

EXHIBIT 8
Enjoy!

work (wûrk) n 1. a strenuous activity marked by the presence of difficulty and the absence of pleasure.

This dictionary definition of work is clearly not the way most folks want to spend their day. Yet not more than a generation or two ago, work was just that—something we did to put bread on the table, not something we expected to enjoy. The American job has come a long way since then, at least for many of us. Increasingly, we expect to enjoy work—a seeming oxymoron, but something today’s workers require in their quest to realize their full human potential.

A good way to gauge the progress in working conditions is to rank jobs, from best to worst, and see what’s happened to employment in these areas. Using the *Jobs Rated Almanac* and ranking jobs on the basis of five major criteria—physical demands, stress, security, outlook, and job description and environment—reveals that the worst jobs have generally been around for a century or more and the best ones are relatively new.

The bottom line: employment in bad jobs is shrinking; in the good ones, it’s growing. Employment in the 20 worst jobs has fallen from 16 percent of total U.S. jobs in 1900 to just 4.5 percent today. Relatively few of the best jobs even existed in 1900, but these 30 jobs make up 12.9 percent of all employment today. Projections for the decade show a continuation of the shift toward good jobs.



30 Best Jobs				Projected 10-year change (%)
OCCUPATION	1970	2000		
1 Financial managers	218,181	784,000	14.0	
2 Securities and financial services salespeople	105,342	600,000	41.0	
3 Mathematical and computer scientists	206,599	2,074,000	92.5	
4 Computer programmers, equipment operators	325,742	1,020,000	14.1	
5 Legal assistants	17,400	387,000	62.0	
6 Biological and life scientists	27,525	114,000	35.0	
7 Dieticians	42,349	97,000	19.1	
8 Chemists	93,865	153,000	13.9	
9 Medical and health managers	57,128	752,000	33.3	
10 Bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerks	1,662,297	1,719,000	-3.9	
11 Accountants and auditors	637,761	1,592,000	11.3	
12 Technical writers	12,217	70,000	24.4	
13 Insurance salespeople	470,308	577,000	2.2	
14 Medical scientists	3,589	84,000	24.6	
15 Purchasing managers	43,136	123,000	7.1	
16 Architects	52,999	215,000	18.9	
17 Speech therapists	17,174	102,000	38.5	
18 Health technologists and technicians	272,283	1,350,000	25.2	
19 Education and related fields administrators	218,227	848,000	13.0	
20 Occupational therapists	10,190	55,000	34.2	
21 Science technicians	132,421	270,000	7.0	
22 College and university teachers	505,260	978,000	22.6	
23 Pharmacists	114,590	208,000	7.3	
24 Engineers	1,224,388	2,093,000	19.9	
25 Veterinarians	20,264	55,000	24.7	
26 Geologists and geodesists	23,844	56,000	15.5	
27 Economists	62,190	139,000	18.4	
28 Management analysts	31,786	426,000	28.4	
29 Painters, artists and sculptors	83,373	238,000	25.7	
30 Public relations specialists	78,239	205,000	24.6	
Total employment in 30 best jobs	6,770,667	17,384,000	26.8	
Total U.S. employment	78,678,000	135,208,000		
Percentage of labor force in 30 best jobs	8.6	12.9		



30 Worst Jobs				Projected 10-year change (%)
OCCUPATION	1970	2000		
1 Timber cutters and loggers	90,620	66,000	-4.6	
2 Oil field and coal mine workers	164,000	128,000	-20.2	
3 Fishers, hunters and trappers	31,000	51,000	-22.7	
4 Structural metalworkers	79,000	79,000	8.0	
5 Construction laborers	649,000	1,015,000	7.3	
6 Garbage collectors	78,427	54,000	3.9	
7 Roofers	65,000	215,000	12.0	
8 Welders	566,000	594,000	8.3	
9 Firefighters	178,000	233,000	4.7	
10 Sailors and deckhands	29,000	23,000	4.5	
11 Boilermakers	31,000	18,000	1.6	
12 Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs	158,000	280,000	20.0	
13 Longshoremen and stevedores	47,000	8,240	4.5	
14 Brickmasons and stonemasons	213,000	242,000	12.3	
15 Stationary engineers	173,000	118,000	-5.7	
16 Farmworkers	848,000	768,000	-6.6	
17 Carpenters	923,000	1,467,000	6.9	
18 Sheet-metal workers	146,932	121,000	14.1	
19 Postal service mail carriers	256,000	340,000	7.4	
20 Auto and boat salespeople	237,456	329,000	16.5	
21 Glaziers	26,000	44,000	3.9	
22 Drywall installers	47,424	206,000	7.5	
23 Meter readers	93,340	50,000	0.4	
24 Butchers and meat cutters	287,075	265,000	-7.1	
25 Truck drivers	1,455,000	3,088,000	16.6	
26 Metal- and plastic-working machine operators	787,293	349,000	10.5	
27 Railroad conductors and yardmasters	54,151	25,000	-6.7	
28 Plumbers, pipe fitters and steam fitters	398,000	540,000	5.3	
29 Machinists	456,328	488,000	6.2	
30 Textile, apparel, furnishings machine operators	1,859,284	854,000	-19.3	
Total employment in 30 worst jobs	10,427,330	12,058,240	6.6	
Total U.S. employment	78,678,000	135,208,000		
Percentage of labor force in 30 worst jobs	13.3	8.9		

