

Plenty of work for seasonal retail workers

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Wanda Tucker was hired on the spot for a part-time job with Gap Inc. Banana Republic chain earlier this month after searching for a full-time position since April.

“I thought I was just going in for an interview,” said Tucker, 53, of Rex, Ga., who’d finished five years of Army Reserves postings before entering the workforce. “It has been a blessing to have some money coming into the household.”

Workers are facing the most favorable job market for seasonal work since the 18-month recession that started in December 2007, getting hired with fewer interviews and in some cases with higher pay.

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