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## New Survey: How Many Job Applicants Fail Drug Tests?

### At Least One-in-Twenty Applicants Fail Test at 23% of Businesses

### 35% of Businesses Say Zero Applicants Fail

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 28, 2017 – In a low-unemployment era in which businesses are searching for qualified workers, Express Employment Professionals released new survey results revealing how many job applicants fail drug tests.

In a survey of 1,030 businesses, respondents were asked, “What percentage of your job applicants do not pass a drug test?”

Thirty-five percent said “zero.”

Forty-three percent said less than 5 percent of applicants fail.

Eight percent said 5 to 9 percent fail a drug test, 6 percent said 10 to 14 percent fail, and 9 percent said 15 percent or more fail.

In other words, at 65 percent of businesses, applicants are known to fail drug tests. And at 23 percent of businesses, more than one-in-twenty job applicants fail a drug test.



Full results are below.

“There are plenty of hurdles beyond an individual’s control that make it hard to find a job, but avoiding drugs—even when it takes great effort—is something a job applicant can and must do. It’s unfortunate that drug use causes anyone to miss out on the chance to secure a job,” said Bob Funk, CEO of Express, and a former chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

“This is a real strain on business, families and communities—and one that is too often overlooked.”

What percentage of your job applicants do not pass a drug test?	Q2 2017	Q1 2017	Q4 2016	Q3 2016
Zero	35%	34%	32%	34%
Less than 5%	43%	40%	41%	27%
5% to 9%	8%	17%	18%	21%
10% to 14%	6%			
15% or More	9%	9%	9%	18%

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If you would like to arrange for an interview with Bob Funk to discuss this topic, please contact Sheena Karami, Director of Corporate Communications and PR, at (405) 717-5966.

**About Robert A. Funk**

Robert A. “Bob” Funk is chairman and chief executive officer of Express Employment Professionals. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the international staffing company has more than 770 franchises in the U.S., Canada and South Africa. Under his leadership, Express has put more than 6 million people to work worldwide. Funk served as Chairman of the Conference of Chairmen of the Federal Reserve and was also the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

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