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Survey Report #4

Views on 2012 Job Market &
Public Employees' Job Satisfaction

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About the Survey

This Survey Report presents findings of a PSRPanel online survey about public sector employees' view on job market of this year (2012) and their satisfaction with current jobs.

The survey was conducted in January 2012, and included online responses from 225 panelists.




About the Panel

The Public Service Research Panel, PSRPanel, is an online community of public service professionals who sign up to participate in occasional web-based surveys and studies about the important work they do and the organizations they help lead.



It is important to point out that the panel is not a random sample, and thus the results are not scientifically projectable to the larger population.

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1. Compared to last year, do you think that the job market this year (2012) will be better, worse, or about the same in your field or profession?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Better		32.3%	71
About the same		48.2%	106
Worse		19.5%	43
answered question			220
skipped question			5






2. Thinking about the country's economic situation, do you think the worst is behind us or the worst is ahead of us?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Worst is behind us		62.2%	138
Worst is ahead of us		37.8%	84
answered question			222
skipped question			3





3. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Right direction		50.7%	110
Wrong track		49.3%	107
		answered question	217
		skipped question	8

5. Where do you currently work?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Public sector		58.8%	127
Non-profit sector		19.4%	42
Private (for-profit) sector		7.4%	16
Not employed (student/retired/unemployed)		9.3%	20
Other (please specify)		5.1%	11
		answered question	216
		skipped question	9



6. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do? Would you say you are . . .

		Response Percent	Response Count
very satisfied		44.0%	84
moderately satisfied		36.6%	70
a little dissatisfied		13.6%	26
very dissatisfied		5.8%	11
		answered question	191
		skipped question	34







7. Using a 0-10 scale on which "0" means "worst possible" and "10" means "best possible", h

	0=Worst possible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10=Best possible
your current job?	1.0% (2)	2.1% (4)	1.6% (3)	2.6% (5)	3.7% (7)	6.8% (13)	12.6% (24)	20.9% (40)	24.6% (47)	16.8% (32)	
the organization where you work?	1.5% (3)	0.5% (1)	3.6% (7)	5.7% (11)	9.8% (19)	8.8% (17)	7.2% (14)	19.6% (38)	19.6% (38)	12.9% (25)	
the people you work with?	0.5% (1)	2.6% (5)	1.6% (3)	4.7% (9)	2.6% (5)	6.3% (12)	10.4% (20)	15.1% (29)	20.8% (40)	22.4% (43)	






8. Are you . . .

		Response Percent	Response Count
male		46.7%	100
female		53.3%	114
		answered question	214
		skipped question	11






9. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
19 or under		0.0%	0
20-29		11.3%	24
30-39		20.2%	43
40-49		26.3%	56
50-59		27.2%	58
60-69		13.1%	28
70 or older		1.9%	4
answered question			213
skipped question			12

10. Do you consider yourself to be . . .

		Response Percent	Response Count
White		71.2%	151
Black		14.2%	30
Hispanic		5.2%	11
Asian		3.3%	7
Other		6.1%	13
answered question			212
skipped question			13

11. Where do you currently live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Northeast (US)		35.8%	77
South (US)		23.3%	50
Midwest (US)		16.7%	36
West (US)		19.1%	41
Outside the US (please specify country)		5.1%	11
		answered question	215
		skipped question	10