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New Yorkers More Likely to See Cloudy Future for Employers; Spherion Index Shows Confidence Dipped in August

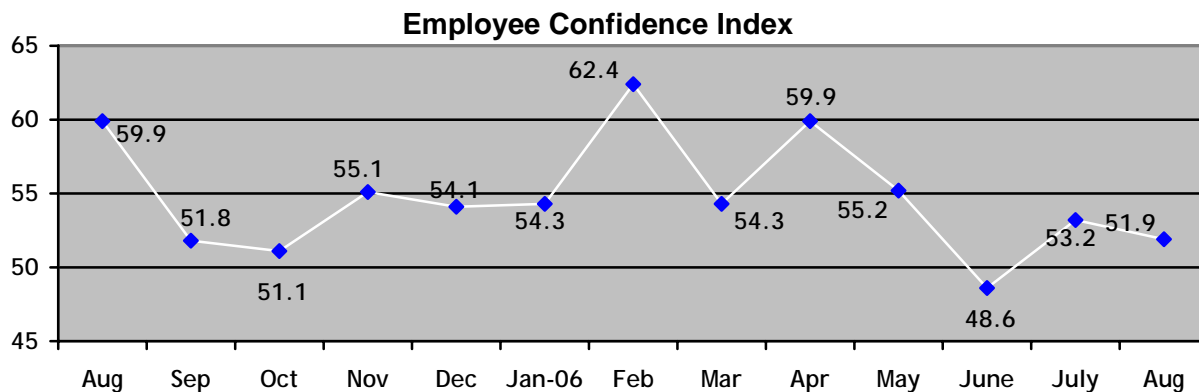
- *More New York workers believe the strength of the economy is getting weaker*
- *Fewer workers confident in future of current employer*
- *Nearly four in 10 workers are likely to look for a new job*

NEW YORK, N.Y., September 14, 2006 - The New York Employee Confidence Index decreased 1.3 points to 51.9 in August, due primarily to workers' growing uncertainty about the strength of the economy and the future of their current employer, according to the Spherion® Employment Report, a monthly survey conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Spherion Corporation (NYSE:SFN).

Despite workers' concerns, nearly forty percent (38%) report that they are likely to look for a new job in the next year, versus 32 percent in July. More workers are also confident in their ability to find a new job in the next 12 months (57%).

"Although our survey shows a dip in confidence, I think it is accurate to say that more people are looking for new positions because they realize that there are more opportunities available," said John Gramer, New York regional managing director of Spherion Professional Services. "The job market is still strong, and the demand for people with technical or accounting and finance skills with business experience has risen. We are also seeing an increased demand for business analysts, help desk, developers, project managers, engineers and pharmaceutical positions. "

Employee Confidence Index: The New York Employee Confidence Index was 51.9 in August, down 1.3 points from July. The Index, which is eight points lower than a year ago, measures adult workers' confidence in their personal employment situation and the macroeconomic environment. The Index decreased because fewer workers are confident in the future of their current employer and the economy.



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August Employment Report Results

		<u>New York 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	14%	12%	-2%	23%	18%	-5%
	Staying Same	45%	39%	-6%	33%	36%	+3%
	Getting Weaker	41%	49%	+8%	44%	47%	+3%
Job Availability	More Jobs	17%	16%	-1%	25%	24%	-1%
	Same Amount	38%	44%	+6%	36%	34%	-2%
	Fewer Jobs	44%	40%	-4%	38%	42%	+4%
Ability to Find New Job	Confident	52%	57%	+5%	57%	57%	0%
	Neutral	31%	28%	-3%	28%	30%	+2%
	Not Confident	17%	15%	-2%	15%	14%	-1%
Future of Current Employer	Confident	59%	51%	-8%	65%	63%	-2%
	Neutral	26%	32%	+6%	24%	25%	+1%
	Not Confident	16%	17%	+1%	12%	13%	+1%
Likelihood to Lose Job	Likely	9%	13%	+4%	12%	11%	-1%
	Neutral	10%	7%	-3%	9%	10%	+1%
	Not Likely	81%	80%	-1%	79%	79%	0%
Likelihood to Look for New Job	Likely	32%	38%	+6%	35%	35%	0%
	Neutral	12%	13%	+1%	10%	11%	+1%
	Not Likely	56%	49%	-7%	55%	54%	-1%

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 2006 Spherion® Employment Report is based on data from the Harris Interactive® QuickQuerySM online omnibus conducted monthly on behalf of Spherion Corporation. A U.S. sample of 3,188 employed adults, aged 18 years and older, of whom 260 are employed in New York (for July 2006 n=184), was interviewed in a series of two polls conducted between August 8-10 and August 15-17, 2006. Figures for age, sex, race/ethnicity, income, education and region were weighted where 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 3,188 U.S. employed adults one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- two percentage points, and the sampling error for the New York state sample results is plus or minus 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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