

Summer Jobs 2002

Executive Summary

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Introduction

Last year, this poll found that 86.2 percent of students planned to work during the summer of 2001. The figure was unchanged from 2000, when 87 percent of students said the same thing. Not much has changed in a year. An overwhelming majority of teens will once again work this summer to earn extra spending money. For the third year in a row, more than eight out of 10 students will be working this summer.

How many hours do teens work during the summer? Our first-ever JA poll on summer jobs (in 2000) revealed that teens worked an average of 32 hours per week. (Today that figure may have climbed somewhat, but a change in methodology prevents an exact comparison.) However, we do know that 21 percent of teens say they will work between 20-29 hours per week this summer, 17.4 percent say they will work between 30-39 hours per week this summer, and 19 percent of teens say they will work more than 40 hours per week this summer.

The 2002 *JA Interprise Poll on Summer Jobs™* asked teens the following questions:

- Will You Have a Job This Summer?
- What Will Be Your Job During the SUMMER of 2002?
- During the Summer of 2002, How Many Hours Will You Be Working Per Week?
- How Much Are You Paid?

Where applicable, the following responses are also cross-tabulated by location of respondent, gender, age, and race / ethnicity.

Almost All Teens To Work This Summer

More than eight out of 10 teens say they will be working a job this summer, according to poll results. While the number remains high, it is slightly down from last year's result (85.2 percent vs. 87 percent, respectively). Still, a softer economy this year does not seem to have significantly impacted teen belief in securing a summer job.

Students in Wisconsin appear to be the most likely to work this summer, with 94.6 percent of respondents saying so. The summer employment figures are in stark contrast to the lower percentage of students that say they work during the school year, 51.6 percent.

Will you be working during the summer of 2002?	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Totals
Atlanta, GA	148	82.22%	32	17.78%	180
Baltimore, MD	105	93.75%	7	6.25%	112
Detroit, MI	135	87.66%	19	12.34%	154
Kingsport, TN	111	88.10%	15	11.90%	126
Ft. Wayne, IN	81	92.05%	7	7.95%	88
Lancaster, PA	72	74.23%	25	25.77%	97
Midland, MI	58	77.33%	17	22.67%	75
Reading, PA	89	86.41%	14	13.59%	103
San Antonio, TX	60	86.96%	9	13.04%	69
San Diego, CA	86	80.37%	21	19.63%	107
Stamford, CT	114	87.02%	17	12.98%	131
Wisconsin (state-wide sample)	87	94.57%	5	5.43%	92
St. Louis	28	82.35%	6	17.65%	34
Columbia, SC	91	78.45%	25	21.55%	116
Totals	1265	85.24%	219	14.76%	1484

Summer Employment by Gender

There is very little difference between student answers by gender when asked if they would be working this summer. Among boys, 84.1 percent said they would work this summer, whereas 86.4 percent of girls said the same thing. For the summer of 2001, 86.6 percent of boys said they would work, compared to 85.6 percent of girls who said so.

Will you be working during the summer of 2002?	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Totals
Male	609	84.12%	115	15.88%	724
Female	642	86.41%	101	13.59%	743
Totals	1251	85.28%	216	14.72%	1467

Teen Pay by Gender

As part of an earlier poll this year, we asked the same group of students how much there were paid by their job during the year. While we do not know how many of these students will keep the same job during the summer, we can surmise that a gender wage gap among teen pay will likely exist during the summer – much as it does during the school year.

Specifically, poll results indicate that slightly more than half of girls make less than \$6.00 per hour at their job, while only 34.1 percent of boys said so. At the same time, one out of three (33.5 percent) of boys said they made more than \$7.51 per hour, but only 19.2 percent of girls said so.

If you have a job, how much are you getting paid per hour?	\$5.15	Percent	\$5.15 to 6.00	Percent	\$6.01 to 7.50	Percent	\$7.51 to 9.00	Percent	More than \$9.00	Percent	Other, Please Specify	Percent	Totals
Male	55	15.24%	68	18.84%	110	30.47%	43	11.91%	78	21.61%	7	1.94%	361
Female	103	23.57%	132	30.21%	113	25.86%	39	8.92%	45	10.30%	5	1.14%	437
Totals	158	19.80%	200	25.06%	223	27.94%	82	10.28%	123	15.41%	12	1.50%	798

Summer Employment by Age

There is a direct correlation between age and likelihood of employment plans this summer, according to poll results. Approximately three-quarters of students under age 15 plan to work this summer, in contrast to 94.1 percent of teens age 17 or older.

