

# Career Outlook Bulletin

## Calendar of Events 2010

Date	Event
April 9-10 7-10 pm 9-4pm	CW in Wash. DC. Stake. Bethesda Bdg.
April 13-14 9-3 pm both	CW in ERC
April 23-24 7-10 pm 9-4pm	Professional Workshop, ERC.
April 24 6-10 pm	BYU Gala Event, Crystal City Marriott
May 11-12 9-3 pm both	CW in ERC
May 14-15 7-10 PM 9-4pm	CW Newport News VA. Stake Hampton Bdg.
May 22 9-1 pm	SES Training, DC Stake Center
June 8-9 9-3 pm both	CW in ERC
June 11-12 7-10PM 9-4PM	CW Annandale VA. Stake
June 25-26 7-10PM 9-4PM	Professional Workshop, ERC.
June 26 9-11:30 am	New Leader Training, ERC

### Employment Center Locations

**Washington, DC ERC**  
 7979 Penn-Randall Place  
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
 (301) 736-9550

David Berg, Manager  
 Stephen Boyd, Associate Manager

**Philadelphia, PA.**  
 721 Paxon Hollow Drive  
 Broomall, PA.  
 (610) 353-1384

Elder and Sister Huey  
**Richmond, VA.**

1957 Capeway Road  
 Powhatan, VA 23139  
 (804) 598-4511

Elder and Sister Armantrout  
**Tidewater, VA.**

4780 Princess Ann Road  
 Virginia Beach, VA.  
 (757) 474-1292

No missionaries

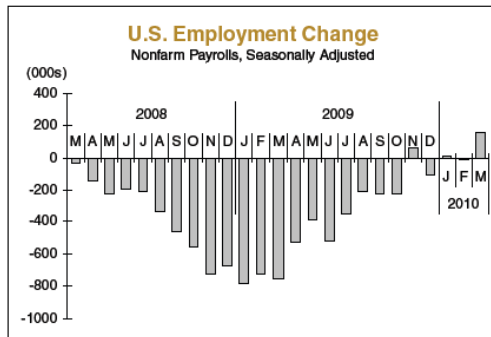
Visit [www.ldsjobs.org](http://www.ldsjobs.org)

Washington, DC. Mid-Atlantic Employment Resource Center

1st Quarter 2010

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Employment rose by 162,000 in March, and the unemployment rate was **9.7 percent** for the third month in a row. Job gains continued in temporary help services and in health care, while job losses occurred in financial activities and in information. The March employment increase also included 48,000 workers hired by the federal government for Census 2010. **Bureau of Labor Statistics.**



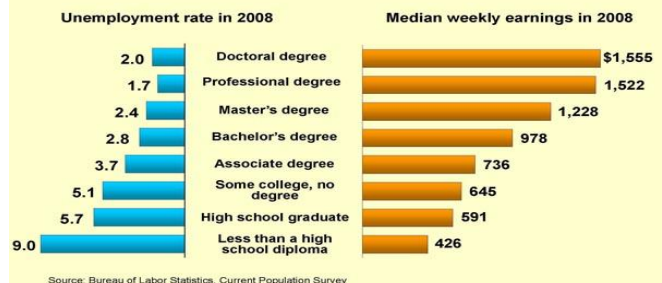
**BIG SWING:** The U.S. economy added an average of 54,000 jobs monthly during 2010's first quarter. While not impressive versus traditional employment gains, the 54,000 average rise is worlds apart from the 753,000 average monthly loss during 2009's first quarter. Job gains in March were spread across the economy. An estimated 60% of industries added jobs in March, the highest share in four years (*CNNMoney.com*).

While the U.S. economy officially added 162,000 jobs during March, the household survey estimated a much stronger 264,000 rise. More importantly, while the establishment survey noted a net gain of an identical 162,000 jobs during the first quarter just ended, the household survey estimates that total employment jumped by 1.1 million jobs during the quarter! Many economists would suggest that the household survey can be a better measure of job gains during transition periods from job contraction to job creation.

**VALUE OF EDUCATION:** It comes as no surprise that one's educational attainment typically has a direct impact on employment. The jobless rate for those workers with less than a high school diploma was 14.5% in March. For those with a high school diploma, but no college, the rate was 10.8%. For those workers with some college or an Associate's degree, the jobless rate was 8.2%. For those with a Bachelor's degree and higher, the average unemployment rate was 4.9%.



