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Most Jobseekers Now Willing to Work for Smaller Firms

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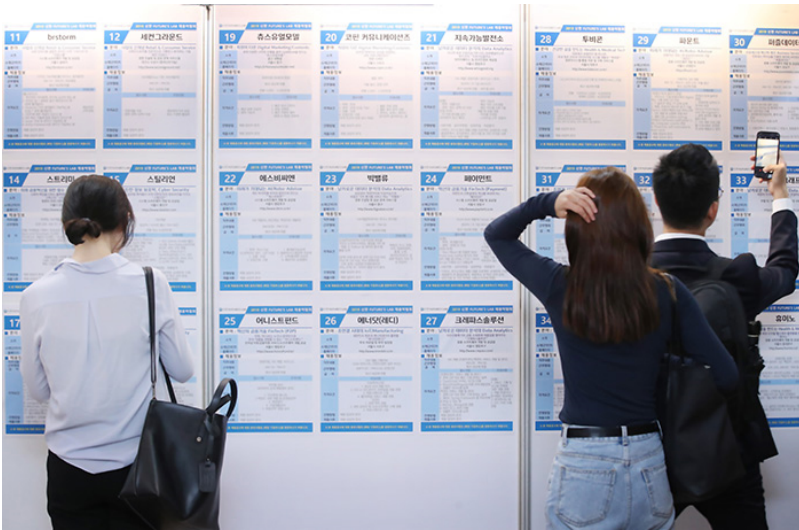
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Eight out of 10 jobseekers are now willing to work for smaller companies despite an ingrained preference for big conglomerates, a straw poll suggests.

Employment portal Job Korea polled 1,214 jobseekers recently and 78.3 percent said they would throw snobbery overboard and take a first job in a small or medium companies.

Even among university graduates the proportion was 74 percent, compared to 90.3 percent of vocational college graduates.

"More Jobseekers seem to be turning to smaller firms as the job market gets even tougher amid the coronavirus epidemic," said Byun Ji-sung at Job Korea.



Asked why, 47.6 percent said it seems easier to get hired. But 40.7 percent said they do not care about the size of businesses as long as they can do the job they want.

Respondents were allowed to give multiple answers.

But the lower salaries were the biggest objection to smaller employers. Among those who simply refuse to work for smaller firms, 56.3 percent cited the lower salary reason, while 45.6 percent worried the benefits might not be good, followed by unfavorable working conditions (37.6 percent) and lower job security (36.5 percent).

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