Will you be working during the summer of 2002?	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Totals
12 or under	197	73.78%	70	26.22%	267
13 to 14	299	77.06%	89	22.94%	388
15 to 16	314	90.75%	32	9.25%	346
17	367	94.10%	23	5.90%	390
18+	76	95.00%	4	5.00%	80
Totals	1253	85.18%	218	14.82%	1471

Summer Employment by Race / Ethnicity

White students are the most likely* to say they will have a job this summer (86.4 percent), but just barely. Nearly the same level of Hispanic students (85.1 percent) say the same thing, followed by African / American students (83.6 percent). Asian/Pacific Island students are significantly less likely to say they will be working this summer (65.4 percent).

(*Due to the statistically small number of student respondents identifying themselves as Native American, we have excluded commentary on the 100 percent response shown below.)

Will you be working during the summer of 2002?	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Totals
Asian/Pacific Islands	34	65.38%	18	34.62%	52
Hispanic/Latino	91	85.05%	16	14.95%	107
White	896	86.74%	137	13.26%	1033
Black/African American	153	83.61%	30	16.39%	183
Native American	6	100.00%	0	0.00%	6
Mixed Race	66	81.48%	15	18.52%	81
Totals	1246	85.23%	216	14.77%	1462

Type of Summer Job

More than one out of five students working this summer will have a job in retail (21.9 percent), a figure that has not changed from last year (22 percent). For purposes of this poll, babysitting work has been categorized as a “summer job.” Such work will be the second most popular type of employment this summer, with 17.7 percent of students saying so. This figure is higher than last year, when only 14 percent of students said their main job would be babysitting. The third most popular summer job is in the food industry (16.3 percent), slightly down from last year (17.4 percent).

What will be your job during the SUMMER of 2002?	Retail/Sales	Percent	Restaurant/Fast Food	Percent	Lawn Care/Landscaping	Percent	Office Assistant	Percent	Babysitting	Percent	Life Guard	Percent	Other, Please Specify	Percent	Totals
Atlanta, GA	15	10.20%	19	12.93%	21	14.29%	5	3.40%	47	31.97%	0	0.00%	40	27.21%	147
Baltimore, MD	31	31.00%	13	13.00%	9	9.00%	5	5.00%	11	11.00%	2	2.00%	29	29.00%	100
Detroit, MI	13	9.77%	36	27.07%	12	9.02%	3	2.26%	23	17.29%	8	6.02%	38	28.57%	133
Kingsport, TN	34	30.36%	38	33.93%	11	9.82%	3	2.68%	4	3.57%	5	4.46%	17	15.18%	112
Ft. Wayne, IN	12	17.39%	12	17.39%	13	18.84%	2	2.90%	12	17.39%	1	1.45%	17	24.64%	69
Lancaster, PA	18	25.71%	10	14.29%	7	10.00%	2	2.86%	11	15.71%	2	2.86%	20	28.57%	70
Midland, MI	11	18.97%	9	15.52%	6	10.34%	5	8.62%	10	17.24%	4	6.90%	13	22.41%	58
Reading, PA	6	6.59%	9	9.89%	18	19.78%	2	2.20%	38	41.76%		#VALUE!	18	19.78%	91
San Antonio, TX	30	50.85%	5	8.47%	0	0.00%	9	15.25%	1	1.69%	4	6.78%	10	16.95%	59
San Diego, CA	18	22.22%	17	20.99%	1	1.23%	4	4.94%	10	12.35%	2	2.47%	29	35.80%	81
Stamford, CT	31	27.93%	6	5.41%	3	2.70%	13	11.71%	17	15.32%	4	3.60%	37	33.33%	111
Wisconsin (state-wide sample)	27	32.14%	18	21.43%	7	8.33%	2	2.38%	11	13.10%	1	1.19%	18	21.43%	84
St. Louis	11	40.74%	2	7.41%	4	14.81%	0	0.00%	2	7.41%	1	3.70%	7	25.93%	27
Columbia, SC	14	14.58%	8	8.33%	15	15.63%	5	5.21%	22	22.92%	5	5.21%	27	28.13%	96
Totals	271	21.89%	202	16.32%	127	10.26%	60	4.85%	219	17.69%	39	3.15%	320	25.85%	1238

Type of Summer Job – OTHER Category

A quarter of students chose “other” when asked to name the type of job they would be working at this summer. Among the more popular answers were camp counselor, construction, and newspaper delivery work.

