Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia

WA Employment

Survey Results

2016





What are the thoughts, challenges and suggestions of young people on finding employment?

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Survey respondents

DEMOGRAPHICS



OVER 60% had a high school diploma or higher

education but...



ALMOST 1/4 24% were looking for work.



ALMOST 45% were Aboriginal or had a linguistically or culturally diverse background.

TRENDS

OVER 85% found it difficult or very difficult to find a job

OVER 25%

did not find a job the last time they tried.

OVER 45% are not confident at finding a job in their chosen career path.

OVER 40% took at least 5 MONTHS to find their last job

CHALLENGES



LACK OF INTERVIEWS

ALMOST 3/4 felt that the *lack of interviews* after applying for many jobs was a challenge.

'I applied for every job for over a year but wasn't employed and didn't have many interviews'.



EXPERIENCE

OVER 50% felt lack of experience was a challenge.

'No one is willing to take a chance on people that have no experience'.



DISCRIMINATION

ALMOST 1/4 felt that racial/ethnic/ religious/age/gende

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'The youth now is being discriminated and judged based on appearance and sexual orientation'.

What do young people want?



EMPLOYMENT WEBSITE FOR GRADUATES BELOW 25



HELP WITH WRITING AND IMPROVING CVs and COVER LETTERS



FEEDBACK ABOUT REJECTION FROM EMPLOYERS