

REPORT: HEALTHCARE, FINANCE INDUSTRIES BOUNCING BACK



A report on U.S. job trends by job-search engine Simply Hired indicates the job market is stabilizing and health care and government jobs are two fields that are on the upswing. For the study, Simply Hired analyzed more than 3-million job listing from the first quarter of 2008 through the end of 2009. It offers insight into what industries and regions have the most available positions and those that have yet to recover from the recession. "This report confirms what many analysts, economists and the American people have been hoping for – job cuts have slowed and the free-fall state we were in in 2008 is now behind us," states the report. In addition to health care and the government, even the financial industry appears to be coming back to life. Unique job listings for loan officers is up 81 percent while financial service sales agent listings are up more than 40 percent. The worst-performing occupations include actors (unique listings down 87 percent), proofreaders/copy markers (85 percent), petroleum engineers (84 percent), amusement/recreation attendants (67 percent) and photographers (63 percent). St. Louis was the best performing metro area with nine percent more jobs available than in 2008. On the flip side, California has 21 percent less jobs available overall than in 2008.

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