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If there are no jobs out there, someone forgot to tell Andrew Gordon. In late August, the 25-year-old started a new gig as a web specialist in the communications and marketing department of the American Health Assistance Foundation, a nonprofit in Clarksburg, Maryland. The job is a big move up from his last position as a customer service representative of a moving company. And it came with a 15 percent higher salary. A few factors are feeding this brighter outlook. Two-thirds of human resource professionals are planning to hire more staff this year, according to the Allied Workforce Mobility Survey, which was conducted in March. At big companies of more than 10,000 employees, human resources managers are even more bullish, with more than four out of five planning to boost their ranks, according to the report. The loosened purse strings may be due to healthy corporate profits. Earnings-per-share for the S&P 500 stand at record highs, according to S&P Capital IQ. And a newly released compensation study from consulting firm Mercer forecasts 2.9 percent average salary growth for 2013. That's up from 2.7 percent in 2012 and 2011, and 2.3 percent in 2010. Read the full article here:

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