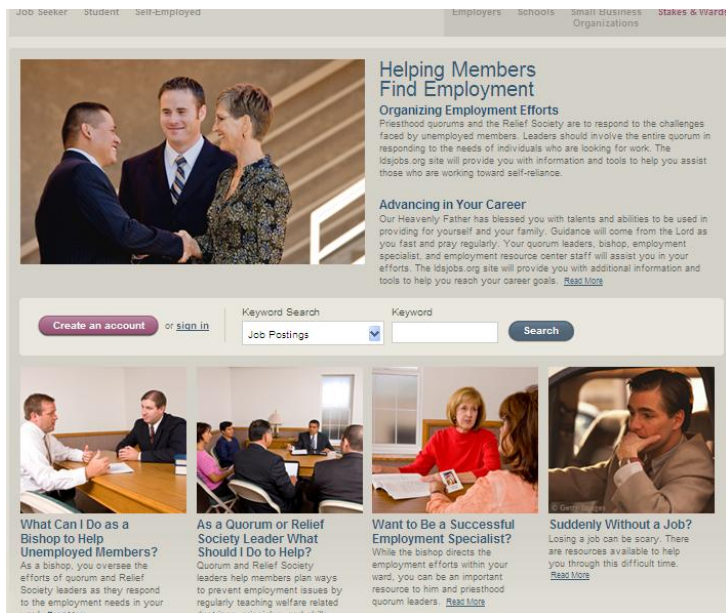
### Education pays



**DOWN THE ROAD:** Gains in employment have been, and typically are, the final piece of the economic growth puzzle. Most estimates suggest the economy began to grow again last summer. Renewed growth has occurred in part due to massive government stimulus. Such growth has also occurred despite government. We have been through the economic wringer during the past 27 months, twisted and wrenched in ways thought unlikely until it actually happened. Millions of people remain unemployed, with job prospects meager for simply too many. Millions of others will see prospects improve, with economic conditions getting better. **Jeff Thredgold, Thredgold Economic Associates.**

Announcing the new and much improved  
**Ldsjobs.org Web Site**

Go online and visit – then register with your LDS Account information. This is a great resource for Members, Church Leadership, Ward and Stake Employment Specialists & Employers



**SEE AVAILABLE RESOURCES & more:**

How can Bishops and other leaders assist the unemployed?  
 Want to be a Successful Employment Specialist?  
 Suddenly without a job? How to find a job! Are you a recent College Graduate? Are you returning to the workforce?  
 Considering starting a business? Considering a career change?  
 Youth, looking for ways to make money? Want to succeed at your new job? Lacking the skills to get the job you want? Is your business struggling? Want to go to school? Not making enough money? Employers will post jobs on the site. Stake leaders will also post jobs on the site. When jobseekers complete their profile employers may, with permission, view their profile.  
**Go to Washington DC ERC Home Page and view resources.**

**WHERE ARE THE JOBS IN THE DC AREA?**

**Step One:** Go to [ldsjobs.org](http://ldsjobs.org) & register. Then go to Myldsjobs tab and conduct your search. You can also go to stake jobs & search for jobs that ward and stake leaders have populated in the web site.  
**Step Two:** Go to Jobs, DC's #1 Source for jobs at [Washingtonpost.com/jobs](http://Washingtonpost.com/jobs) and search by Job Titles, Location, Function, Employers, Industry and Career Level. The 11,000 open positions available right now are in DC and the immediate suburbs. Many more exit outside the beltway perimeter.  
**Step Three:** Make an appointment with your local LDS Employment Center, receive counseling, attend a Career Workshop and receive a variety of resources that will match your career objectives.

**Effective Strategies for Finding Employment**

**TRADITIONAL WAYS**

- Rely on Resume
- Mail Resume randomly
- Newspaper Ads
- Do little or no Networking
- Send same resume to all Internet Job Opportunities
- Do not send Thank You letters to Interviewers
- Do not send Cover Letters with Resume
- Rely just on Internet
- Mindset is "I'll take any job now"
- May keep Job Search a private affair
- Apprehensive about changing direction

**WHAT WORKS**

**REGISTER AT LDSJOBS.ORG**

- Create a written plan, professional resume, assess skills
- Attend 2-day LDS Employment "Career Workshop"
- Understand the 7 Rules of Networking
- Create "30 Second Statements" & "Power Statements"
- Practice Mock Interviewing –see LDS ERC services
- Research Companies and target resume to each position
- Ask Contacts for referrals and send Thank You letters.
- Identify opportunities On-line
- Approach companies directly
- Let friends, associates know you are searching
- Spend 6-8 hours/day productively and get a Coach

**Call the LDS Employment Resource Center to find out more about the "Career Workshop" and other available services.**

**Career Websites & Resources**

- Indeed-One Search all Jobs - [indeed.com](http://indeed.com)
- Snagajob-part-time & hourly- [snagajob.com](http://snagajob.com)
- IT Jobs – [dice.com](http://dice.com)
- Federal Jobs – [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov)
- Best Jobs in the U.S. – [bestjobusa.com](http://bestjobusa.com)
- Hispanic & bi-lingual professional jobs - [www.latpro.com](http://www.latpro.com)
- Non Profit Organizations – [idealist.org](http://idealist.org)
- Careers requiring no college – [khake.com](http://khake.com)
- Career Builder – [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com)
- Monster Board – [monster.com](http://monster.com)
- Bureau of Labor Statistics – [bls.gov](http://bls.gov)
- American Career Information – [acinet.org](http://acinet.org)
- Networking Site – [LinkedIn.com](http://LinkedIn.com)
- Temp to Permanent Jobs – [net-temps.com](http://net-temps.com)
- Professional Positions \$100k+ [theladders.com](http://theladders.com)
- Virtual Assistant/Work from Home – [ratracerebellion-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ratracerebellion-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- Career Advice & Support- [Job-hunt.org](http://Job-hunt.org)
- Advice and Coaching services- [Gottamontor.com](http://Gottamontor.com)