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Floridians blue about job prospects

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A new survey conducted by **Harris/Decima** on behalf of **Everest University** shows that a majority of Floridians doubt they'll see a promotion or be able to find employment if they decided to change or look for a new job in the next year.

Although most Floridians said they think they'll be able to retain their current job (91 percent) despite the economy, 47 percent said they doubted they would be promoted this year. And nearly half (47 percent) doubted they could find employment in the next year if they left their current work, the Florida Workforce Happiness Index survey showed.

"The lack of confidence is understandable considering Florida was hit hard last year by the failing economy and went through one of its roughest years ever from a jobs standpoint," said Brad A. Little, divisional director of career services for Everest-Florida, which has 14 campuses in Florida. "By all indications, I think there will be a slight uptick in employment opportunities this year."

In addition, the survey showed that among those who are employed, work-related stress was the top reason for feeling depressed about a job, with nearly a quarter (21 percent) of survey respondents citing stress. Other top factors included work-life balance (20 percent) and pay (17 percent).

The Florida Workforce Happiness Index survey was conducted by Harris/Decima in the first quarter of 2010. A total of 601 Floridians were surveyed by telephone, of which 494 are employed and 107 are unemployed.

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