

Employment Fact Sheet

- In 2011, the average length of unemployment for those seeking a job was almost 40 weeks.¹
- In 2009, 38% of low-income single parents experienced unemployment.²
- “Poverty is higher among the unemployed. In 2010, 30 percent of the long-term unemployed were poor, and 66 percent of single parents unemployed more than 26 weeks were poor.”³
- Almost 20% of employers said they wouldn’t hire someone who was late to an interview.⁴
- More than 80% of employers think it’s very important for interviewees to ask questions.⁵
- Less-educated workers have more difficulty finding a job in tough economic times.⁶

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² Nichols, Austin, and Sheila Zedlewski. “Is the Safety Net Catching Unemployed Families?” 13 Sept. 2011. The Urban Institute. <http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=412397>

³ Nichols, Austin, and Thomas Callan. “Unemployment and Poverty.” 13 Sept. 2011. The Urban Institute. <http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=412400>

⁴ “Job Interview Etiquette 101.” 10 Mar. 2009. Vault. <http://blogs.vault.com/blog/interviewing/job-interview-etiquette-101/>

⁵ “Job Interview Etiquette 101.” 10 Mar. 2009. Vault. <http://blogs.vault.com/blog/interviewing/job-interview-etiquette-101/>

⁶ Loprest, Pamela J., and Austin Nichols. Less-Educated Continue to Lose Jobs in Recovery-Even in Low-Wage Industries 24 Aug. 2011. The Urban Institute. <http://www.urban.org/publications/412382.html>