OTHER responses to "What will be your job during the SUMMER of 2002?"
Account manager
Acting
Acting Help
anything I can find
armed services
army
army
asbury center at Baymont
assistant at a cat clinic
Assistant Taekwondo Instructor
At the School
Athlete
Athletic Assistant
auto mechanic
auto mechanic
Auto Repair
Auto service tech
Babysitting
bag boy

bag boy
bank teller
bank teller
Bank Teller
Banking
banquet
Barber Shop
Barber Shop (Cleaner)
bartending
Basketball Coach
Beach Crew
Bike Repair
bike shop
Boat salesman
body shop repair
book keeper
bowling alley
Braiding hair
caddie
Caddying
Camp Counselor
Camp counselor
Camp Counselor
Camp Counselor
camp counselor
camp counselor

Camp Counselor
Camp Counselor
Camp Helper
Camps
Car dealership
car porter
carpentry
Carpet Installing
Cashier at Movie Theatre
Chores / help dad at work
Clean Golf Carts
cleaning and stocking
cleaning churches
cna
CNA/Health Care
Company
computer tech
Computer Work and side job as listed above
construction
construction
construction
construction
construction

Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
Construction
co-op
Cosmetologist
Counselor
Counselor
cut up chicken
dad's optometrist office
dance assistant
Day care worker
Demolition
Detail Cars for Auto Dealer
Detailer
Dietary Aide
Dog Sitter
Doing Hair
doing hair and nails
Don't know
don't know
Don't know

don't know
Don't know
don't know
don't know
don't know
Don't know
don't know yet
Electrician apprentice
EMT
entertainment
family business
Farm Worker
Farming
Farming
farming
Football Chains at KCRD
Freedom School Employee
funeral home
Gas Station
Go cart track attendant
Going into the Army
Golf course
Golf Course
Golf Course
Grass Cutter
Greenhouse
grocery bagger
grocery store

Gymnastics Coach
Gymnastics Coach
Gymnastics Coach
Hair dresser
Hairstyling
hairstyling or physical therapy
Help dad (carpentry)
Help my dad
Helping
Helping at PAL center
Helping my step-dad fix houses
helping people
Helping with my Dad
Hershey Park
Home chorus
home restoration
horse stable cleaning
Horse Trainer, Riding Lesson Teacher
Horseback riding instructor
Horses
Hotel
Housecleaning
Humane Society
I don't know

I run my own soccer team and teach martial arts
I'm not sure
Independant contractor
Intern
intern at City Public Service
internet related
Internship as an Architect / Footlocker
Ironworker
Karate Teacher
Kroger
labor for block work
Laborer
Lawyer
Laying carpet
Laying Tile
liquor store & comic shop
Lot Attendant
Lumberjack
Manufacturer
Masonry
Masonry
Mechanic
Mechanic
Mechanic
metal working

Military
modeling
Modeling
movie theatre
movies
Moving Company
Moving Lawns
My own
national guard
Newspaper
Newspaper Delivery
Newspaper route
None
Not sure
Not sure
not sure yet
Not yet known
Nursing home
Operating a cake service
Painter
painting
Paper boy
Paper boy
Paper route
paper route
Park director
Park/recreation
Performer at Sea World

President of Condo
pet care
Pet sitting/ twist & shake
Pet Spa / Veterinary Center
Pool Maintenance
Port Discovery
Pre school
Printing Assistant
product manufacturing
professional cantor
programming
Putting up satellites
Rec Center
Rec Center
Reconditioning cars
Recycling
Refereeing
Retail, restaurant, landscaping, AND office asst.
Ride Attendant
Roofing
sacker
Same
Score keeper
scouting
secretary
service station attendant

