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More Hired In December

Santa's gift to the Greater Springfield Labor Market was jobs. December saw a 12% increase in FutureWorks' job seekers finding work over the same month in the previous year. In real terms, 347 people found work in December 2011 versus 309 in December 2010. Leading the way was 113 jobs found in construction. This was largely due to storm clean-up related jobs. Job seekers served by FutureWorks (2,770) were flat compared to last year. Unemployed Job Seekers Served (2,506) was also flat when compared to December 2010.

The Average Hourly Wage at Hire in December went from last year's \$12.72 an hour to \$13.89, a \$1.17 an hour increase over December 2010. The number of Job Openings listed at FutureWorks Career Center by employers dropped by three-percent from last year from 288 to 278. The number of Employers Listing Jobs (76) declined by two-percent from December 2010 (78).

Industry Sectors Which Hired FutureWorks Members Dec 2011

Top 10		Hires	%
1.	Construction	113	33
2.	Retail	42	12
3.	Manufacturing	36	10
4.	Healthcare & Social Assistance	32	9
5.	Transportation & Warehousing	24	7
6.	Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt Services	23	7
7.	Educational Services	14	4
8.	Unclassified	13	4
9.	Accommodation & Food Services	11	3
10.	Other Services (Except Public Administration)	10	3

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JOB OPENINGS

Sector December 2011

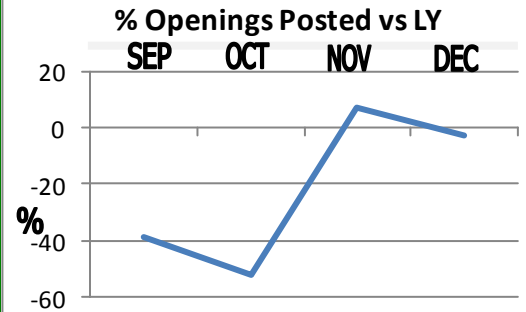
Health Care & Social Assist	70
Admin Support-Waste Mgmt	56
Educational Services	23
Other Services	22
Transportation	18
Retail	15
Manufacturing	12
Professional-Technical Svcs	11
Public Administration	11
Manufacturing	8

EMPLOYER SERVICES

December 2011

Employers Served	91
Employers Listing Jobs	76
Total Openings Posted	278
Repeat Employers	77

DECEMBER 2011 FALLING BACK



JOB SEEKER INFO

December 2011

Total Served	2,770
Avg. Wage at Hire	\$13.89

DEMOGRAPHICS

Male	50%
Female	50%
White	40%
Hispanic	28%
Black/African-American	26%
Asian	2%
Info Not Available	1%

AGE

18 and Under	2%
19-21	6%
22-45	56%
46-54	20%
55+	16%

EDUCATION

Less Than High School	16%
High School/GED	39%
Some College/Voc Degree	24%
Associates Degree	6%
Bachelor Degree	8%
Advanced Degree	4%
Info Not Available	2%