Using Time of Interview to Inform Recruiting Strategies

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A Specific Challenge

- Large Survey with a focused sample in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Goal is to recruit 800-900 in Clark County,
 NV to fill 90 field representative positions
- Duration of employment is 4 to 5 months.
- Pay rate is \$12.75/hour
- Must fulfill requirements for Federal employment



Traditional Recruiting Approach

- "To meet deadlines, our Field Reps must be available to work when respondents are at home -- usually during evening hours and on weekends -- but sometimes daytime hours as well."
- Attractive to those seeking a second job.





But this is Vegas...



What do we know about the work?

- We do lots of work in Las Vegas
- Recently developed paradata tool from something called the "Universal Tracking System" or UTS
- Source is interviews from the American Community Survey in Las Vegas (January 2013 CAPI)



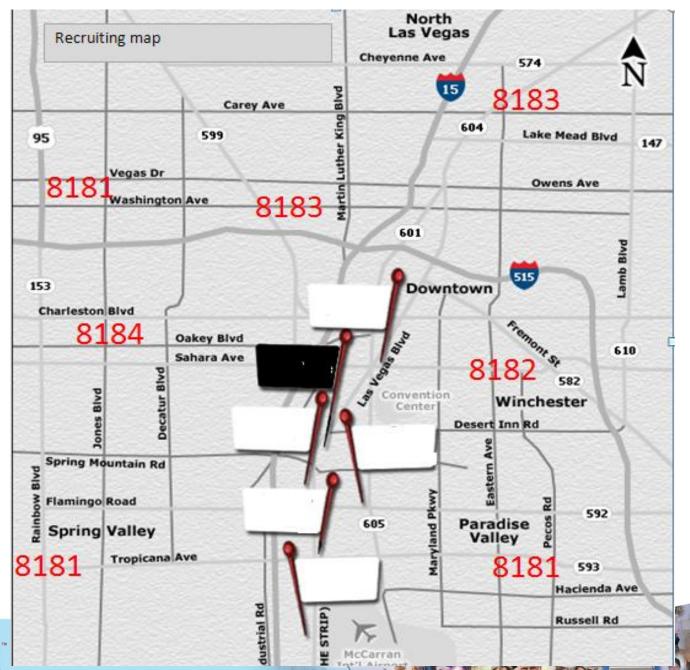


UTS Report on Completed ACS Interviews

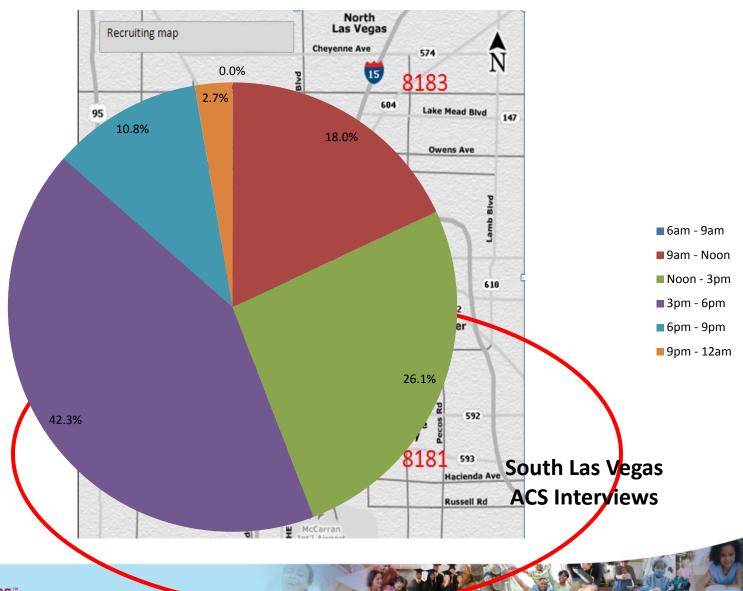
				All Completed Interviews								
	Time of Day Completed		No CHI Record	12am - 6am	6am - 9am	9am - Noon	Noon - 3pm	3pm - 6pm	6pm - 9pm	9pm - 12am		
	Survey Period			201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	201301 ACS HU CAPI	
Region	SSF	Field Supervisor	All Days									
Atlanta			All Days	360								
Chicago			All Days	256								
Denver			All Days	255		157	1,782	3,416	3,830	1,663	155	
Los Angeles			All Days	15		2	4	3			1	
	71		All Days	20		17						
	72		All Days	54		16						
	73		All Days	29		7	117	226				
	74		All Days	34	1	18						
		7581	All Days	1			20			12	2	
		7582	All Days			3	14			9		
		7583	All Days	1	1		20				2	
		7584	All Days	1		2	11	33			3	
		7585	All Days	1		1	20	22		1.	7	
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		7587	All Days	2		1	13				3	
		7588	All Days	1		1	15				2	
		7589	All Days			1	12				,	
		7590	All Days	1		1	34				3	
		7591	All Days	1		2	35					
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	77		All Days	61		14	153	261	304	139		
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		7882	All Days	5		2	16				9	
		7883	All Days				24				1	
		7884	All Days	2		2	18	34				
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		7886	All Days	2		2	9	29				
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		7890	All Days				5	4	. 5	4	1	
		7892	All Days	1		2	15	24				
		7893	All Days				4	17				
New York All Days			215									
Philadelphia All Days		260	21	92	1,034	2,336	2,725	1,278	164			





