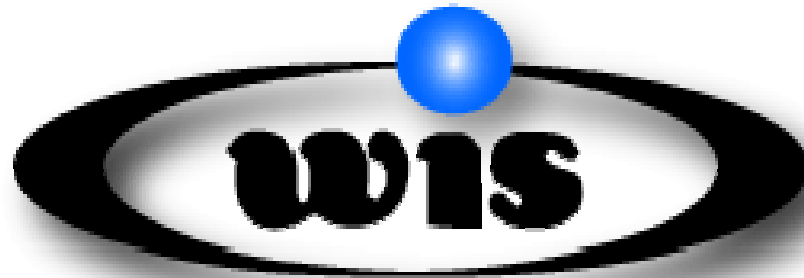


SURVEY OF JOB OPENINGS IN THE
ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN
STATISTICAL AREA:

May 2002 – May 2006

Public Policy Research Center
Metropolitan Information and Data Analysis Services (MIDAS)



Estimated Job Openings by Industry May 2003 and May 2006

Industry	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	0	0	24	16	32	39	12
Mining	0	0	0	3	0	7	14
Utilities	8	12	0	2	10	8	6
Construction	728	1,955	1,364	502	730	1,628	1,775
Manufacturing	899	646	2,133	700	1,495	1,067	2,079
Wholesale Trade	369	750	1,004	582	553	659	1,241
Retail Trade	3,211	4,822	5,016	3,380	2,651	2,360	5,287
Transportation & Warehousing	570	1,470	586	924	709	190	822
Information	338	281	552	205	285	374	521
Finance & Insurance	1,115	1,317	1,917	994	1,007	701	2,579
Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	676	1,982	1,883	738	167	715	504
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	791	868	898	1,269	659	1,422	2,871
Management of Companies & Enterprises	18	16	0	0	0	9	0
Admin. & Support & Waste Manage. and Remed. Svcs	393	362	1,087	661	485	526	1,370
Educational Services	1,182	582	1,365	1,122	931	1,200	3,322
HealthCare & Social Assistance	13,743	7,701	9,866	5,914	10,313	4,662	9,503
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	341	240	1,068	46	325	254	491
Accommodation & Food Services	6,251	3,644	5,405	3,558	5,091	4,069	9,690
Other Services (except Public Administration)	2,309	1,161	2,276	643	796	651	1,749
Public Administration	105	202	338	274	245	492	840
Total	33,047	28,011	36,782	21,533	26,484	21,033	44,676



Percentage of Estimated Job Openings by Industry May 2003 and May 2006

Industry	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Mining	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	7.0	3.7	2.3	2.8	7.7	4.0
Manufacturing	2.7	2.3	5.8	3.3	5.6	5.1	4.7
Wholesale Trade	1.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.1	2.8
Retail Trade	9.7	17.2	13.6	15.7	10.0	11.2	11.8
Transportation & Warehousing	1.7	5.2	1.6	4.3	2.7	0.9	1.8
Information	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.2
Finance & Insurance	3.4	4.7	5.2	4.6	3.8	3.3	5.8
Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	2.0	7.1	5.1	3.4	0.6	3.4	1.1
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	2.4	3.1	2.4	5.9	2.5	6.8	6.4
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Admin. & Support & Waste Manage. and Remed. Svcs	1.2	1.3	3.0	3.1	1.8	2.5	3.1
Educational Services	3.6	2.1	3.7	5.2	3.5	5.7	7.4
HealthCare & Social Assistance	41.6	27.5	26.8	27.5	38.9	22.2	21.3
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	1.0	0.9	2.9	0.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Accommodation & Food Services	18.9	13.0	14.7	16.5	19.2	19.3	21.7
Other Services (except Public Administration)	7.0	4.1	6.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.9
Public Administration	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.9	2.3	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



Estimated Job Openings by Industry October 2005 and May 2006

Industry	Oct-05	May-06	Change
HealthCare and Social Assistance	4,662	9,503	4,841
Accommodation and Food Services	4,069	9,690	5,621
Retail Trade	2,360	5,287	2,927
Construction	1,628	1,775	147
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,422	2,871	1,449
Educational Services	1,200	3,322	2,122
Manufacturing	1,067	2,079	1,012
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	715	504	-211
Finance and Insurance	701	2,579	1,878
Wholesale Trade	659	1,241	582
Other Services (except Public Administration)	651	1,749	1,098
Admin. & Support & Waste Manage. and Remed. Svcs	526	1,370	844
Public Administration	492	840	348
Information	374	521	147
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	254	491	237
Transportation and Warehousing	190	822	632
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	39	12	-27
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9	0	-9
Utilities	8	6	-2
Mining	7	14	7
Total	21,033	44,676	23,643



112.4% overall
increase in
estimated
openings



Percentage of Estimated Job Openings by Industry October 2005 and May 2006

Industry	Oct-05	May-06	Change
HealthCare and Social Assistance	22.2	21.3	-4.0
Accommodation and Food Services	19.3	21.7	12.1
Retail Trade	11.2	11.8	5.5
Construction	7.7	4.0	-48.7
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	6.8	6.4	-4.9
Educational Services	5.7	7.4	30.3
Manufacturing	5.1	4.7	-8.3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3.4	1.1	-66.8
Finance and Insurance	3.3	5.8	73.2
Wholesale Trade	3.1	2.8	-11.3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3.1	3.9	0.0
Admin. & Support & Waste Manage. and Remed. Svcs	2.5	3.1	0.0
Public Administration	2.3	1.9	-19.6
Information	1.8	1.2	-34.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1.2	1.1	-9.0
Transportation and Warehousing	0.9	1.8	103.7
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0.2	0.0	-85.5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Utilities	0.0	0.0	-64.7
Mining	0.0	0.0	-5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	



