

Unemployed - Those Willing to Enter/Re-enter Employment:

- 9.1% of the region are unemployed;
 - Average age is 42 years old;
 - 47.6% are men and 52.4% women;
 - Education:
 - 42.9% have some post high school education
 - 4.8% have an associate degree
 - 11.9% have an undergraduate degree
 - 2.4% have a post graduate degree
 - Estimated wage range to attract the upper 66 to 75% qualified hourly wage applicants is \$10.00 to \$11.50/hr. with a median lowest wage considered of \$9.05/hr.;
 - Willing to commute an average of 28 miles one way for the right opportunity;
 - 64.3% expressed interest in seasonal and 57.1% in temporary employment opportunities;
- 45.2% are interested in working varied shifts (2nd, 3rd & split);
 - Would prefer to enter employment that offers the following benefits:
 - Health/medical insurance
 - Paid holidays
 - Pension/retirement options
 - Paid vacation
 - Paid sick leave
 - Dental coverage
 - Vision coverage
 - Tuition assistance/reimbursement
 - Prescription drug coverage
 - 77.1% of the unemployed are seeking employment offers where the employer/employee share the cost of medical insurance premiums.

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