Shipping
Siding
Singing and Writing
skating rink
Sports Club of Novi & Reffing Soccer
Spotter at local Country Club Golf Course
Stage Crew and Aprenticeship
Stock boy
Stocker
Summer Camp Program
Summer school internship
Take out trash and clean the house
taking care of horses
tanning bed operator
Tanning Parlor

teach swim lessons
Tech aid at Dr.'s office
theme park
tree service
tutoring
umpire
umpire
Undecided
Undecided
Unsure
Unsure
unsure
usher at theatre
Vet Assistant
Veterinarian Assistant
warehouse
Warehouse or telecom
Washing cars

Watching my sister for free
Wholesale
Work at a hall
work at a Rec Center
work for a theatre
work for county
work on cars
Working at a Baseball Stadium
Working in my dad's company
working odd jobs at a store
working on a Golf Course
Working with animals
YMCA or beach
Zoo
Zookeeper

Number of Hours Teens Plan to Work This Summer

Clearly, with so many teens working this summer, it may seem as if the lazy days of summer camp and beach play are over. Or are they? We know most teens will have a job this summer, but how many hours will they work?

Some will work more than others. This summer, nearly one out of five students plan to work more than 40 hours per week. In cities like Stamford, Conn., and San Antonio, the number approaches nearly one out of three. However, 61.7 percent of all student respondents say they will work between 10 and 39 hours per week. One dramatic departure from the norms recorded here are students in Reading, Penn., who are far more likely to work less than 10 hours per week than other cities.

During the summer of 2002, how many hours will you be working per week?	Less than 10	Percent	10 to 19	Percent	20 to 29	Percent	30 to 39	Percent	40+	Percent	Totals
Atlanta, GA	55	38.19%	40	27.78%	17	11.81%	13	9.03%	19	13.19%	144
Baltimore, MD	13	12.87%	26	25.74%	23	22.77%	16	15.84%	23	22.77%	101
Detroit, MI	25	19.38%	34	26.36%	32	24.81%	14	10.85%	24	18.60%	129
Kingsport, TN	8	7.27%	12	10.91%	31	28.18%	35	31.82%	24	21.82%	110
Ft. Wayne, IN	13	16.88%	10	12.99%	17	22.08%	16	20.78%	21	27.27%	77
Lancaster, PA	10	14.71%	14	20.59%	15	22.06%	20	29.41%	9	13.24%	68
Midland, MI	8	14.55%	20	36.36%	13	23.64%	9	16.36%	5	9.09%	55
Reading, PA	37	42.05%	26	29.55%	16	18.18%	7	7.95%	2	2.27%	88
San Antonio, TX	3	5.26%	6	10.53%	17	29.82%	15	26.32%	16	28.07%	57
San Diego, CA	10	12.35%	18	22.22%	18	22.22%	14	17.28%	21	25.93%	81
Stamford, CT	9	8.26%	21	19.27%	28	25.69%	19	17.43%	32	29.36%	109
Wisconsin (state-wide sample)	11	13.58%	27	33.33%	9	11.11%	14	17.28%	20	24.69%	81
St. Louis	6	21.43%	5	17.86%	6	21.43%	8	28.57%	3	10.71%	28
Columbia, SC	27	29.35%	27	29.35%	13	14.13%	12	13.04%	13	14.13%	92
Totals	235	19.26%	286	23.44%	255	20.90%	212	17.38%	232	19.02%	1220

Number of Hours Teens Plan to Work This Summer -- By Gender

Boys are slightly more likely to work longer hours per week at a summer job than are girls. Forty percent of boys said they planned to work more than 30 hours per week, compared to only 33.1 percent of girls.

During the SUMMER of 2002, how many hours will you be working per week?	Less than 10	Percent	10 to 19	Percent	20 to 29	Percent	30 to 39	Percent	40+	Percent	Totals
Male	112	19.24%	123	21.13%	112	19.24%	113	19.42%	122	20.96%	582
Female	119	19.01%	160	25.56%	140	22.36%	98	15.65%	109	17.41%	626
Totals	231	19.12%	283	23.43%	252	20.86%	211	17.47%	231	19.12%	1208

Number of Hours Teens Plan to Work This Summer -- By Age

When it comes to summer jobs, there is a clear relationship between age and planned number of hours to work. The older the student, the more likely they will work longer hours at their job this summer. At least one third of students older than age 17 say they will work more than 40 hours per week this summer, in contrast to less than five percent of students younger than age 15.

