



99ers are not fooled by the new play on jobless numbers, this is something they live out every day!
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99ers not fooled with the new play on job numbers- 99ers live it everyday

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99ers are still a group in this nation without an income and regardless of what some may say, their prospects of finding a job are grim. The play on numbers, as seen today with the new job report, puts a good light on job growth for the government, but does it really indicate job growth for the people who need a job? The 99ers know all too well what these “new jobs” are like as they have tried over and over again applying for one. From Connecticut to California, the jobs that become available see 100 applicants to every

opening. The 99ers know that trying to find a job in this economy is close to impossible, especially in states with high unemployment numbers. With the new play on numbers today, it looks like the nation and jobs are starting to come together, but as Fox News points out, sure, if you want to spin it that way.

103,000 new jobs were filled last month, according to the [Bloomberg Report](#). Chances are that some of the 99ers probably applied for each and everyone of them. What the government doesn't say when the news about the 103,000 new jobs that were opened is that the nation needs 250,000 jobs a month for the first time job holders alone, according to Fox News live. These are the kids coming of age, graduating high school, and finishing college. The math is easy, more than half of the first time job seekers got nowhere, and are now added to the group who are already without an income in this country.

The national unemployment rate fell from 9.8% to 9.4% in December. Well, in December because of the holiday, all types of businesses, from retailers to shipping companies, needed extra help. Extra help was needed in the malls in food courts due to the extra people. Restaurants needed extra help for holiday parties, caterers, tree farms, and many more businesses needed to hire holiday help.

The main reason the national unemployment number does not reflect the real number of unemployed in this nation is because this number only reflects the people collecting unemployment benefits. People out there like the 99ers without an income are not tracked. You will most likely be looking at double digit national unemployment number when this starts to happen. Starting in February, the Labor Department will be counting people who are unemployed and who have exhausted their unemployment benefits. These people will no longer just fall off into the abyss somewhere like they once did with their numbers unknown. Their numbers will be known now. This is not good for the national unemployment number that "is on an upswing today," but it is reality based and showing the true number of the unemployed.

The national unemployment number may have gone down, but what about the people in Ohio, Nevada, and the many other states that have double digits of an unemployed percentage in their states?

It is not just the unemployment numbers that are an indicator of job growth, or the numbers of new jobs being reported. The [Connecticut Technology Council](#) is reporting an almost 10 percent drop in IT job postings in the last months of 2010. This is a significant drop, considering that technology is running this country today. To get a true picture of how the

job economy is doing, many indicators need to be considered.

Reference: Fox News Live, Connecticut Technology Council, Bloomberg Report

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