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Russians Increasingly Pessimistic About Job Prospects – Poll

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The number of Russians that believe they would be able to find a good job if they lost their current position fell by 10 percent last year, the results of the poll published Friday revealed.

Only 25 percent of Russians think they would manage to find a position similar to the one they lost with little effort, while in January 2015 the number of respondents sharing this opinion stood at 35 percent, a poll by the state-run VTsIOM pollster revealed.

The poll also showed that 32 percent of Russians currently believe they would face difficulties in trying to find a new job. A total of 17 percent of respondents were sure it would be almost impossible to find a similar position.

Russian citizens are more concerned about unemployment than they were at the beginning of 2015, VTsIOM's researchers noted. Every third Russian now has two or more relatives or friends that have lost their jobs over the past several months, the poll shows.

The poll was conducted on Dec. 26-27 among 1,600 adults in 46 regions and had a margin of error not exceeding 3.5 percent.

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