

The Essential Guide to Attracting Hourly Workers



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Understand the Hourly Workforce

The hourly workforce has seen its ebbs and flows, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Layoffs, furloughs, and health concerns have led to a sharp increase in unemployment across the country. However, with the vaccination rate rising, businesses reopening their doors, and federal unemployment benefits ending, numerous people are looking for work once again. You need to put yourself in the best possible position to catch a wave of high-quality applicants as this massive labor pool surges back into the market.

While some companies are handing out expensive sign-on bonuses and back-to-work incentives, we'll show you how to attract excellent applicants without breaking the bank. This e-book contains everything you need to know to improve your recruitment process and even determine the best candidates before even spending the time to interview them!



It's more important than ever to ensure you're doing everything you can to engage candidates and make fast hires — or at least have a plan and be prepared when the time comes for your industry, brand, and geography to hire again.

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Craft Job Postings That Set Your Business Apart

There are 9.2 million job postings [5] in the US, and people only spend an average of 14 seconds [4] reading a job posting before deciding to apply. So, it's crucial to cut through the noise and make your opportunity stand out. As much as you want them to impress you, your posting must first impress them.

Start by understanding what's important to them. Regardless of industry, people value similar aspects of jobs, like expected income, workplace culture, and growth opportunities. By including this information upfront, you will not only get more applicants, but you will also get applicants who are more qualified and enthusiastic about working for you.

Essential Elements of an Effective Job Posting







Responsibilities



Pay Range



Company Culture



Work Environment



Requirements



How to Apply

Post on the Right Job Boards at the Right Time

Once you've spent the time to write the perfect job posting that accurately describes the work environment, open position, and benefits of the workplace, it's important to do it justice by spreading the word. That includes utilizing popular job boards, such as Indeed, ZipRecruiter, and Adzuna. Snagajob is a particularly important job board for the hourly workforce, reaching 6 million job seekers per month. With the combination of a great job posting and proper placement, you will increase the number of applicants you get. Also, consider when you place the job posting on the career sites. Based on data from Indeed, the majority of job seekers are actively searching Monday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a slight resurgence from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for those who currently have a job.



Posting to multiple job sites brings in more applicants.



10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the most popular time range for people to be applying to jobs.



Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays are the most popular days for job seekers.

Sample Job Posting

Including a wage range can increase applicants by 30%!

Cashier

Marco's Pizza

\$10-12/hour

We are searching for a friendly and reliable Cashier to join our **close-knit staff.** As the first impression for customers, you will greet and assist customers as they out restaurant. We are hiring for **morning, evening, and night shifts**.

Job

Responsibilities:

- Greet customers with a friendly welcome
- Assist customers in choosing their order
- Process customer orders and record them in the restaurant database
- · Relay customers' orders to the kitchen staff
- Ring up purchases, operate credit card machine, and provide exact change
- Respond to customer inquiries and issue receipts
- Record customer suggestions
- Ensure all orders are delivered to the customers in a timely manner

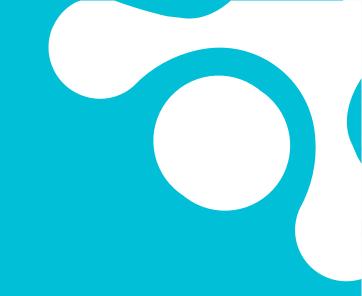
Requirements:

- Must be able to work a flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends, and holidays
- · Good mathematical skills
- Must be able to stand for long periods

Perks:

- Free meal during shift
- · Discounted food
- PTO after 60 days
- Tuition reimbursement

Job postings with 100-300 words receive 8.4% more applicants per view, on average.[2]



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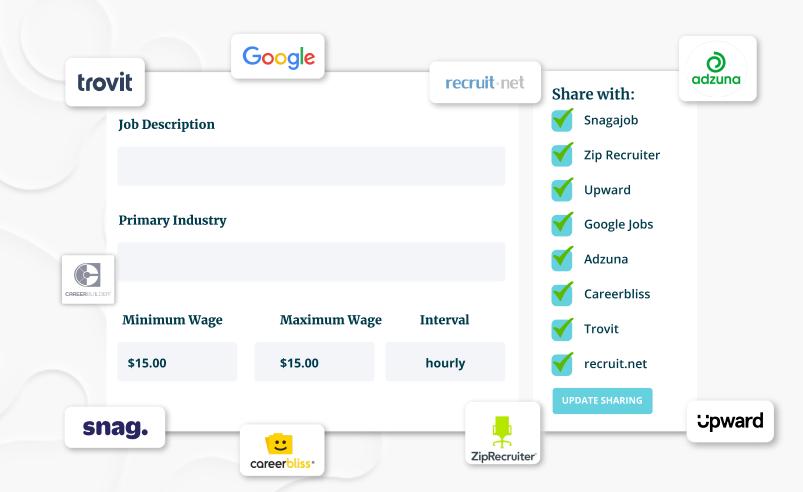
IT'S ALL ABOUT JOB POSTING PLACEMENT.

