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- [Off the sidelines](#) and back in the game. The labor participation rate is holding and actually increasing, reversing some long term trends. Good for filling jobs, but might have a dampening effect on wage growth, too.



- But the majority of workers don't worry about technology affecting their job. Their [top worry](#): loss of benefits.
- Here is an argument that seems to make sense. [When wages go up, automation becomes a more attractive option](#) for employers, especially when they go up significantly (like to \$15/hr. minimum wage).



- A good [overview on the driver shortage](#) using Smokey & The Bandit reference as a hook. Hits all the major issues, including aging workforce, gender, driverless technologies, and so forth.



- But not so fast on the driverless technology: nearly half of companies in a supply chain role [recently surveyed](#) were not even aware of the use of autonomous vehicles for transport

- [Trucking jobs up in July](#) after three consecutive months of declines. And, yes, a strong peak season is good for the transportation sector, too.