

# Where to Look

*Current information to help you find your next job*

## **Financial Analysts**

Use the information below to help you in your job search. We've included information that applies to jobs for financial analysts in industries that are hiring.

### **WHAT YOU KNOW THAT EMPLOYERS WANT**

- **Economics and Accounting** — You have knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis and reporting of financial data
- **Analysis** — You analyze financial information to produce forecasts of business, industry, and economic conditions for use in making investment decisions
- **Planning** — You can prepare plans of action for investment based on financial analyses
- **Presentations** — You can present oral and written reports on general economic trends, individual corporations, and entire industries
- **Software** — You know how to use Microsoft Office and other financial specific software

### **SKILLS YOU HAVE THAT EMPLOYERS VALUE**

- **Active Listening** — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times
- **Mathematics** — Using mathematics to solve problems
- **Complex Problem Solving** — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions
- **Critical Thinking** — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems
- **Management of Financial Resources** — Determining how money will be spent to get the work done, and accounting for these expenditures

### **WHERE TO LOOK FOR WORK AS A FINANCIAL ANALYST**

- Trust companies
- Brokerage companies
- Banks — Especially those receiving TARP money
- Petroleum related companies
- Hospitals
- Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Houston
- Sizable companies in most industries
- Large local governments
- Federal or state financial watchdog agencies