**Percentage of Estimated Job Openings by Industry
Top 3 Industries
October 2005 and May 2006**

Survey	Industry	Full Time	Part Time	Experienced	Entry Level
Oct-05	HealthCare & Social Assistance	56.9	41.5	27.5	48.0
	Accommodation & Food Services	37.8	62.1	15.4	82.6
	Retail Trade	41.3	58.5	24.7	70.0
May-06	HealthCare & Social Assistance	61.9	36.5	34.7	36.8
	Accommodation & Food Services	54.4	45.5	18.3	81.6
	Retail Trade	38.0	61.9	28.5	66.8

Estimated Job Openings by County October 2005 and May 2006

County	Oct-05	May-06	Change
St. Louis County, MO	10,744	24,583	13,839
St. Louis City, MO	2,970	7,141	4,171
St. Charles County, MO	2,826	3,542	716
Madison County, IL	1,526	4,388	2,862
Jefferson County, MO	1,137	1,135	-2
St. Clair County, MO	1,132	2,234	1,102
Franklin County, MO	334	881	547
Monroe County, IL	152	75	-77
Lincoln County, MO	105	328	223
Warren County, MO	66	107	41
Clinton County, IL	23	162	139
Jersey County, MO	18	100	82
Total	21,033	44,676	23,643

98.3% of October 2005 Total Openings

98.3% of May 2006 Total Openings

112.4% overall increase in estimated openings



Estimated Job Openings by Required Education May 2002 and May 2006

Education Required	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
No Education	1,417	2,583	3,163	1,013	1,617	699	611	206	1,940
Some High School	6,406	7,261	7,160	9,391	6,246	6,297	5,321	5,652	10,915
High School Diploma	9,007	7,760	9,213	7,251	13,814	6,671	7,621	6,277	11,249
2-year Associates Degree	1,264	1,279	1,662	2,079	1,628	1,543	1,857	1,404	2,630
4-Year College Degree	2,525	1,172	1,935	2,152	3,784	1,668	2,957	2,020	5,228
Graduate or Professional Degree	270	40	377	235	742	432	976	766	2,855
Professional Certification	309	1,017	6,739	2,514	2,724	1,711	4,861	1,950	3,782
Technical and Special Certification	2,156	1,226	1,233	1,253	956	514	659	1,528	2,015
Other*	1,440	4,999	1,565	2,123	5,271	1,998	1,621	1,230	4,062
Total	24,794	27,337	33,047	28,011	36,782	21,533	26,484	21,033	44,676

*Includes other, don't know/not sure and refused to answer



Estimated Job Openings by Required Education May 2002 and May 2006

Education Required	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
No Education	5.7	9.4	9.6	3.6	4.4	3.2	2.3	1.0	4.3
Some High School	25.8	26.6	21.7	33.5	17.0	29.2	20.1	26.9	24.4
High School Diploma	36.3	28.4	27.9	25.9	37.6	31.0	28.8	29.8	25.2
2-year Associates Degree	5.1	4.7	5.0	7.4	4.4	7.2	7.0	6.7	5.9
4-Year College Degree	10.2	4.3	5.9	7.7	10.3	7.7	11.2	9.6	11.7
Graduate or Professional Degree	1.1	0.1	1.1	0.8	2.0	2.0	3.7	3.6	6.4
Professional Certification	1.2	3.7	20.4	9.0	7.4	7.9	18.4	9.3	8.5
Technical and Special Certification	8.7	4.5	3.7	4.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	7.3	4.5
Other*	5.8	18.3	4.7	7.6	14.3	9.3	6.1	5.8	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Includes other, don't know/not sure and refused to answer



Estimated Job Openings by Required Education October 2005 and May 2006

Education Required	Oct-05	May-06	Change
No Education	206	1,940	1,734
Some High School	5,652	10,915	5,263
High School Diploma	6,277	11,249	4,972
2-year Associates Degree	1,404	2,630	1,226
4-Year College Degree	2,020	5,228	3,208
Graduate or Professional Degree	766	2,855	2,089
Professional Certification	1,950	3,782	1,832
Technical and Special Certification	1,528	2,015	487
Other*	1,230	4,062	2,832
Total	21,033	44,676	23,643

*Includes other, don't know/not sure and refused to answer



Estimated Job Openings by Required Education October 2005 and May 2006

57.7% of
October 2005
Total
Openings

Education Required	Oct-05	May-06	Change
No Education	1.0	4.3	343.4
Some High School	26.9	24.4	-9.1
High School Diploma	29.8	25.2	-15.6
2-year Associates Degree	6.7	5.9	-11.8
4-Year College Degree	9.6	11.7	21.8
Graduate or Professional Degree	3.6	6.4	75.5
Professional Certification	9.3	8.5	-8.7
Technical and Special Certification	7.3	4.5	-37.9
Other*	5.8	9.1	55.5
Total	100.0	100.0	

54.0% of
May 2006
Total
Openings

*Includes other, don't know/not sure and refused to answer



Estimated Job Openings by Required Experience May 2002 and May 2006

Experience Required	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
< 1 year or No Experience	16,653	21,397	20,160	18,035	20,478	13,598	14,061	11,614	25,730
1-3 years	5,555	4,950	7,526	6,312	10,589	5,483	7,993	6,033	10,494
4-10 years	1,879	648	1,154	901	2,545	1,547	1,727	1,187	3,457
10+ years	54	61	53	198	57	21	121	174	194
Other*	653	281	4,154	2,565	3,113	884	2,582	2,025	4,801
Total	24,794	27,337	33,047	28,011	36,782	21,533	26,484	21,033	44,676