During the SUMMER of 2002, how many hours will you be working per week?	Less than 10	Percent	10 to 19	Percent	20 to 29	Percent	30 to 39	Percent	40+	Percent	Totals
12 or under	103	52.55%	59	30.10%	23	11.73%	5	2.55%	6	3.06%	196
13 to 14	96	33.92%	115	40.64%	43	15.19%	16	5.65%	13	4.59%	283
15 to 16	20	6.64%	68	22.59%	82	27.24%	71	23.59%	60	19.93%	301
17	9	2.53%	34	9.55%	86	24.16%	107	30.06%	120	33.71%	356
18+	2	2.74%	7	9.59%	18	24.66%	14	19.18%	32	43.84%	73
Totals	230	19.02%	283	23.41%	252	20.84%	213	17.62%	231	19.11%	1209

Number of Hours Worked Per Week – by Race / Ethnicity

Students of mixed race are most likely to say they plan to work more than 40 hours per week this summer (excluding responses by Native American students*). Hispanic and African American students are next most likely to say they will work more than 40 hours per week this summer, respectively. Hispanic students are also most likely to say they will work between 30 and 39 hours per week this summer (23.1 percent), followed by White students (18.8 percent) and those of mixed race (18.3 percent).

Across all racial and ethnic lines, nearly half (44 percent) of all student respondents said they plan to work between 10 and 30 hours per week. More than a third (36 percent) of students, however, say they will work more than 30 hours per week.

During the SUMMER of 2002, how many hours will you be working per week?	Less than 10	Percent	10 to 19	Percent	20 to 29	Percent	30 to 39	Percent	40+	Percent	Totals
Asian/Pacific Islands	6	19.35%	9	29.03%	10	32.26%	3	9.68%	3	9.68%	31
Hispanic/Latino	9	9.89%	16	17.58%	26	28.57%	21	23.08%	19	20.88%	91
White	160	18.41%	196	22.55%	189	21.75%	163	18.76%	161	18.53%	869
Black/African American	44	29.73%	44	29.73%	18	12.16%	12	8.11%	30	20.27%	148
Native American	3	60.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	40.00%	5
Mixed Race	12	20.00%	16	26.67%	6	10.00%	11	18.33%	15	25.00%	60
Totals	234	19.44%	281	23.34%	249	20.68%	210	17.44%	230	19.10%	1204

*The number of students identifying themselves as Native American is too small in number to be considered statistically valid.

Demographic Information

Responses by Gender	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Totals
Atlanta, GA	101	54.89%	83	45.11%	184
Baltimore, MD	49	42.24%	67	57.76%	116
Detroit, MI	93	56.71%	71	43.29%	164
Kingsport, TN	56	44.44%	70	55.56%	126
Ft. Wayne, IN	47	52.81%	42	47.19%	89
Lancaster, PA	46	46.46%	53	53.54%	99
Midland, MI	45	55.56%	36	44.44%	81
Reading, PA	42	39.25%	65	60.75%	107
San Antonio, TX	24	34.78%	45	65.22%	69
San Diego, CA	53	48.62%	56	51.38%	109
Stamford, CT	74	54.01%	63	45.99%	137
Wisconsin (state-wide sample)	55	55.56%	44	44.44%	99
St. Louis	25	69.44%	11	30.56%	36
Columbia, SC	58	48.33%	62	51.67%	120
Totals	768	50.00%	768	50.00%	1536

