



JOB SEARCH WITH INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION DATA!

by Joanne Allen, Resource Center, Racine County Workforce Development Center

Nowadays, everyone looking for a job knows to check for job listings and leads on-line. But did you know that there are many other ways that the internet can help you advance your career? Here is some helpful advice from the professionals at the Racine County Workforce Development Center (WDC).

There are websites that can give you all this useful information:

- The average annual salary for any occupation in the county, state or the nation.
- The high and low end of the salary range for a particular occupation.
- What people do on the job in an occupation.
- The skills, knowledge, and abilities needed for an occupation.
- The technology used on the job.
- How many people are employed in a field in my state and across the nation.
- How many people are expected to be employed in 2016.
- Education or training requirements.
- Related occupations.
- Which occupations are growing the fastest in my state or across the nation.
- Which occupations pay the most.
- Which occupations have the most openings.

Visit the Employment Resource Center at WDC and ask about job searching on the Occupation Information Internet websites. The sites most often used are O*Net and Wisconsin Worknet.

O*NET is the nation's primary source of occupational information. This database contains information on hundreds of occupations. It is continually updated by surveying a broad range of workers from each occupation. Information from this database forms the heart of O*NET OnLine, the interactive application for exploring and searching occupations. Check it out at www.online.onetcenter.org.

Mark Duncan, a frequent visitor to the WDC Employment Resource Center, says that O*net provides significant help to those who are searching for work. It is a relatively large data base with much useful information. At least some of the occupations listed on O*Net include a summary of tasks performed. I especially benefited from the summary of tasks list. On my resume, I used the tasks listed to formulate the wording for tasks that I performed at previous jobs.

Wisconsin Worknet is an outstanding site to begin to explore your career options, obtain information on jobs by employer or use the data to get a snapshot of employment in the county of your choice. You can also explore occupational opportunities based on jobs with the most openings or those with the highest growth projection. Wage information also allows you to compare earning potential between different occupations. Begin exploring your career at www.worknet.wisconsin.gov.

These are just a few of the job searching tools available to you. Please visit us at one of our locations in Racine at 1717 Taylor Avenue or Burlington at 380 McCanna Parkway. Our hours in Racine are Monday 7:30am-5:00pm and Tuesday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Burlington hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm.

For further information contact us at 262-638-6425.