

Minnesota Job Openings Go Up

The latest Job Vacancy Survey from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development shows that during the last year job openings in Minnesota went up 32 percent.* With 200,000 job seekers competing for 41,000 unfilled jobs, job seekers outnumber job openings by about 5-to-1. This is the first time in four years that the gap between job seekers and job openings has gotten better instead of growing worse.

But 42 percent of all job openings in Minnesota are part-time. Since only 24,000 of the openings are full-time, **job seekers outnumber full-time job openings by 8-to-1.**

More than half (52 percent) of all job openings are in the six largest occupational groups. Only one of these groups—healthcare practitioners & technical occupations—offers a median wage higher than \$11.06 per hour.

The other five occupational groups with the most openings are sales & related, office & administrative support, food preparation & serving, healthcare support, and building & grounds cleaning & maintenance. These five groups offer a combined median wage of \$8.80 per hour.

Other major statewide findings include:

- Less than half (45 percent) of the openings require education or training beyond high school; only 28 percent require a four-year college degree.
- The median wage for all openings is \$10.19 per hour.**

JOBS NOW's *Cost of Living* research shows that **in a Minnesota family of four with both parents working, each worker must earn \$14.03 per hour to meet basic needs.** To see the *Cost of Living* research by county, use the online Family Wage & Budget Calculator at www.jobsnowcoalition.org.

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*See http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/Data_Publications/Data/Current_Economic_Highlights/Job_Vacancies.aspx Figures for job seekers and job openings are from second quarter 2010.

**A median is a midway point; half of the jobs are above it, half below.