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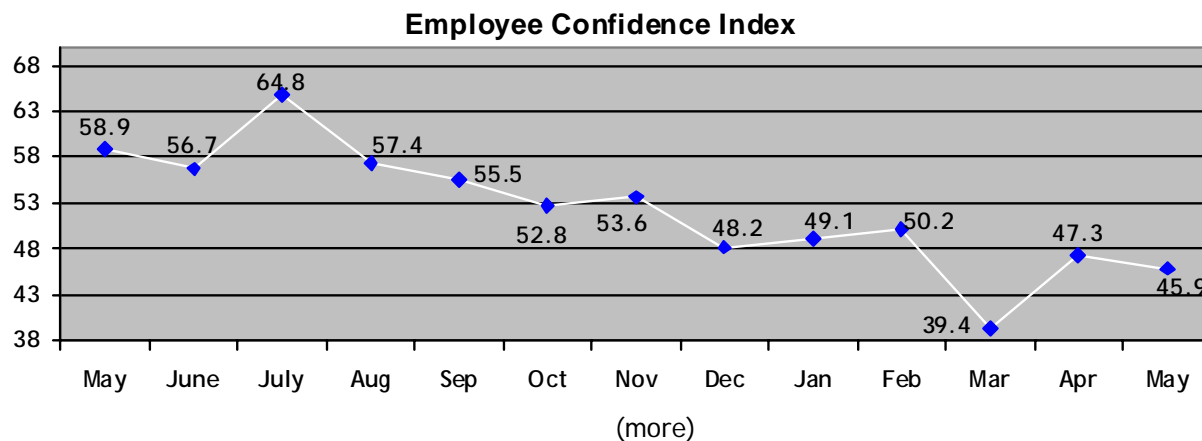
New York Employment Report: Overall Employee Confidence Declines Due To Concerns About Job Availability and Employer's Future

NEW YORK, N.Y., June 19, 2008 - The New York Employee Confidence Index decreased 1.4 points to 45.9 in May, according to the latest Spherion® Employment Report. The monthly survey of New York workers, conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Spherion Corporation, shows that more workers are concerned about the amount of jobs available and lack confidence in the future of their current employer.

Results from the New York Employment Report:

- Continuing the trend seen in April, more workers are concerned about the number of jobs available, with 58 percent reporting they believe fewer jobs exist, an increase of seven percentage points.
- Although more workers (11 percent) believe the economy is getting stronger, a nine percent increase from April, two-thirds of workers (66 percent) still feel that the economy is weakening.
- Fifty-six percent of workers are confident in the future of their current employer, a 16-percentage-point decline from April.

"Although employees' overall confidence declined this month, the level is much higher than what we saw just two months ago. This shows that workers are not panicking about the current situation, but are leery about the job market due to economic concerns nationally," said Linda Perneau, vice president of Spherion Staffing Services. "While it's true that we did lose some jobs this past month in manufacturing and financial services, other industries such as education, health care and hospitality are still strong."



May Employment Report Results

		<u>New York Workers</u>			<u>U.S. Workers</u>		
		<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>% Point Change</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>% Point Change</i>
Economy	Getting Stronger	2%	11%	+9	5%	7%	+2
	Staying Same	22%	22%	0	22%	22%	0
	Getting Weaker	76%	66%	-10	73%	71%	-2
Job Availability	More Jobs	17%	7%	-10	12%	12%	0
	Same Amount	32%	34%	+2	28%	31%	+3
	Fewer Jobs	51%	58%	+7	60%	58%	-2
Ability to Find New Job	Confident	43%	47%	+4	52%	51%	-1
	Neutral	37%	36%	-1	31%	31%	0
	Not Confident	19%	17%	-2	17%	18%	+1
Future of Current Employer	Confident	72%	56%	-16	65%	64%	-1
	Neutral	19%	30%	+11	22%	24%	+2
	Not Confident	9%	13%	+4	14%	12%	-2
Likelihood to Lose Job	Likely	9%	16%	+7	13%	13%	0
	Neutral	8%	22%	+14	9%	12%	+3
	Not Likely	83%	62%	-21	78%	75%	-3
Likelihood to Look for New Job	Likely	30%	38%	+8	35%	35%	0
	Neutral	10%	14%	+4	10%	11%	+1
	Not Likely	61%	48%	-13	54%	54%	0

About the Spherion Employment Report

As part of the Spherion® Emerging Workforce® Series of employment surveys, the monthly Spherion Employment Report provides a snapshot of the latest workforce trends across the country and is issued in conjunction with state and national labor market releases. Three key indices are measured: the Spherion *Job Security Index*, which captures how likely respondents think it is that they will lose their job or that their job will be eliminated in the next 12 months; the Spherion *Job Transition Index*, which captures how likely respondents are to look for a new job in the next 12 months; and the *Employee Confidence Index*, which measures employees' overall confidence in the economy, the future of their employer, the availability of jobs, and their ability to find other employment. The Employee Confidence Index is based on these four components, with a 'score' calculated for each by taking the difference of the percentage of positive responses and the percentage of negative responses. These four scores are then averaged to indicate an overall level of employee confidence scaled from 0 (no confidence) to 100 (complete confidence). A reading above 50 indicates a positive confidence level.

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Methodology

The May 2008 Spherion® Employment Report was conducted online within the United by Harris Interactive on behalf of Spherion Corporation between May 7 and 9 and May 12 and 14, 2008 among a U.S. sample of 2,604 employed adults, aged 18 years and older, of whom 198 are employed in New York (for Apr 2008 n=183). Results were weighted as needed for age, sex, race/ethnicity, income, education and region. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

All sample surveys and polls, whether or not they use probability sampling, are subject to multiple sources of error which are most often not possible to quantify or estimate, including sampling error, coverage error, error associated with nonresponse, error associated with question wording and response options, and post-survey weighting and adjustments. Therefore, Harris Interactive avoids the words "margin of error" as they are misleading. All that can be calculated are different possible sampling errors with different probabilities for pure, unweighted, random samples with 100% response rates. These are only theoretical because no published polls come close to this ideal.

Respondents for this survey were selected from among those who have agreed to participate in Harris Interactive surveys. The data have been weighted to reflect the composition of the U.S. adult population. Because the sample is based on those who agreed to be invited to participate in the Harris Interactive online research panel, no estimates of theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

About Spherion

Spherion Corporation (NYSE: SFN) is a leading recruiting and staffing company that provides integrated solutions to meet the evolving needs of companies and job candidates. As an industry pioneer for more than 60 years, Spherion has sourced, screened and placed millions of individuals in temporary, temp-to-hire and full-time jobs.

With approximately 700 locations in the United States and Canada, Spherion delivers innovative workforce solutions that improve business performance. Spherion provides its services to more than 8,000 customers, from Fortune 500 companies to a wide range of small and mid-size organizations. Employing more than 300,000 people annually through its network, Spherion is one of North America's largest employers. Spherion operates under the following brands: Spherion Staffing Services Group for administrative, clerical and light industrial workers; Technisource for technology professionals and solutions; The Mergis Group for accounting and finance and other professional positions; Today's Staffing for specialty administrative personnel; and Spherion Recruitment Process Outsourcing. To learn more, visit <http://www.spherion.com/>

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