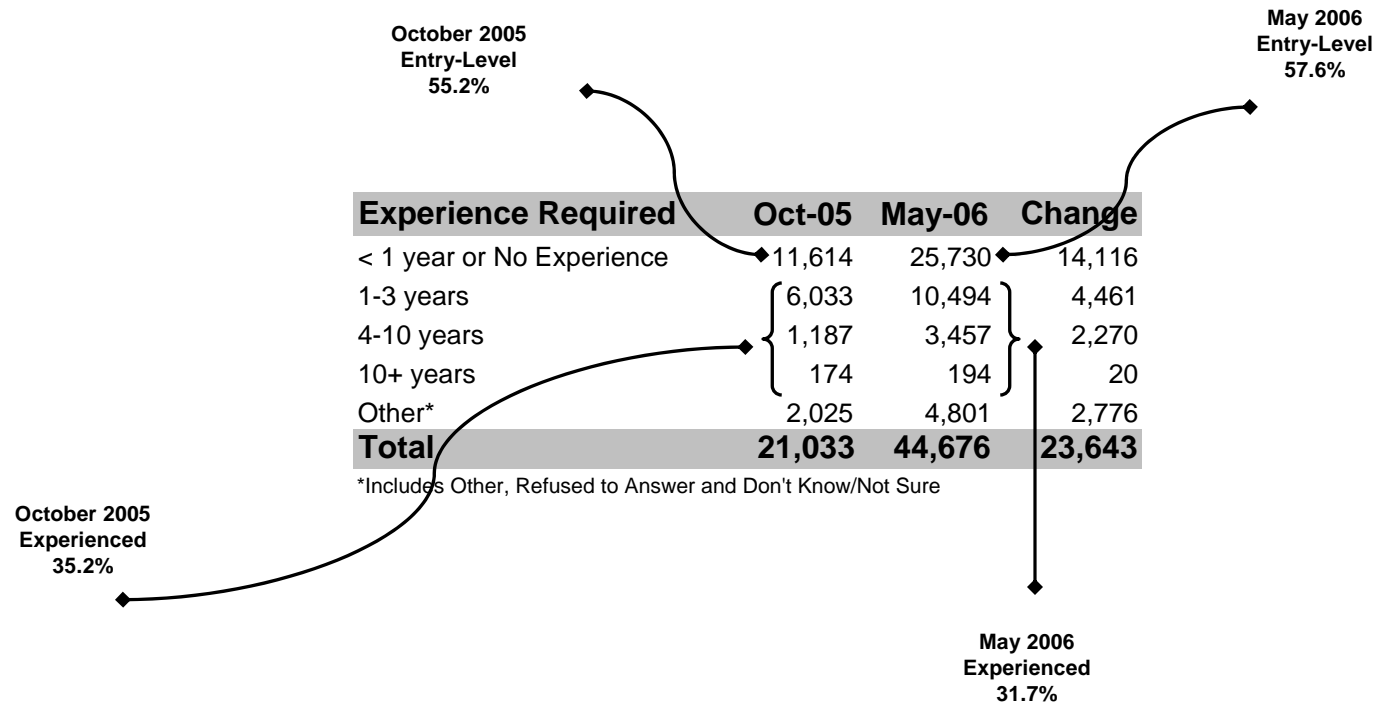
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Experience Required	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
< 1 year or No Experience	67.2	78.3	61.0	64.4	55.7	63.1	53.1	55.2	57.6
1-3 years	22.4	18.1	22.8	22.5	28.8	25.5	30.2	28.7	23.5
4-10 years	7.6	2.4	3.5	3.2	6.9	7.2	6.5	5.6	7.7
10+ years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4
Other*	2.6	1.0	12.6	9.2	8.5	4.1	9.7	9.6	10.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Includes Other, Refused to Answer and Don't Know/Not Sure



Estimated Job Openings by Required Experience October 2005 and May 2006



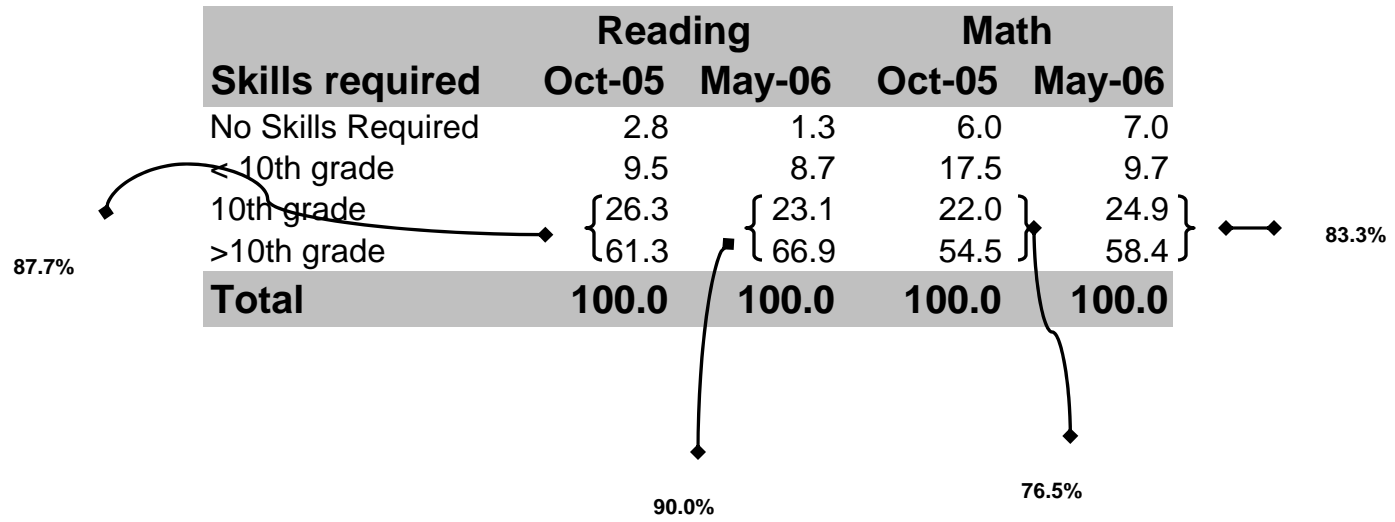
Estimated Job Openings by Required Reading and Math Skills May 2002 and May 2006

