

Skills Employers Want!

Percent of Employers Looking for These Skills

99% Work Ethic

Employers want honest, dependable and productive workers.

96% English Language

Most jobs require oral and written communication in English.

95% Reading & Writing

Most jobs require workers to read and write

94% Problem Solving & Critical Thinking

Employers want workers who can understand and find answers to problems.

94% Interpersonal

Businesses - and their employees - thrive when people work well together.

90% Math

Nearly every job requires some math skills

68% Computer Software

Employers need technology-savvy workers.

68% Leadership

Employers need skilled staff to guide lower-level workers.

58% Manual Labor

Technology will never completely replace the need for hands-on work.

44% Tools & Machine

Many employers need workers who can operate certain equipment.

40% Spanish Lang.

Employers' need for Spanish-speaking workers has risen with the Hispanic population.

Source: Oregon Employment Department 2004 Employer Survey