Agency and dignity are key aspects of a quality job, according to the Worker Voices study

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While employment data can provide a picture of unemployment, labor force participation, and unfilled jobs, numbers alone can’t tell the full story. The Worker Voices project set out to capture perspectives and insights from workers and job seekers with less than a bachelor’s degree. Listening to the voices of workers, especially those most vulnerable in the economy, helps increase understanding of the labor market and supports an inclusive and resilient economy for everyone.

Read “Worker Voices: Shifting Perspectives and Expectations on Employment” to learn about how workers and job seekers, especially those in lower-wage roles, navigate employment and strive for economic stability in the labor market.

“We want certain benefits, we want certain hours, certain schedules, and before the pandemic we were not like that. That is, what they gave us, we accepted because we needed the work. And after the pandemic we realized ... work sometimes needs us more.” – Worker Voices participant

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