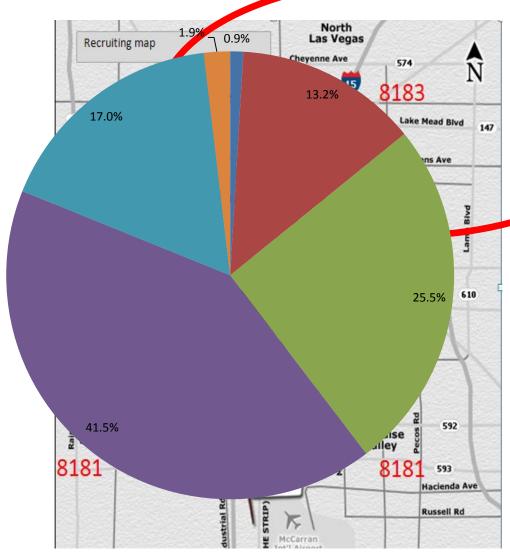








North Las Vegas ACS Interviews





■ 6pm - 9pm

■ 6am - 9am ■ 9am - Noon

■ Noon - 3pm ■ 3pm - 6pm



Hmmmm....

- At least 40% of interviews are done between 9am and 3pm
- If we push to hire second job holders, who will do those?
- How will we even know?
- A dramatic change to our strategy?







Evening

Other

phone

FOR

ONLY

A. Raw Scores

Basic Skill Test

B. Converted Scores

Mock Interview

Mock Interview

Structured Intervie

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I certify that I am registered.

D. Regional Office

H. Final Score with Veteran's Preference

I certify that I am not registered. If not, explain in item 34.

I. Language Code

E. FIPS State F. FIPS County Q. Veteron's

proof

J. Test Date

Structured Interview

Score

G. Final Interview

21.	Hiring may be based in part on the hours you are available to work. Indicate your availability by placing "X" in the									
	appropriate box(es) for each day.	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
b. c. d.	Any hours						X	X		
	Morning (8 a.m. – 12 noon)		x	X						
	Afternoon (12 noon – 4 p.m.)									
	Evening (4 p.m. – 9 p.m.)				x	X				
22.	Total hours per wed		38							



As a result...

- Modified Recruiting Sources
 - Advertising in "Style" sections
 - Outreach via Civic Clubs
 - Employment Centers
- Revisions to "messaging"
- More consideration of items 21 b & c
- Bottom line we can use anybody!
- No dramatic change necessary!



Future Actions

- Plan to evaluate effectiveness of using "availability" as a predictor of productivity
- Evaluate whether this is useful at the sub-"neighborhood" level
- Use it to customize job announcements and offers
- Assess variability by survey
- Useful as a predictor for the 2020 Census?



Day of Interview 2013 ACS

