

Older And Younger Job Seekers Find Obstacles Locally



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Rochester, N.Y. - A report from the AARP finds [unemployment](#) on the rise for people 55 and older. Local job placement agencies report it's also a tough [job market](#) for young job seekers.

About 25 percent of the people helped by Rochester Works are between 50 and 64, according to Connie Felder, the job training and placement agency's deputy director.

Felder said some employers often create unfair stigmas. Employers may think they require more pay, they won't learn as quickly, or they're not technologically savvy, Felder said.

However, Felder said job seekers need to approach interviews in the same way.

"I think you really have to focus on the job and selling yourself as an individual no matter what," Felder said.

New college graduates also face obstacles in their job search in this competitive job market, Felder said. Many of them are working for jobs their overqualified for in the service industry, she said.

The obstacle holding them back, Felder said, is a lack of job experience.