Skills required	Reading								
	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
No Skills Required	7.3	5.9	2.3	4.4	5.1	3.8	1.8	2.8	1.3
< 10th grade	15.5	13.3	10.2	15.8	11.2	10.2	6.8	9.5	8.7
10th grade	28.3	35.5	29.7	23.5	27.3	28.6	20.0	26.3	23.1
>10th grade	48.9	45.3	57.7	56.3	56.3	57.4	71.5	61.3	66.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Skills required	Math								
	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
No Skills Required	13.6	25.5	8.3	14.5	16.7	15.4	10.0	6.0	7.0
< 10th grade	18.2	18.8	11.4	16.1	12.8	10.7	10.2	17.5	9.7
10th grade	30.3	26.6	32.2	23.3	32.1	27.2	20.7	22.0	24.9
>10th grade	37.9	29.2	48.1	46.0	38.3	46.8	59.1	54.5	58.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



Estimated Job Openings by Required Reading and Math Skills October 2005 and May 2006



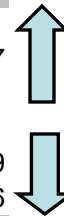
Estimated Job Openings by Benefits offered May 2002 and May 2006

Benefits	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Vacation	63.3	67.8	75.2	62.9	60.9	66.5	71.1	56.0	65.1
Medical	60.7	58.9	70.9	58.8	57.3	63.1	70.3	61.6	67.7
Dental	45.7	41.1	61.6	50.0	50.0	52.5	61.7	54.2	64.1
Childcare	3.5	3.4	8.0	13.2	9.5	5.4	2.4	6.4	6.1
Transportation	11.3	13.0	6.8	7.2	5.8	4.5	3.6	7.1	6.9
No Benefits	5.2	7.2	2.9	3.6	4.0	6.4	10.2	6.3	3.6

