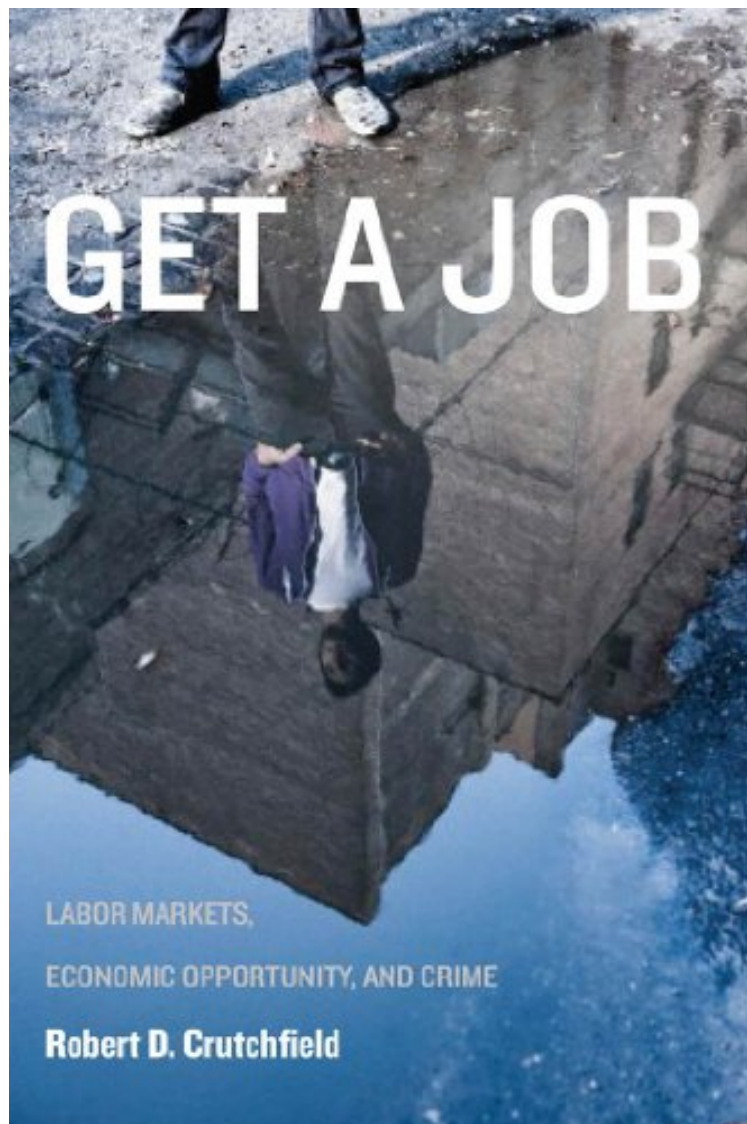


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to explain how the lack of a good job makes a person more likely to commit crime and gives data to support that theory. There are a few paragraphs of thoughts as to how society might alleviate this problem. I wasn't very interested in data to support the obvious. I was hoping for more ideas on dealing with the problem. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Get a Job: A Study in Crime and Economic Opportunity* By George Bridges For decades social scientists have studied the social forces that shape criminal behavior, particularly that which occurs in urban communities. Robert Crutchfield's latest publication, *Get a Job: Labor Markets, Economic Opportunity, and Crime*, represents the culmination of his extensive research on the relationship between crime rates in urban areas and the types of employment available in those areas across America's cities. Readers who believe that the relationship between crime and work that Crutchfield describes is "obvious" miss the the connection that so few social scientists have explored thoughtfully in conjunction with other attributes of urban areas using a combination of empirical and ethnographic data. The strength of Crutchfield's work and much of his writing and research is the clarity of his arguments and the compelling and obvious implications they have for public policy, social change and, most importantly, the reduction of crime and violence in many American cities. His work is seminal in the literature on the causes of urban crime and in public policies related to reducing crime.

Are the unemployed more likely to commit crimes? Does having a job make one less likely to commit a crime? Criminologists have found that individuals who are marginalized from the labor market are more likely to commit crimes, and communities with more members who are marginal to the labor market have higher rates of crime. Yet, as Robert Crutchfield explains, contrary to popular expectations, unemployment has been found to be an inconsistent predictor of either individual criminality or collective crime rates. In *Get a Job*, Crutchfield offers a carefully nuanced understanding of the links among work, unemployment, and crime.

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ldquo;*Get a Job* takes a giant step to unravel the modern paradox of declining crime in the midst of deepening fissures in contemporary labor markets. Crutchfield weaves evidence from across the social sciences and the lived experiences of increasingly marginalized workers to advance a theory of persistent crime, stratified labor, and deepening economic inequality in the modern world of transient and futureless jobs. More than a strong read, it sets an agenda for the next generation of research on crime and work in the new Western economies."-Jeff Fagan, co-editor, *The Changing Borders of Juvenile Justice: Waiver of Adolescents to the Criminal Court*

ldquo;Crutchfield's much anticipated *Get a Job* delivers! In it, he draws from his decades of storied research, together with personal insights, to tease out the complex relationship of the economy and work to crime. This sophisticated yet highly engaging work distills key insights, making sense of seemingly paradoxical historical trends and cross-national comparisons, while carefully embedding the analysis in the intersections of race, class, and gender. *Get a Job* is an excellent, important, and timely resource."-Jody Miller, author, *Getting Played: African American Girls, Urban Inequality, and Gendered Violence*

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