

PEW SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS
MAY 2010 ECONOMIC SURVEY
RE-EMPLOYMENT TOPLINE
MAY 11-MAY 31, 2010
TOTAL N=2,967, INCLUDING 376 WORKING ADULTS WHO WERE
UNEMPLOYED AT SOME POINT DURING THE RECESSION

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN 0.5 % ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL TRENDS REFERENCE SURVEYS FROM SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS.

ASK ALL :

E3 (IF E1=1,2: Some people who have retired do some type of work for pay.../IF E2=1,2 & E1=3,9: Some students also do some type of work for pay/IF E1=4: Some people who are disabled do some type of work for pay...) Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

60	Employed
45	Full-time
15	Part-time
38	Not employed
2	Fully disabled/not able to work
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2): [n=1,604]

Q49 Here are two different ways of looking at your job. Some people get a sense of identity from their job. For other people, their job is JUST what they do for a living. Which of these best describes the way you usually feel about your job?

May <u>2010</u>		June <u>2006</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>Aug 2003</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>Aug 1999</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>May 1993</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>July 1989</u>
49	Sense of identity	51	56	51	58	57
49	Just what do for a living	45	43	47	41	40
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	1	2	1	3

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2): [n=1,604]

Q51 Would you say you have more qualifications than the job requires, the right amount of qualifications that the job requires or only some of the qualifications the job requires?

41	More
51	Right amount
7	Only some
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3 = 1,2): [n=1,604]

Q52 Since the recession started in December 2007, was there a time when you were out of work AND LOOKING FOR A JOB?

26	Yes
73	No [SKIP TO Q67]
1	Retired/Does not apply (student, homemaker, disabled) (VOL.) [SKIP TO Q67]
*	Laid off/break in work, resumed same job (VOL.) [SKIP TO Q61]
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.) [SKIP TO Q67]

ASK IF UNEMPLOYED NOW OR UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION/DK (E3=3 OR Q52=1):
[n=1,647]

Q53 IF UNEMPLOYED (E3=3): Since the recession started, how many times, INCLUDING THIS TIME, have you been unemployed? **IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2):** Since the recession started, how many times have you been unemployed?

60	One time
9	Two times
11	Three or more times
20	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF UNEMPLOYED AND OUT OF WORK MORE THAN ONE TIME DURING RECESSION (E3=3 AND Q53=2-8): [n=207]

Q54a-c And what was the LONGEST period of time you were out of work? [INTERVIEWER: PROBE IF NECESSARY; RECORD AS MONTHS IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR. 12 MONTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED AS 1 YEAR. IF MORE THAN ONE YEAR RECORD AS YEARS AND MONTHS]

ASK IF NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW (CODE 99 TO Q54a, b, c):

Q54d Was it less than three months, or was it three months or longer?

5	Less than 3 months
91	Three months or longer
5	3 to 5 months
16	6 to 11 months
27	1 year
33	2 years or longer
8	Unspecified
1	Never worked/Homemaker (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q55/56 COMBINED:

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED BUT WERE UNEMPLOYED AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE RECESSION: [n=360]

ASK IF EMPLOYED AND OUT OF WORK ONCE DURING RECESSION (E3=1,2 & Q53=1):

Q55a-c How long were you out of work and looking for a job? [INTERVIEWER: PROBE IF NECESSARY; RECORD AS MONTHS IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR. 12 MONTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED AS 1 YEAR. IF MORE THAN ONE YEAR RECORD AS YEARS AND MONTHS]

ASK IF NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW (CODE 99 TO Q55a, b, c):

Q55d Was it less than three months, or was it three months or longer?

ASK IF EMPLOYED AND OUT OF WORK MORE THAN ONCE DURING RECESSION (E3=1,2 AND Q53=2-8):

Q56a-c And what was the LONGEST period of time you were out of work? [INTERVIEWER: PROBE IF NECESSARY; RECORD AS MONTHS IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR. 12 MONTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED AS 1 YEAR. IF MORE THAN ONE YEAR RECORD AS YEARS AND MONTHS]

ASK IF NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW (CODE 99 TO Q56a, b, c):

Q56d Was it less than three months, or was it three months or longer?

20	Less than 3 months
80	Three months or longer
27	3 to 5 months
26	6 to 11 months
16	1 year
9	2 years or longer
1	Unspecified
*	Never worked/Homemaker (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF UNEMPLOYED NOW OR UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION (E3=3 OR Q52 = 1):

[n=1,647]

Now I would like you to think of the job you had BEFORE you were last out of work.

Q57 Were you employed full-time or part-time?

- 72 Full-time
- 24 Part-time
- 4 Not employed/student/never employed (VOL.) [SKIP TO Q61]
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED NOW BUT UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION (E3=1,2 AND Q52=1): [n=376]

Q58 Does your new job pay more, less or about the same as your last job?

- 38 More
- 39 Less
- 22 Same
- * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED NOW BUT UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION (E3=1,2 AND Q52=1): [n=376]

Q59 Does your new job have better benefits, worse benefits or about the same benefits as your last job?

- 26 Better
- 28 Worse
- 39 Same
- 5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED NOW BUT UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION (E3=1,2 AND Q52=1): [n=376]

Q60 Considering everything, is your new job better, worse or about the same as your last job?

- 43 Better
- 24 Worse
- 30 Same
- 2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF UNEMPLOYED NOW OR UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION (E3=3 OR Q52=1):

[n=1,652]

Q61 **IF UNEMPLOYED (E3=3):** Since you have been unemployed, have you.../ **IF EMPLOYED NOW BUT UNEMPLOYED SOMETIME DURING RECESSION (E3=1,2 AND Q52=1):** When you were unemployed and looking for work, did you... (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Move(d) or consider(ed) moving to another part of the state or country where there might be more jobs, or not	24	75	1
b. Change(d) your career or field, or seriously consider(ed) changing your career or field, or not	33	65	2
c. Pursue(d) any job retraining programs or educational opportunities, or not	24	76	1

ASK ALL QUALIFIED (excluding fully disabled and not able to work): [n=2,887]

Q67 Just your best guess: do you think the recession will have a big, small or no impact on your ability to achieve your long-term career goals?

- 24 Big
- 29 Small
- 34 No impact
- 11 Retired/Does not apply **(VOL.)**
- 3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**