

UPDATE:

Many Companies Are Still Hiring During the COVID-19 Crisis

Government mandates to slow the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, has sent the U.S. job market into a free fall. Layoffs are rampant. Almost 3.3 million people filed for unemployment benefits this week, a record high and more than quadrupling the previous high of 695,000 set in 1982.

But not every sector is struggling and the recently laid off may be able to find work to meet the growing demand from certain industries. Some companies have such a need for workers that they are forgoing background checks and hiring qualified candidates on the spot. Here's where to look.

Retailers and pharmacies

- [7-11](#) announced plans to hire over 20,000 new store employees to meet the increased demand.
- [Amazon](#) is hiring 100,000 full- and part-time employees for positions with Amazon Go stores, Prime Now, Whole Foods stores, Amazon warehouses, and delivery drivers with many jobs advertised earning \$17 an hour or more.
- [Costco](#) is looking to hire hourly workers in its warehouses.
- [CVS](#) is adding 50,000 full- and part-time positions across the country to meet the growing demand in retail stores and warehouses as well as customer service representatives. Licensed pharmacy technicians, nurses, and pharmacists are also in demand.
- [Dollar General](#) has nearly 70,000 open positions across the country. For now, the roles will be for temporary employees in retail stores and warehouses.
- Home improvement retailer [Lowe's](#) is hiring 30,000 workers.
- [Walmart](#) is hiring 150,000 additional employees through the end of May. The need is greatest in Walmart and Sam's Clubs stores and distribution centers.
- [Walgreens](#) is looking to fill 9,500 existing full- and part-time roles in stores, with an emphasis on pharmacy technicians, shift leads, and customer service associates.

Delivery, shipping, and freight

- [Instacart](#) is expanding its network of personal shoppers by 300,000 in the next three months.
- [Shipt](#), a delivery service for groceries and household items, is expanding its network of personal shoppers. Contractors set their own schedules and make an average of \$22 per hour.
- [UPS](#) has almost 1,000 part- and full-time roles open for warehouse workers, drivers, and package handlers.

Grocery stores

- [Aldi](#) is hiring nearly 5,000 temporary, part-time, and full-time workers in its stores and warehouses.
- [The Kroger Family of Companies](#) is hiring more than 7,000 open positions at Kroger, Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Smith's, Food 4 Less, Pick 'n Save, and more. Applicants are needed to fulfill online grocery orders, pharmacy technicians, grocery cashiers, and product stockers.
- [Publix](#) is in critical need of pharmacy technicians at its southeast locations.
- [Trader Joe's](#) is adding temporary and open-ended crew members to its stores across the country.

Education

The sudden influx of students who are now homeschool and distance learning, the demand for online educators is high. The following companies are hiring for certified teachers and non-certified tutors.

- [Outschool](#)
- [Preply](#)
- [Udemy](#)
- [K12](#)
- [Teachaway](#)

Food service

- [Domino's](#) is hiring thousands of workers— 1,000 in Chicago alone— to keep up with the increased demand. Positions like delivery drivers, customer service representatives, assistant managers, and managers are needed.
- [Hungry Howie's](#) is hiring 2,000 delivery drivers across all its 550 locations. Drivers can make up to \$15 per hour.
- [Papa John's](#) will hire 20,000 additional employees and, in most cases, the company says hiring will happen on the spot.
- [Pizza Hut](#) announced it will hire an additional 30,000 employees. Open positions include cooks, managers, and shift leaders.

Technology

Remote conferencing and telework has boosted the demand for employees at [Zoom](#), [Microsoft Teams](#), and [Slack](#).

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