



Labor shortage or pay shortage?



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Talking points

1. How do these cartoons describe the shortages of workers for many businesses?
2. Is it just low-paying jobs which are going unfilled?
3. Have many women been prevented from working because of the high cost of child care?
4. Are child care workers quitting because of low pay?
5. Have some of the pandemic's "essential workers" – store employees, ambulance drivers – quit over high risks for low pay?
6. Are others just burned out?

Between the lines

"If we really want labor, wages have to come up, and they have to come up after a year you did massive increases." - Jeremy Hill, economist.

<https://hayspost.com/posts/Oda420ea-ee91-4fe0-86e7-f3375731cae6>

Additional resources

■ More by Bob Englehart

<https://www.cagle.com/author/bob-englehart/>

■ More by Rick McKee

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"SORRY, YOUR REGULAR GHOST JUST UP AND QUIT AND I WAS ASKED TO FILL IN."

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