Responses by Location and Age

Responses by Age	12 or under	Percent	13 to 14	Percent	15 to 16	Percent	17	Percent	18+	Percent	Totals
Atlanta, GA	127	68.28%	6	3.23%	13	6.99%	35	18.82%	5	2.69%	186
Baltimore, MD	4	3.45%	56	48.28%	28	24.14%	26	22.41%	2	1.72%	116
Detroit, MI	44	26.83%	11	6.71%	102	62.20%	6	3.66%	1	0.61%	164
Kingsport, TN	2	1.56%	12	9.38%	44	34.38%	58	45.31%	12	9.38%	128
Ft. Wayne, IN	7	7.95%	28	31.82%	0	0.00%	34	38.64%	19	21.59%	88
Lancaster, PA	14	14.29%	37	37.76%	20	20.41%	22	22.45%	5	5.10%	98
Midland, MI	0	0.00%	39	48.15%	34	41.98%	7	8.64%	1	1.23%	81
Reading, PA	19	17.43%	75	68.81%	6	5.50%	5	4.59%	4	3.67%	109
San Antonio, TX	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.45%	60	86.96%	8	11.59%	69
San Diego, CA	8	7.34%	38	34.86%	4	3.67%	53	48.62%	6	5.50%	109
Stamford, CT	3	2.19%	53	38.69%	45	32.85%	31	22.63%	5	3.65%	137
Wisconsin (state-wide sample)	9	9.09%	37	37.37%	15	15.15%	34	34.34%	4	4.04%	99
St. Louis	16	43.24%	1	2.70%	7	18.92%	8	21.62%	5	13.51%	37
Columbia, SC	40	33.33%	23	19.17%	39	32.50%	14	11.67%	4	3.33%	120
Totals	293	19.01%	416	27.00%	358	23.23%	393	25.50%	81	5.26%	1541

Responses by Race / Ethnicity

Responses by Race / Ethnicity	Asian/Pacific Islands	Percent	Hispanic/Latino	Percent	White	Percent	Black/African American	Percent	Native American	Percent	Mixed Race	Percent	Totals
Atlanta, GA	17	8.99%	5	2.65%	93	49.21%	61	32.28%	1	0.53%	12	6.35%	189
Baltimore, MD	1	0.88%	1	0.88%	48	42.11%	52	45.61%	1	0.88%	11	9.65%	114
Detroit, MI	3	1.86%	4	2.48%	145	90.06%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	5.59%	161
Kingsport, TN	0	0.00%	1	0.79%	124	97.64%	2	1.57%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	127
Ft. Wayne, IN	1	1.12%	2	2.25%	81	91.01%	0	0.00%	1	1.12%	4	4.49%	89
Lancaster, PA	2	2.04%	1	1.02%	92	93.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	3.06%	98
Midland, MI	4	5.06%	4	5.06%	66	83.54%	1	1.27%	1	1.27%	3	3.80%	79
Reading, PA	0	0.00%	1	0.92%	106	97.25%	1	0.92%	0	0.00%	1	0.92%	109
San Antonio, TX	1	1.45%	51	73.91%	9	13.04%	2	2.90%	0	0.00%	6	8.70%	69
San Diego, CA	13	12.26%	16	15.09%	49	46.23%	9	8.49%	0	0.00%	19	17.92%	106
Stamford, CT	4	2.96%	22	16.30%	80	59.26%	21	15.56%	0	0.00%	8	5.93%	135
Wisconsin (state-wide sample)	7	7.22%	1	1.03%	70	72.16%	10	10.31%	2	2.06%	7	7.22%	97
St. Louis	0	0.00%	2	5.41%	34	91.89%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	2.70%	37
Columbia, SC	3	2.54%	3	2.54%	78	66.10%	31	26.27%	0	0.00%	3	2.54%	118
Totals	56	3.66%	114	7.46%	1075	70.35%	190	12.43%	6	0.39%	87	5.69%	1528

About the *JA Interprise Poll*[™]

The *2002 JA Interprise Poll* on *Summer Jobs* was conducted in October 2001 by Junior Achievement in the classrooms of Atlanta, Baltimore, Columbia, S.C., Detroit, Kingsport, Tenn., Ft. Wayne, Ind., Lancaster, Pa., Midland, Mich., Reading, Pa., San Antonio, San Diego, St. Louis, Stamford, Conn., and various cities throughout Wisconsin. A total of 1,559 students participated. Based on the total sample of middle grades and high school students nationwide, the margin of sampling error is +/- 2.5 percentage points. The poll is part of an ongoing series of polls on students' views of economic issues. Future polls, however, will be Internet-based, hence the name of this JA poll.

To read the executive summary of the poll, visit www.ja.org/interprise/execsummary.html. For more information, contact Edwin Bodensiek at (719) 540-6297 or ebodensiek@ja.org.

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