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April 19th to 25th Marks Administrative Professionals Week Which Industries Need Them Most?

This week recognizes the contributions of Secretaries, Administrative Assistants, and other office professionals. In honor of this occasion, we examined hiring trends for office and administrative support occupations.

During March 2015, demand for office and administrative support professionals reached its second highest point in 4 years, with over 963,850 online job listings. October 2014 saw the most ads for this occupational category. The retail, finance, and healthcare sectors had the greatest need for administrative support talent.

The occupational category of office and administrative support workers covers a broad range of positions. Of these, Customer Service Representative was most in-demand, followed by Supervisors of Office and Administrative Workers. Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerk.



**Ohio's
Average Entry-Level
Salary for
Administrative
Service Professionals**



\$25.50/Hour

Industries with the most demand for Office and Administrative Support Professionals are listed below:

- Retail Trade
- Finance and Insurance
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Manufacturing

SOURCE: WANTED Analytics



National LMI Updates 2015

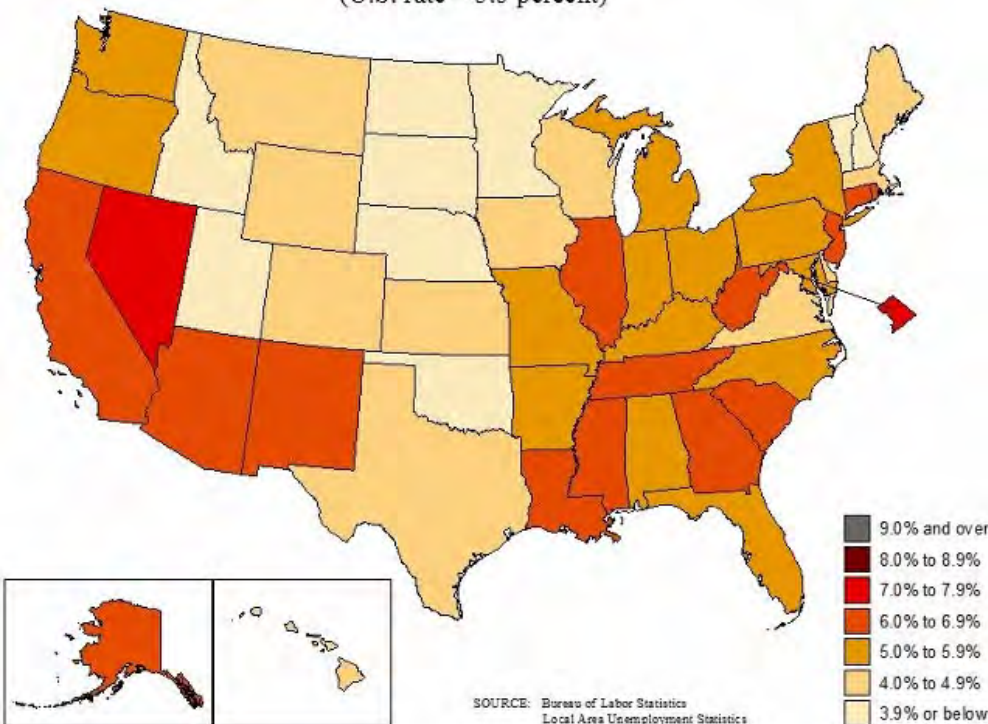
The unemployment rate in the United States remained unchanged at 5.5% percent in March of 2015 from 5.5% percent in February of 2015. The unemployment rate measures the number of people actively looking for a job as a percentage of the labor force.

In the week ending March 28, seasonally adjusted **initial claims rate was 1.7% factoring in 267,000 new claims**. The number for total seasonally adjusted insured unemployment during the week ending March 28 was 2,304,000, a decrease from the previous week's level. This is the lowest level for insurance unemployment since December 9, 2000.

There were 5.1 million job openings on the last business day of February 2015, little changed from January - hires were little changed at 4.9 million and separations were little changed at 4.7 in February. The "quits" rate and "layoffs and discharges" rate were also little changed.

Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2015

(U.S. rate = 5.5 percent)



Hamilton County Job Postings

There were **121,708** total job postings reported at the end of February 2015. **22,977** were unique. These numbers reflect a **5:1 Posting Intensity** meaning that for every 4 postings there is 1 unique job posting.

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Top Companies Hiring in Hamilton County

- Fifth Third Bank = 1,652 Positions
- Roehl Transportation = 975 positions
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital = 484 positions
- UC Healthcare, Inc. = 267 positions
- General Electric Company = 245 positions

Top 5 Hamilton County

Latest Unemployment/Employment Cincinnati Metro and Hamilton County

Unemployment Rates

- Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.1% in March 2015 down from 6.0% in March 2014
- Hamilton County's unemployment rate was 4.7% in March 2015
- The Cincinnati Metro area unemployment was 4.8% in March 2015
- Initial (new) unemployment insurance claims filed in Ohio in March 2015 totaled 34,887 - down 8% from March 2014; there were 436,258 continued claims in Ohio in March 2015 - down 11.6% from March 2014
- Initial (new) unemployment insurance claims filed in Hamilton County in March 2015 totaled 1,867

Employment

- Total employed in Ohio was 5,386,500 in March 2015, up 1,500 from February 2015.
- Total employed in the Cincinnati Metro was 1,052,700 at the beginning of April 2015
- 22,977 Hamilton County unique jobs were posted in March 2015
- Vacancies in Transportation; Financial Services; Healthcare; Administrative and Office Professionals topped the list

Cities Hiring

- Cincinnati
- Blue Ash
- Springdale
- Norwood
- Sharonville

Getting Older Women Back to Work

Research shows that unemployed older women remain out-of-work for longer periods of time than younger women and when they do return to find work, older women often earn lower wages with less desirable working conditions than before.

To try to turn the tide by providing the tools these women need to enter or re-enter the workforce, the Women's Bureau in Dallas and the Dallas County Community College District have scheduled three conferences in the region.

The second in the series, titled "50+ Women to Work: Ready, Set, Employed," was held on April 7 in Lancaster, Texas, with about 80 women in attendance at the Cedar Valley College. The third conference is planned for April 29 at Richland College in Dallas.

Read the Older Women and Work Fact Sheet.

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The Desktop Economist Uncovering Surprises in the Labor Market's Gender, Age and Race Composition

Posted on Tuesday, March 31st, 2015 | *Written by Laura Pizzo*

In the United States, the 55+ workforce grew by 8.3 million from 2001 to 2014, according to a new report from CareerBuilder using EMSI data. That's roughly the size of the population of New York City. As those workers retire, the labor market has the potential to shift dramatically - one of the many reasons that studying workforce diversity is so important. The face of US jobs is changing and will keep hanging, leading to a more innovative and inclusive economy.

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