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Ohio Employee Confidence Index Decreases Slightly

- Fewer workers confident in the strength of the economy
- More workers confident in future of current employer
- About half of workers likely to search for a new job soon

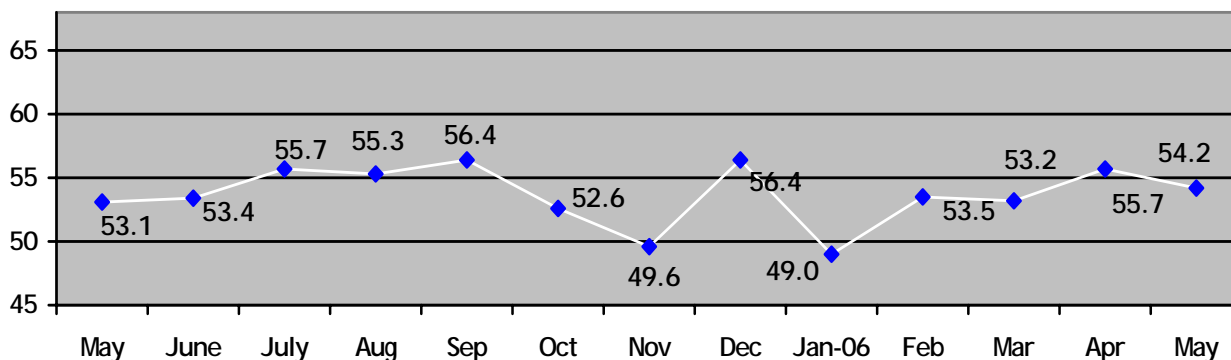
COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 20, 2006 — The Ohio Employee Confidence Index slipped 1.5 points to 54.2 in May, still 1.1 points higher than in May of 2005, as more workers expressed pessimism about the strength of the economy. According to the Ohio Spherion® Employment Report, a monthly survey conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Spherion Corporation (NYSE:SFN), 51 percent of employed adults in Ohio believe the economy is getting weaker, a 13 percentage point increase from the previous month.

Conversely, 64 percent of workers are confident in the future of their employer, up 4 percentage points from April, and 80 percent of workers are confident in their ability to find a new job, a six percentage-point increase from the previous month. In addition, 47 percent of Ohio workers in May reported they are likely to look for a new job compared to 44 percent in April.

“A mixed bag, like our new survey presents, should be expected for a state that has struggled to recover employee confidence after experiencing the worst of the recent recession, particularly in the auto industry,” said Robert Schulte, Spherion franchise owner in Ohio. “In our staffing business, we’re still seeing a flat line in manufacturing, but other sectors are compensating with significant growth. Demand for qualified job candidates in call centers and other service industry jobs is rising as well as for logistics.”

Employee Confidence Index: The overall Ohio Employee Confidence Index was 54.2 in May, decreasing 1.5 points from April, but increasing 1.1 points from a year ago. The Index, which measures adult workers’ confidence in their personal employment situation and the macroeconomic environment, may have decreased because more workers reported pessimism in the strength of the economy.

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May Employment Report Results

		<u>Ohio Workers</u>			<u>U.S. Workers</u>			
		<i>May 2006</i>	<i>April 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>		<i>May 2006</i>	<i>April 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Economy	Getting stronger	21%	25%	-4%		23%	23%	0%
	Staying same	28%	36%	-8%		34%	34%	0%
	Getting weaker	51%	38%	+13%		43%	43%	0%
Job Availability	More jobs	19%	19%	0%		27%	26%	+1%
	Same amount	28%	28%	0%		34%	34%	0%
	Fewer jobs	53%	53%	0%		39%	41%	-2%
Ability to Find New Job	Confident	59%	60%	-1%		60%	57%	+3%
	Neutral	30%	23%	+7%		27%	28%	-1%
	Not Confident	11%	17%	-6%		13%	15%	-2%
Future of Current Employer	Confident	64%	60%	+4%		66%	65%	+1%
	Neutral	23%	30%	-7%		22%	22%	0%
	Not Confident	14%	10%	+4%		12%	13%	-1%
Job Security	Confident	80%	74%	+6%		78%	76%	+2%
	Neutral	10%	11%	-1%		10%	11%	-1%
	Not Confident	10%	15%	-5%		12%	13%	-1%
Look for New Job	Likely	47%	44%	+3%		38%	38%	0%
	Neutral	5%	9%	-4%		9%	11%	-2%
	Not Likely	48%	47%	+1%		53%	51%	+2%

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* that measures employees' overall confidence in the economy, their employer and their ability to find other employment. The Employee Confidence Index is calculated from the results of four components that reflect these aspects of employee confidence. For each component item a 'score' is calculated 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 and is scaled from 0 (no confidence) to 100 (complete confidence). A reading above 50 indicates a positive confidence level.

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Methodology

The May 2006 Spherion Employment Report is based on data from a Harris Interactive® online survey conducted on behalf of Spherion Corporation. A U.S. sample 2,894 employed adults, aged 18 years and older, of whom 116 are employed in Ohio (for April 2006 n=134), was interviewed in a series of two polls conducted between May 3-5 and May 9-11, 2006. Figures for age, sex, race/ethnicity, income, education and region were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting adjusted for respondents' propensity to be online.

With a pure probability sample of 2,894 U.S. employed adults one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 2 percentage points, and the sampling error for the Ohio state sample results is plus or minus 9 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.

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