Popular Posting Sites

We've taken the time to compile the most popular career sites for the hourly workforce. We recommend spreading the same job posting across a plethora of these recommended websites. This can be done manually or with hiring tools, like Sprockets, which allows you to post jobs for free to multiple boards at once.

While the popular job sites are always the first place to start, try thinking outside the box. If you're a restaurant owner, is there a community college in your area? Try getting in touch with the culinary instructors and letting them know about any chef or line cook positions you have open for their students.





Job Posting Checklist

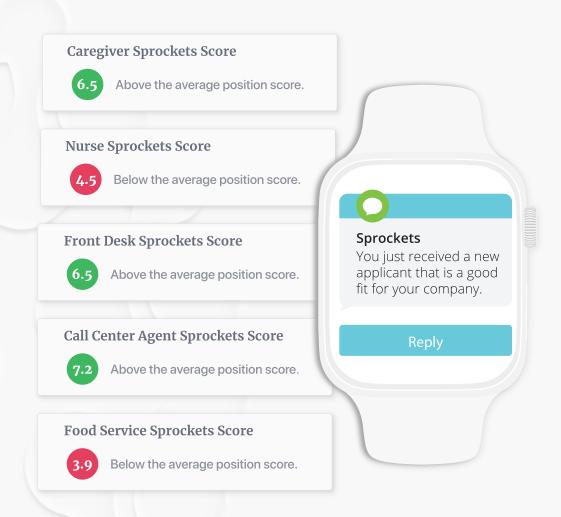
Content					
	Job Title		Duties		
	Company Name		Requirements		
	Wage Range		How to Apply		
	Benefits + Perks		Open Shifts/Workday Hours		
	Work Environment		100-300 Words		
	Company Culture				
Before placing the job posting, be sure to ensure all grammar and spelling is correct. Also, verify that any links within the instructions to apply are correct and working.					
Placement					
	Post Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.		Adzuna		
	Post Day: Monday - Wednesday		Upward		
	Snagajob		CareerBliss		
	ZipRecruiter		Trovit		

Contact Applicants as Quickly as Possible

So, you've written an attention-grabbing job description and posted it to the job boards where your target audience is looking. Now, it's time to get back to work and focus on daily operations, right? Not exactly. Many job seekers apply to multiple positions at the same time, which makes sense since they'd like to get back to work faster and start earning that paycheck.

Imagine that this applicant is precisely what you and those other employers are looking for. It has now become a race to contact them and schedule an interview. Remember, just like job descriptions, you must impress the applicant just as much as they must impress you. Make sure you show an immediate interest in speaking with them as soon as possible. If done quickly enough, the ideal applicant could be signing an offer letter for your company before another employer even gets in touch with them.

If you struggle to find the time for checking applications and contacting candidates, try **Sprockets' Virtual Recruiter** solution that sends you alerts when an ideal hire is found. You can then get in touch with applicants before they lose interest or find another opportunity.

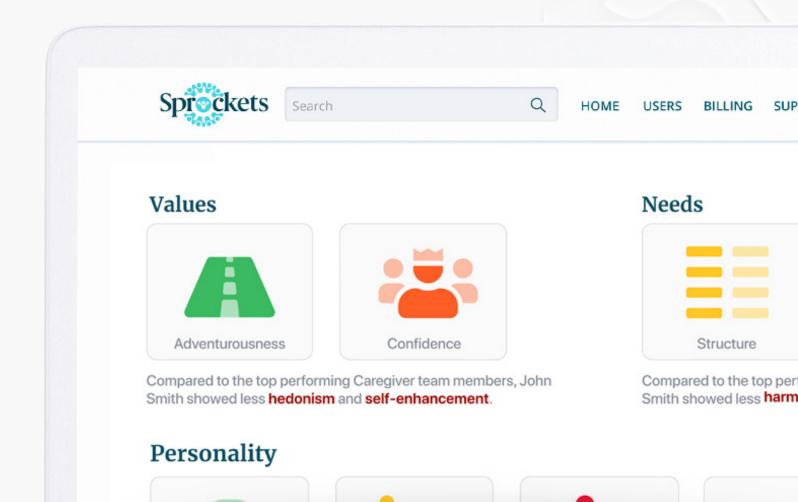


Uncover the Best Applicants With Sprockets

All of this work might seem daunting, especially when you have so many other tasks to focus on, but Sprockets is here to do the heavy lifting. Our **Al-powered hiring platform** helps every step of the way, from augmenting sourcing with Virtual Recruiters and free job postings to revealing which applicants will perform like your best workers.

Sprockets finds **common traits** between top-performing employees and incoming applicants, revealing who is most likely to succeed and stay long-term. This enables you to make better hiring decisions with fewer interviews, improve employee retention, and reduce the costs associated with turnover. In fact, Sprockets users see a 43% improvement in 90-day retention, on average!

Visit www.sprockets.ai today to start finding and hiring the best applicants for your business!



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