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# Turning to trucking, televised resumes in a slump

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- The Northeast has been hit especially hard by the economic crisis
- CNN affiliates report on how people in the region are coping and hunting for jobs
- Truck drivers are in demand, sparking interest in driving schools
- Boston Mayor Tom Menino is warning of layoffs in city government

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(CNN) -- With the financial industry meltdown hitting New York with full force and the ripple effects pounding the surrounding states, the Northeast has been feeling the pain of the economic crisis especially hard.



Job seekers wait in line for a job fair at a hotel last month in Melville, New York.

From the Big Apple to communities hundreds of miles away, CNN's affiliates are reporting on how people in the region are coping with unemployment and hunting for jobs.

### Plattsburgh, New York

For many, getting a paycheck during the economic crisis means hitting the road -- literally.

Truck drivers are in demand even during the recession, which has sparked interest in driving schools and boosted the number of people applying for trucking jobs, WPTZ reported.

"We couldn't hire drivers [a year ago]. There were none available, or they didn't want to work here," said John St. Clair, the terminal manager of Fort Edward Express in Plattsburgh, New York, according to the station.

"Now, in the last couple of months I probably got 10 applications," he said.

People seeking a trucking license said the profession holds a lot of promise.

"Even with the way the economy is, I think that truck driving jobs are always gonna be around, and I believe it's gonna be a good choice for me," Mitch Juneau told WPTZ. [Read more about the popularity of trucking](#)

### Concord, New Hampshire

Trili Timm spent years as a stay-at-home mom, but she's now one of the many people training to be a nurse.

"When I came to the program, I assumed I'd be the oldest. Not true," Timm told WMUR. "There's a lot in my age range."

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While many industries are shedding jobs, nursing is one of the sectors where demand for skilled professionals continues to grow. Security, accounting and Internet technology are also doing well, according to the station.

The head of the information technology department at the New Hampshire Technical Institute believes his students are positioned for success, despite a tough job market.

"I was just telling our seniors this year they have an advantage because a company may want to hire an NHTI graduate right away at a lower rate than somebody with 10 years' experience," Tom Laurie told WMUR.

The school has added classes in response to the growing interest in the field. [Read about jobs in growing fields](#)

### Boston, Massachusetts

Boston Mayor Tom Menino is warning of layoffs in city government, but the number of people to be let go may depend on the city's 44 employee unions.

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Menino wants them to agree to a one-year wage freeze to spare 900 jobs and help close a budget gap of more than \$130 million, WCVB reported.

"Even with agreements from the unions, let me make this perfectly clear, there will be some layoffs," Menino warned, according to the station.

Only five unions have signed off on the plan so far; the others have until March 15 to decide whether they will go along. [Read about the negotiations](#)

**Buffalo, New York**

Dave Smith always wanted to work on Wall Street, but his dream has evaporated in recent months. He has \$20,000 in college loans and will soon graduate with a master's degree in finance, an industry that has seen brutal layoffs.

"You know truthfully, I wish I would've done a different degree. ... There's nothing right now," Smith told WIVB while looking for employment prospects at a job fair held at the University at Buffalo recently. "I'm even looking into internships now, not even to get paid, just to get the experience."

About 1,500 local college graduates came to the event hoping to land a job at one of the 120 companies offering positions, the station reported. While many of the job seekers went away empty handed, the recruiters were impressed with the pool of candidates.

"Oh absolutely. We have people with master's degrees and doctoral degrees looking for jobs," Don McMahon of McMahon & Mann Consultants told WIVB. [Read why the area could lose college graduates](#)

**Chelmsford, Massachusetts**

If mailing a resume or posting it online isn't enough to find a new career, job seekers are getting a chance to show off their credentials on television.

The "New England Job Show," part of a new self-help series being produced by Chelmsford Community TV, will broadcast taped resumes to potential employers and offer tips to people who have been laid off, WHDH reported.

"We want to put a dent in unemployment," executive director Ken Masson told the station.

"[We] will finish on a happy note: with stories about people who have landed jobs," Masson said.

Two segments of the show have been taped and are scheduled to be broadcast later this month on community access stations in Chelmsford, Lowell, Shrewsbury, Worcester and Nashua, WHDH reported.

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