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Percentage of older workers looking for full-time work has tripled

Demographics for 50+ workers changing dramatically, according to new Retired Worker survey

Toronto, ON (November 21, 2007) - Retired Worker (www.retiredworker.ca), the first employment website created for retired people who want to work on a part-time or temporary basis, has just released the results of their 4th annual comprehensive survey of older workers.

"The results indicate a continuing shift in work trends for the 50+ group," says Sarah Welstead, Managing Director and co-founder of Retired Worker. "In 2006, just over 11% of respondents said they were looking for permanent, full-time employment. This year, that percentage increased to more than 35%."

Welstead attributes the shift to a change in perception by both older job-seekers and society. "Less than 20% say they have to work for financial reasons, so we're seeing an increase in the number of older workers who return to the workforce after retirement simply because they want to," she notes. "At the same time, the increasing acceptance of older workers in the workplace, and media emphasis on 'hip baby-boomers' rather than 'senior citizens' means that 50+ job-seekers feel like they have more options – and one of them is returning to the workforce on a full-time basis."

Survey results also reveal that this group continues to be more 'high-tech' than people think, says Welstead. "More than 80% have high-speed internet access, 88% have their own computer, and 5% have Blackberries. What's most significant to us is that more than 65% say they spend more than 5 hours per week on the internet – so the notion of people over 50 not being 'tech-savvy' is more of a myth than ever."

Survey details

- Survey was conducted online through the RetiredWorker.ca website between October 11-26, 2007
- There were 1849 respondents
- Respondents were 59% male, 41% female
- 64% of respondents were aged 50-64 years old

Detailed survey results can be found on the website, or by contacting Retired Worker.

About Retired Worker:

Retired Worker is the first employment website in North America for retired people who want to work on a part-time, temporary or casual basis. Launched in Toronto in October 2003, Retired Worker now has 25,000+ registered job-seekers across Canada. For more information, visit www.retiredworker.ca.

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