | Passive               | Unfamiliar            | Unsure                |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Using a search engine to look for job openings                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Posting resume on Internet job site                                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Creating a profile on LinkedIn  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Using Facebook.com or other site to network with friends, relatives, etc. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Contacting an employer directly   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Visiting a company website in search of openings                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Submitting an online job application                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Checking email to see if an employer contacted you                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**13. Are there any other Internet job-search activities that we have not previously covered that you think would be important for BLS to know about when considering this topic?**

- Yes
- No

**14. Please describe any additional Internet job-search activities that you would like us to know about.**

Your answers have been saved. Thank you very much for your participation in this survey!

Click 'Done' To End the Survey