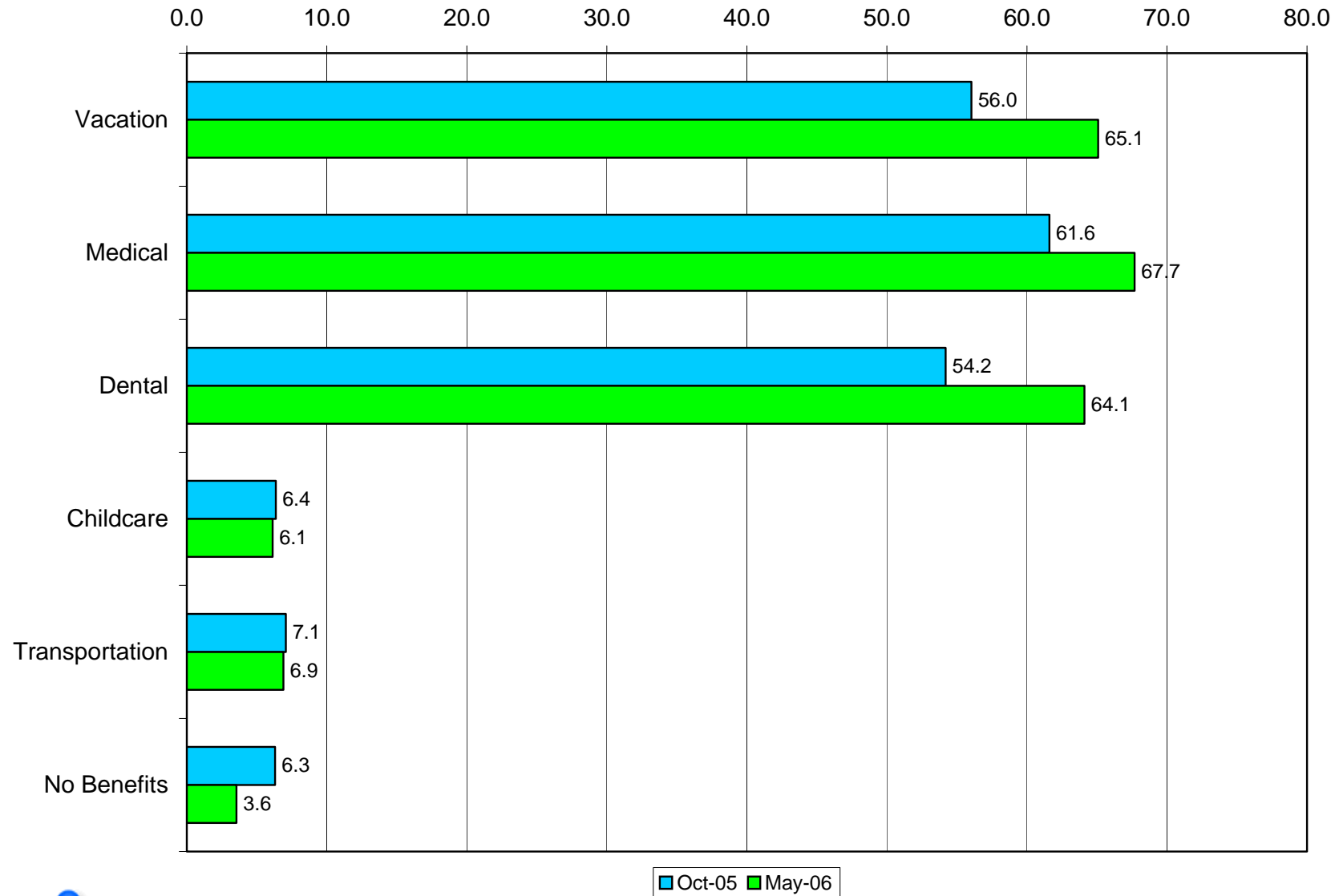


Estimated Job Openings by Benefits offered October 2005 and May 2006

Benefits Offered	Oct-05	May-06
Vacation	56.0	65.1
Medical	61.6	67.7
Dental	54.2	64.1
Childcare	6.4	6.1
Transportation	7.1	6.9
No Benefits	6.3	3.6



Estimated Job Openings by Benefits offered October 2005 and May 2006



**Estimated Job Openings
Top 3 Industries
by Benefits offered October 2005 and May 2006**

Survey	Industry	Vacation	Medical	Dental	Childcare	Transportation	No Benefits
Oct-05	HealthCare & Social Assistance	70.5	66.5	62.7	10.6	15.8	14.5
	Accommodation & Food Services	32.7	50.4	47.0	9.7	8.1	2.2
	Retail Trade	42.3	50.7	44.4	0.0	0.0	11.6
May-06	HealthCare & Social Assistance	83.0	81.8	73.5	2.3	2.0	23.1
	Accommodation & Food Services	29.4	30.4	27.4	0.0	0.0	2.1
	Retail Trade	35.7	31.9	28.2	3.9	1.3	2.3



Estimated Job Openings by Workplace Competencies Rated as Important May 2002 and May 2006

Workplace Competencies	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Work Habits	99.8	99.2	98.8	96.4	87.7	100.0	99.8	98.9	93.8
Team Skills	97.6	97.2	97.6	95.1	94.1	98.4	99.2	98.1	98.3
Managing Time Wisely	86.4	89.4	96.4	94.1	84.9	93.4	98.2	94.4	97.9
Acquiring and Using Information	87.7	87.1	92.0	88.4	81.5	92.0	96.3	93.7	95.1
Leadership	58.7	64.6	67.2	57.0	59.3	64.9	80.3	74.2	79.7
Job Specific Skills	48.2	54.8	59.7	62.5	61.8	65.5	79.9	70.5	73.3
Computer Literacy	47.7	56.1	50.2	55.1	54.5	56.8	68.6	67.4	63.8

