



JOB OUTLOOK IN 2009 IS GRIM -- EXCEPT FOR ACCOUNTANTS

The employment landscape for 2009 looks really, really bad. But it might not be so bad for accountants. From [AccountingWeb.com](#): According to staffing firm Robert Half International, ...researchers are predicting a 3.4 percent salary increase for finance and accounting staff. Not surprisingly, most in demand are professionals who can help companies reduce inefficiencies and increase profits. Robert Half also suggests that this year may be a good time to consider temporary project work.... Industry analysts often look to the temporary staffing agencies as predictors of the economy to come, and business has generally been sluggish. One bright spot is accounting work. "Even when business is bad, someone has to keep records of the wreckage," said Edward Baumstein, chief executive of the SolomonEdwards Group, a national recruitment company specializing in accounting and business services.

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