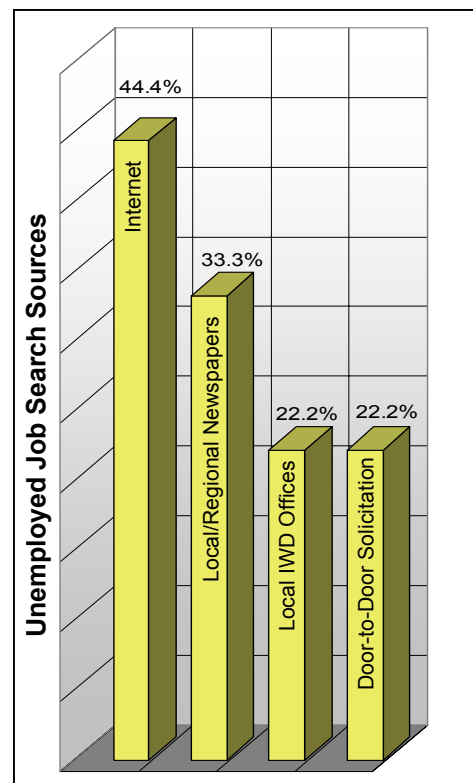


Unemployed - Those Willing to Enter/Re-enter Employment:

- An estimated 287 unemployed individuals are willing to accept employment;
- Average age is 41 years old;
- Education:
 - 44.4% have some post high school education
 - 11.1% have completed vocational training
 - 11.1% have an associate degree
 - 11.1% have an undergraduate degree
- Estimated wage range to attract the upper 66-75% qualified hourly wage applicants is \$10.00 to \$10.50/hr. with a median of the lowest wage of \$9.00/hr.;
- Willing to commute an average of 36 miles one way for the right opportunity;
- 55.6% expressed interest in seasonal and 66.7% in temporary employment opportunities;
- 55.6% are interested in working varied shifts (2nd, 3rd & split);
- Would prefer to enter employment that offers the following benefits:
 - Health/medical insurance
 - Dental coverage
 - Pension/retirement options
 - Paid vacation
 - Vision coverage
 - Paid sick leave
 - Paid holiday
- 85.7% of the unemployed are seeking employment offers where the employer/employee share the cost of medical insurance premiums.



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