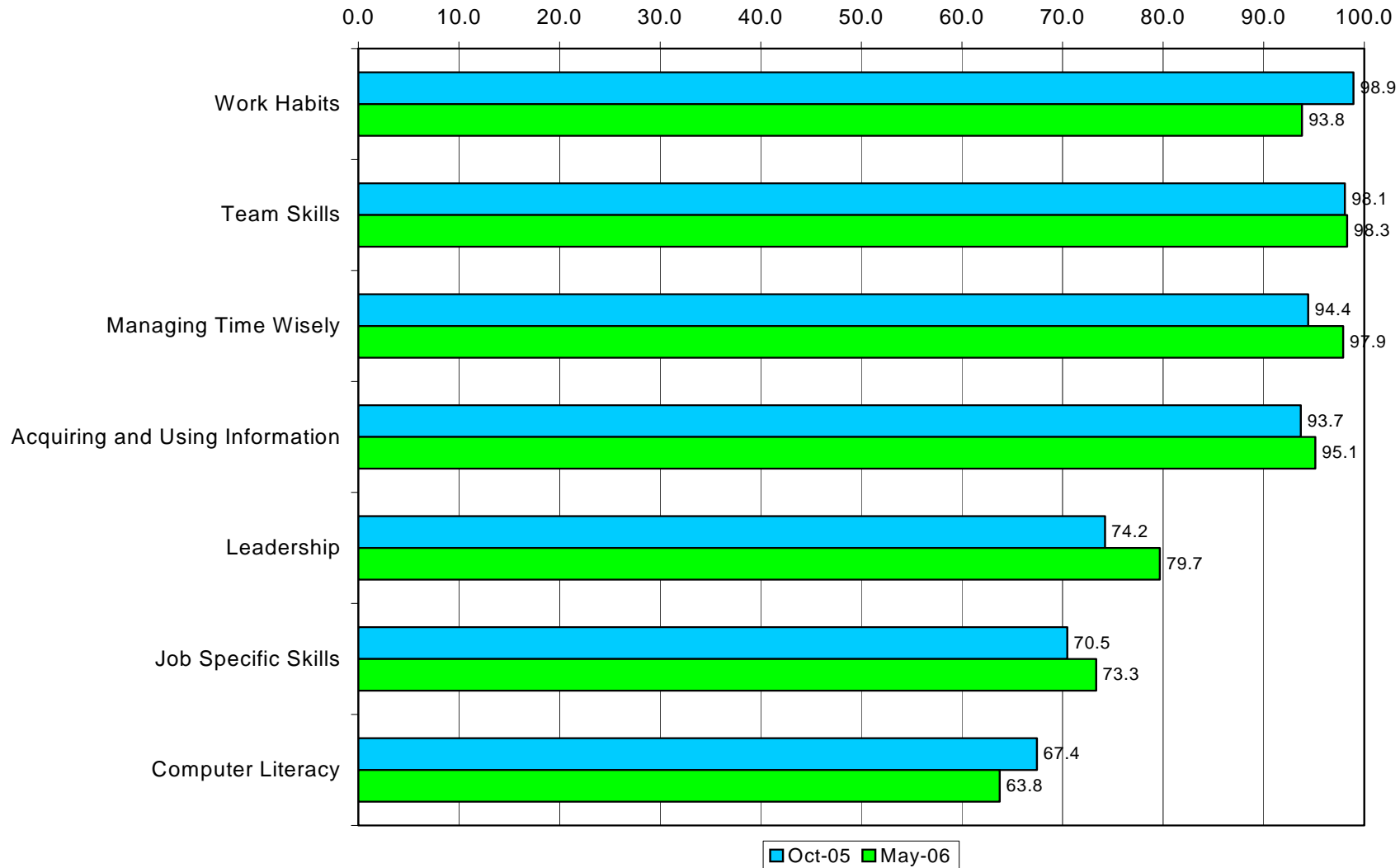


Estimated Job Openings by Workplace Competencies Rated as Important October 2005 and May 2006

Workplace Competencies	Oct-05	May-06
Work Habits	98.9	93.8
Team Skills	98.1	98.3
Managing Time Wisely	94.4	97.9
Acquiring and Using Information	93.7	95.1
Leadership	74.2	79.7
Job Specific Skills	70.5	73.3
Computer Literacy	67.4	63.8



Estimated Job Openings by Workplace Competencies Rated as Important October 2005 and May 2006



Estimated Job Openings Top 3 Industries by Workplace Competencies Rated as Important October 2005 and May 2006

Survey	Industry	Work Habits	Leadership	Team Skills	Acquire & Use Info	Managing Time Wisely	Computer Literacy	Job Specific Skills
Oct-05	HealthCare & Social Assistance	99.9	79.6	97.4	97.5	97.8	67.5	75.8
	Accommodation & Food Services	100.0	62.1	100.0	89.6	95.7	42.7	45.3
	Retail Trade	97.8	75.6	98.0	91.5	99.7	66.3	69.1
May-06	HealthCare & Social Assistance	85.2	91.4	100.0	97.8	99.1	70.5	85.6
	Accommodation & Food Services	100.0	86.5	99.3	90.3	98.9	51.4	73.6
	Retail Trade	94.8	61.8	97.7	94.4	97.8	62.6	59.2



Estimated Job Openings by Thinking Skills Rated as Important May 2002 and May 2006

Thinking Skills	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Learning New Skills	93.2	91.5	91.3	86.9	92.3	93.1	97.1	92.5	94.2
Critical Thinking	74.6	68.4	82.4	75.3	80.8	81.0	91.3	86.9	83.2
Decision-Making	75.3	81.7	84.8	78.7	83.3	85.1	87.7	85.1	91.4
Understanding Charts	33.8	30.1	40.6	44.1	44.0	39.9	57.7	52.4	50.0

