



Summer Employment of US Teens Falls

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Teen employment in the US has slumped this year as the labour market has contracted, new research has shown.

Outplacement consultant Challenger, Gray & Christmas' analysis of US Bureau of Labour Statistics data showed the number of teenagers in work only grew by 683,000 in June, 38.7 per cent below last year's data.

Traditionally, June is a time when young people flood the jobs market looking for work in shops and restaurants.

The company's chief executive John Challenger told CCN: "Companies tend to hire teens to build their pipelines for the future and give kids a chance to get into the workplace ... But those jobs are the first ones that companies cut back when they need to pare down."

Recently Peter Handal, chairman, president and chief executive of Dale Carnegie Training, advised young people to make their resumes as precise as possible: "It should be succinct, clear and proofread carefully," the Chicago Times reported.