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Where the Jobs Are

Unemployment in the city is at 8.1 percent, the highest it’s been in six years. But that’s still below the national average—and it doesn’t mean there isn’t still a lot of hiring going on. Here, a look at who’s got jobs.

TRENDS

“There are 25 specific industries we track that had more jobs in the first quarter this year than the first quarter last year,” says James Parrott, chief economist at the Fiscal Policy Institute.

1. People have chosen to stay in college or enroll in college when they would normally have been joining the labor force.

2. Broadway, live theater, and concerts are down, but cheaper entertainment is okay. There’s also a boomlet in movie production.

3. As pharmaceutical prices have gone up, Medicare and Medicaid have also increased funding. So drug stores are proliferating and hiring.

4. There’s increased demand for protective services. Companies may be guarding against disgruntled employees who may have lost their jobs.

5. Utilities—Con Ed and the gas companies—have done well; energy companies made big profits from high prices, so there’s no need for layoffs.

COMPANIES SET TO EXPAND IN NEW YORK

- The Beijing Vantone Industrial Company
- Bowlmor Lanes
- Thor Equities
- Forever 21
- American Eagle
- Cheesecake Factory
- IHOP
- Houston’s

BREAKDOWN OF THE TOP-TEN JOB TYPES POSTED ON CRAIGSLIST
NEW YORK FOR THE PAST FOUR WEEKS

“Sales associates,” Banana Republic (part time); “Nightlife table hosting and promotions, get paid to party! Seriously!!! (Chelsea)”; “Baker needed for new upscale cake boutique … must be skilled in baking with local, organic, and upscale ingredients and in the art of cake decoration (smoothing and piping buttercream, string work, Swiss dots, etc.).” “Chairman of highly successful, multi-billion-dollar financial firm seeks exceptionally capable individual … to oversee his and his family’s financial affairs.”

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“Disaster-recovery/ Virtualization expert,” Dimension Data (an IT company); “Director of integration services and solutions,” HBO; Attorney for Hebrew/Arabic document review at “major firm”, Linux administrator, “major software-development company.”

FASTEST-GROWING INDUSTRY IN NEW YORK CITY

Fiscal Policy Institute comparison of first quarter ’09 to first quarter ’08.

- Private colleges and universities: 7.1%
- Home health-care services: 6.1%
- Security-guard and protective services: 4.9%
- Utilities: 4.3%
- Mental-health and substance-abuse facilities: 4.2%

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Civilian Complaint Review Board: investigator; School Translation and Interpretation Unit: Spanish; Department of Consumer Affairs: deputy director, tobacco grant co-ordination; Department of Citywide Administrative Services: high-pressure-plant tender; president of Brooklyn College.