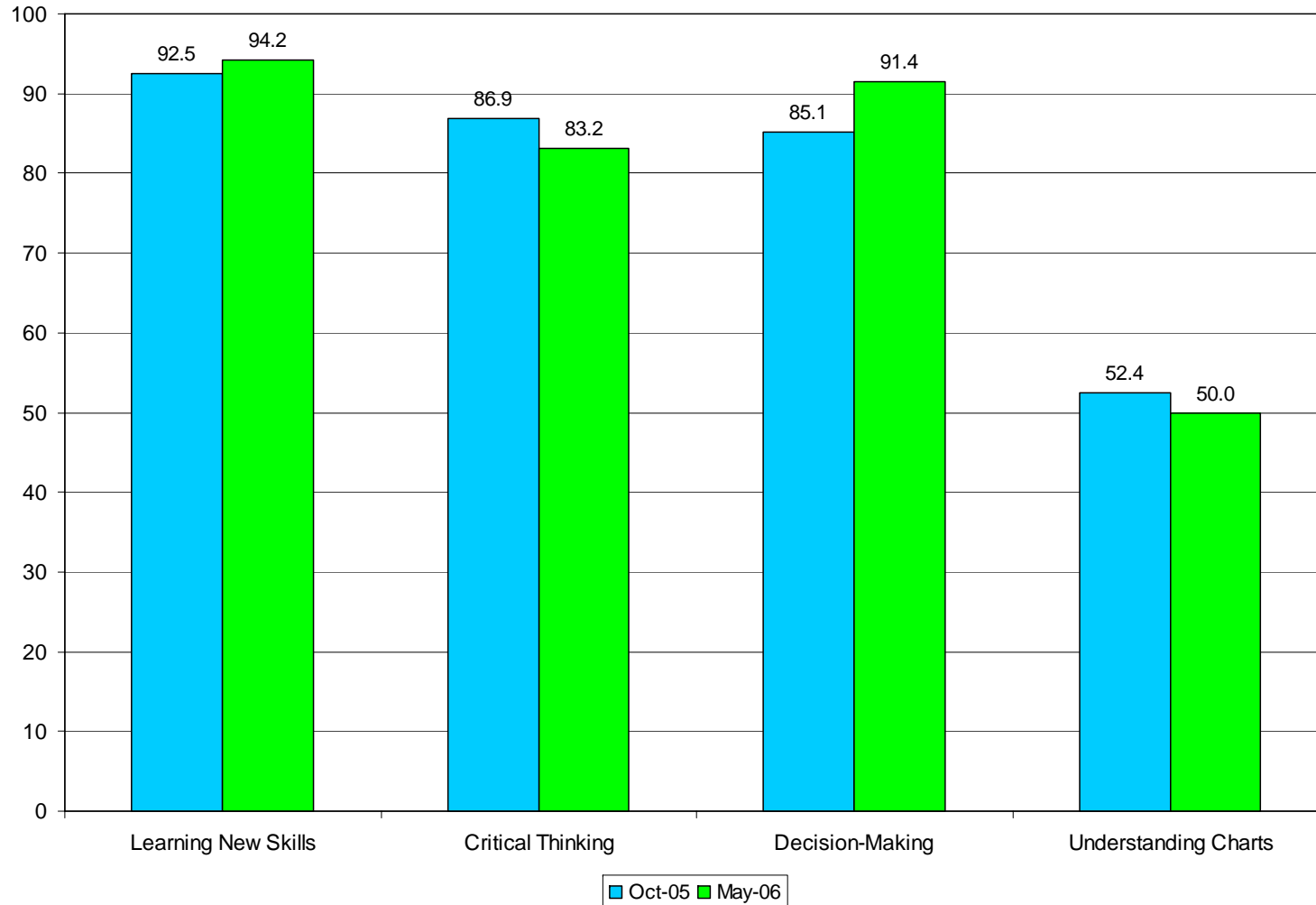


Estimated Job Openings by Thinking Skills Rated as Important October 2005 and May 2006

Thinking Skills	Oct-05	May-06
Learning New Skills	92.5	94.2
Critical Thinking	86.9	83.2
Decision-Making	85.1	91.4
Understanding Charts	52.4	50.0



Estimated Job Openings by Thinking Skills Rated as Important October 2005 and May 2006



Estimated Job Openings Top 3 Industries by Thinking Skills Rated as Important October 2005 and May 2006

Survey	Industry	Understanding Charts	Learning New Skills	Decision-Making	Critical Thinking
Oct-05	HealthCare & Social Assistance	64.8	90.5	92.7	93.9
	Accommodation & Food Services	29.3	97.6	82.8	72.6
	Retail Trade	30.4	86.7	85.9	79.7
May-06	HealthCare & Social Assistance	76.0	98.0	95.0	81.2
	Accommodation & Food Services	21.5	96.3	89.2	86.1
	Retail Trade	47.6	89.9	85.2	77.6



Estimated Job Openings by Difficulty Finding Applicants May 2002 and May 2006

	Entry-Level								
	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
No Difficulty	36.6	24.5	30.6	31.0	39.6	35.4	29.8	26.6	36.8
Some Difficulty	46.8	67.1	58.9	60.9	53.8	53.7	54.2	66.7	52.4
Great Difficulty	16.6	8.4	10.5	8.1	6.6	10.9	16.0	6.7	10.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

	Experienced								
	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
No Difficulty	14.3	17.1	19.1	15.8	13.3	14.4	19.6	13.2	22.0
Some Difficulty	61.4	59.6	57.4	55.5	61.7	56.1	54.9	54.9	58.3
Great Difficulty	24.3	23.3	23.4	28.6	25.0	29.5	25.5	32.0	19.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



Estimated Job Openings by Difficulty Finding Applicants October 2005 and May 2006

	Oct-05	May-06	Oct-05	May-06
	Entry-Level		Experienced	
No Difficulty	26.6	36.8	13.2	22.0
Some Difficulty	66.7	52.4	54.9	58.3
Great Difficulty	6.7	10.8	32.0	19.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



Estimated Job Openings by Applicants Skills and Job Requirement Match May 2002 and May 2006

Skill Match	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Very Well	2.3	2.8	3.2	2.7	1.5	2.0	1.8	9.1	15.4
Well	14.1	23.0	16.8	18.2	10.6	16.3	7.8	21.7	19.0
Somewhat	38.1	38.0	54.9	52.7	43.5	48.4	53.1	51.8	45.5
Very Little	31.0	28.5	20.5	22.2	27.2	22.0	27.5	16.5	16.9
Not At All	14.4	7.8	4.6	4.1	17.2	11.3	9.8	1.0	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



Estimated Job Openings by Applicants Skills and Job Requirement Match October 2005 and May 2006

	Skill Match	Oct-05	May-06		
30.8%	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ◀ Very Well → </div>	9.1	15.4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> ← → </div>	34.4%
	Well	21.7	19.0		
	Somewhat	51.8	45.5		
17.4%	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ◀ Very Little → </div>	16.5	16.9	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> ← → </div>	20.1%
	Not At All	1.0	3.2		
	Total	100.0	100.0		



Estimated Job Openings by Shortcoming of Applicants May 2002 and May 2006

Shortcomings	May-02	Oct-02	May-03	Oct-03	May-04	Oct-04	May-05	Oct-05	May-06
Lack of Positive Attitude	60.1	59.0	48.1	63.7	65.2	66.1	64.5	61.0	55.8
Poor Customer Service Skills	53.2	49.9	41.9	43.9	55.8	58.4	60.6	55.3	44.3
Poor Work Ethic Skills	56.9	70.2	48.4	54.4	62.1	65.0	56.4	56.6	54.0
Poor Communication Skills	50.0	39.3	36.1	54.9	49.6	55.5	49.3	55.8	44.6
Lack of Industry Knowledge	41.1	43.4	31.3	38.8	53.0	54.8	48.2	57.1	36.4
Poor Technical Skills	22.9	21.0	16.9	27.6	32.3	29.0	30.2	38.8	24.5
Inability to Understand Written Information	27.5	25.1	22.7	26.0	27.9	33.6	29.0	26.9	28.9
Poor Writing Skills	15.9	20.5	12.3	27.0	27.4	22.9	21.7	30.9	21.1
Lack of Computer Skills	17.6	10.5	8.6	17.9	17.1	18.2	18.0	25.5	14.5
Poor Basic Math	20.5	10.7	9.7	16.1	17.5	20.9	14.8	25.5	17.2

