

CareerBuilder.com Survey Shows How Astrology and Birth Order Factor Into Careers and Compensation

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Are middle children more likely to program computers or fight fires? Do Scorpios or Capricorns belong to a higher earning bracket? A new survey from CareerBuilder.com looks at profession, compensation and job satisfaction in relation to birth order and astrology sign. The survey of more than 8,700 workers was conducted nationwide across industries.

Birth Order

Compensation

The survey found that a higher percentage of workers who were the first born in their families earned \$100,000 or more annually compared to their siblings. The last born were the least likely to earn six figures. Comparing those who make \$35,000 or less per year, more middle children identified themselves as part of this earning bracket.

Professions Workers Are More Likely Drawn to Than Their Siblings

- First Born -- government, engineering, pharmacy and science
- Middle Child -- nursing, law enforcement, fire-fighting and machine operation
- Last Born -- art/design, sales and information technology

Job Level

Workers who were first born were more likely to report holding a vice president or senior management level position. Middle children were more likely to identify with professional/technical staff level positions while the last born were more likely to report holding administrative/clerical level positions.

Job Satisfaction

Middle children reported being the most satisfied with their current positions while the last born reported being the least satisfied.

Astrological Sign

Compensation

Scorpio, Leo, Taurus and Cancer signs were among the most likely to earn \$100,000 or more annually while Aquarius and Capricorn signs were among the most likely to earn \$35,000 or less.

Professions That Draw Different Signs

- Aquarius -- sales, military, engineering, mechanic, food preparation, facilities management and transportation
- Pisces -- social work, personal care, IT, facilities management and mechanic
- Aries -- government, construction, hotel /recreation, IT, education and transportation
- Taurus -- nursing, engineering, attorney/judge, marketing/public relations and higher education
- Gemini -- art/design/architecture, nursing and personal care, sales, law enforcement, firefighter and machine operation
- Cancer -- government, legal services, advertising, higher education, machine operation, transportation and military
- Leo -- government, legal services, art/design/architecture, engineering, entertainment, real estate and education
- Virgo -- social work, sales, hotel/recreation, editing/writing and food preparation
- Libra -- social work, government, advertising, machine operation, law

enforcement, firefighter, sales and education

- Scorpio -- legal services, engineering, science, education, construction and skilled trades
- Sagittarius -- editing/writing, marketing/public relations, entertainment, hotel/recreation, IT and military
- Capricorn -- art/design/architecture, nursing, science, IT, sales, farming and food preparation

Job Satisfaction

Pisces, Sagittarius and Capricorn signs reported being the most satisfied with their current jobs while Gemini and Cancer signs reported being the least satisfied.

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Interactive(R) on behalf of CareerBuilder.com among 8,785 US employees (employed full-time; not self-employed) between May 22 and June 13, 2008. Percentages for some questions are based on a subset of responses to certain questions. With a pure probability sample of 8,785 one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 1.0 percentage points. Sampling error for data from sub-samples is higher and varies.

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