

CAREERBUILDER'S 2011 SMALL BUSINESS MID-YEAR JOB FORECAST



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Small business hiring in the back half of 2011 is expected to be better than 2010, but caution continues to steer the pace of job creation post-recession. This is according to CareerBuilder's nationwide survey of more than 1,400 small businesses (defined as companies with 500 or fewer employees), between May 19 and June 8, 2011.

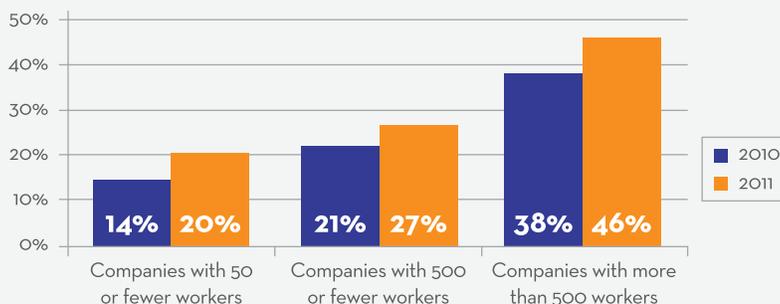
“Right now there is a multi-speed labor market with smaller organizations slower to add new headcount,” said Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder. “There was a chill effect on confidence levels coming out of the last recession and small businesses are still waiting to see how the market will unfold before committing to fully expanded staffs. Hiring in this segment will continue with modest gains in the second half of the year.”

FULL-TIME HIRING

The number of small businesses planning to hire full-time, permanent employees from July through December rose six percentage points over last year. As small companies gradually increase headcount, larger companies are hiring at a more accelerated pace.

- Companies with 50 or fewer employees - 20 percent hiring full-time, permanent employees, up from 14 percent last year.
- Companies with 500 or fewer employees - 27 percent hiring full-time, permanent employees, up from 21 percent last year.
- Companies with more than 500 employees - 46 percent hiring full-time, permanent employees, up from 38 percent last year.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS PLANNING TO HIRE FULL-TIME, PERMANENT STAFF IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2011 (JUL. 1 TO DEC. 31ST)

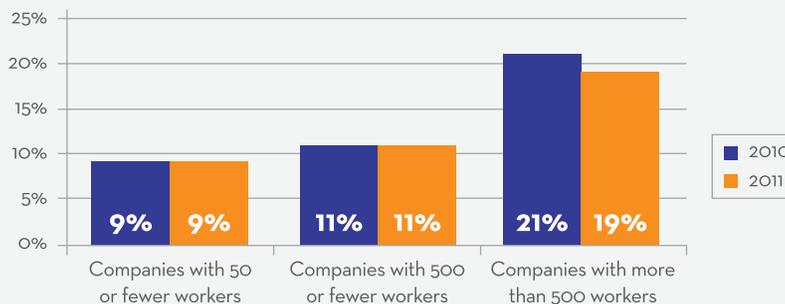


PART-TIME HIRING

Small businesses expect part-time hiring to be on par with last year. Larger organizations are slightly less likely to hire part-time workers than last year, focusing more on adding full-time staff.

- 50 or fewer employees - 9 percent hiring part-time employees, same as 2010.
- 500 or fewer employees - 11 percent hiring part-time employees, same as 2010.
- More than 500 employees - 19 percent hiring part-time employees, down from 21 percent in 2010.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS PLANNING TO HIRE PART-TIME STAFF IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2011

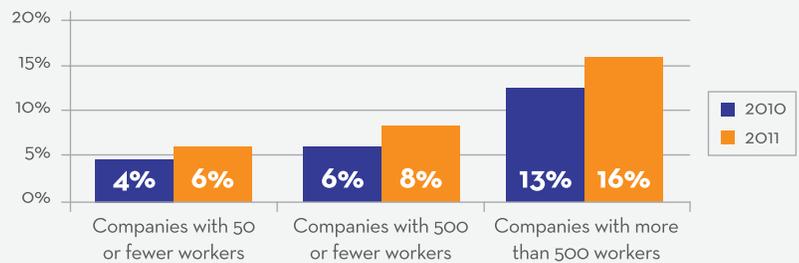


CONTRACT OR TEMPORARY HIRING

Companies of all sizes are planning to increase their use of contract or temporary support to fill in employment gaps before turning up the dial on permanent placement.

- 50 or fewer employees – 6 percent hiring contract or temporary employees, up from 4 percent last year.
- 500 or fewer employees – 8 percent hiring contract or temporary employees, up from 6 percent last year.
- More than 500 employees – 16 percent hiring contract or temporary employees, up from 13 percent last year.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS PLANNING TO HIRE CONTRACT OR TEMPORARY WORKERS IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2011



TOP FUNCTIONAL AREAS FOR HIRING

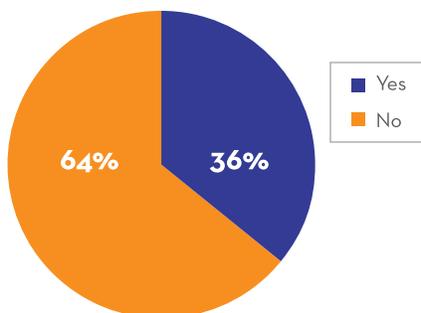
Similar to last year's study, the functional areas for which small businesses plan to hire first are those on the front lines with customers and those driving innovation. **Customer Service, Information Technology and Sales remain in the top three spots for recruitment in the second half of 2011** with Administrative and Business Development rounding out the top five.

BURN-OUT AND TURNOVER

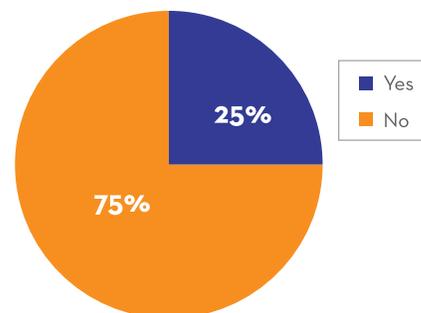
With smaller staffs handling growing workloads, small businesses are voicing concerns over whether productivity can make up the differential. More than one-third of small businesses (36 percent) believe their workers are already burned out. One-quarter (25 percent) are worried that workers will leave their organizations as the economy improves, with 10 percent reporting that top workers left their organizations in the second quarter.

Small businesses also reported challenges in competing with larger organizations for skilled talent. Nearly one-in-five (18 percent) said they currently have open positions for which they can't find qualified candidates.

DO YOU THINK WORKERS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION ARE BURNED OUT?



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT TOP WORKERS LEAVING YOUR ORGANIZATION AS THE ECONOMY IMPROVES?



SURVEY METHODOLOGY

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Interactive© on behalf of CareerBuilder among 1,455 U.S. employers (employed full-time; not self-employed; non-government) ages 18 and over with 500 or fewer employees between May 19, 2011 and June 8, 2011 (percentages for some questions are based on a subset, based on their responses to certain questions). With a pure probability sample of 1,455, one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 2.57 percentage points. Sampling error for data from sub-samples is higher and varies.

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