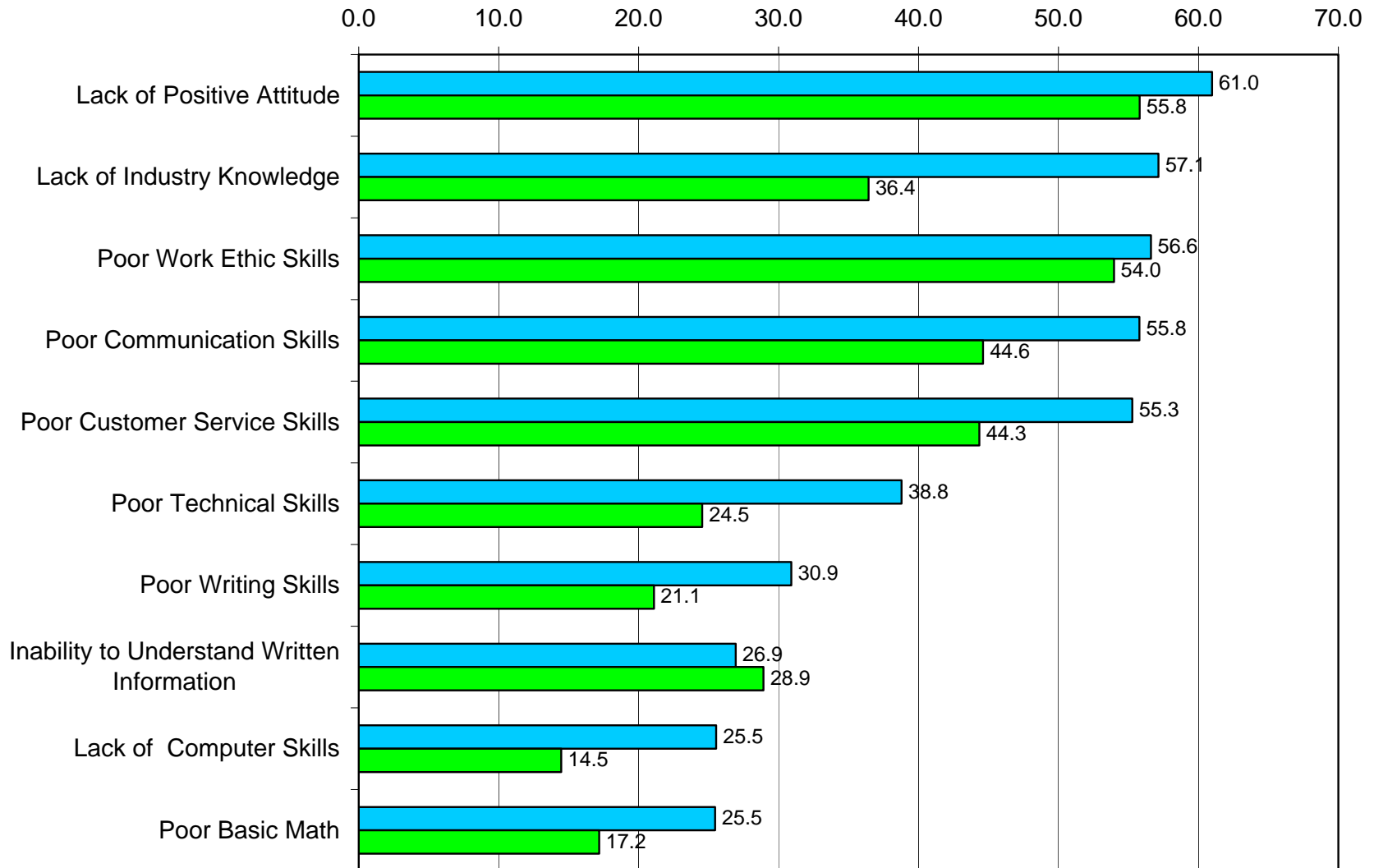


Estimated Job Openings by Shortcoming of Applicants October 2005 and May 2006

Shortcomings	Oct-05	May-06	Change
Lack of Positive Attitude	61.0	55.8	-5.2
Lack of Industry Knowledge	57.1	36.4	-20.7
Poor Work Ethic Skills	56.6	54.0	-2.6
Poor Communication Skills	55.8	44.6	-11.2
Poor Customer Service Skills	55.3	44.3	-10.9
Poor Technical Skills	38.8	24.5	-14.2
Poor Writing Skills	30.9	21.1	-9.8
Inability to Understand Written Information	26.9	28.9	2.0
Lack of Computer Skills	25.5	14.5	-11.1
Poor Basic Math	25.5	17.2	-8.3



Estimated Job Openings by Shortcoming of Applicants October 2005 and May 2006



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Estimated Job Openings Top 3 Industries by Shortcoming of Applicants October 2005 and May 2006

Survey	Industry	Work Ethic Skills	Communication Skills	Basic Math	Writing Skills	Technical Skills	Comp Written Information	Computer Skills	Positive Attitude	Customer Service Skills	Industry Knowledge
Oct-05	HealthCare & Social Assistance	60.3	54.5	7.4	27.0	53.6	30.0	11.6	56.6	55.7	34.6
	Accommodation & Food Services	68.6	55.9	36.0	30.9	35.8	14.5	11.4	77.0	67.3	67.5
	Retail Trade	65.9	64.9	31.9	19.9	29.0	41.8	21.7	80.8	79.0	66.0
May-06	HealthCare & Social Assistance	70.7	29.2	1.7	18.9	11.1	20.6	2.3	47.5	27.7	35.5
	Accommodation & Food Services	58.0	46.4	21.6	21.2	26.2	38.8	20.1	66.0	55.6	30.2
	Retail Trade	70.9	60.4	23.0	21.7	29.2	30.2	18.6	61.1	65.2	51.2

