

Look for Job Groupings

Rather than narrowing your search or restricting yourself to job titles that utilize your specific background, look at similar or related areas. For example, your customer service experience can be applied to many job titles and fields — as can many other skills and experience.

Don't restrict yourself to applying for jobs from only one source. In addition to local weekly/daily newspapers, utilize employment sites (such as monster.com or indeed.com) and jobs boards on other internet sites, including LinkedIn. The competition may be intense but you just might get contacted.

Look for employers who are very active in the job market (i.e. companies that are always advertising job openings.) Apply to these employers for jobs which have not yet been advertised. You may catch their interest and minimize your competition.