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More than ever, job seekers and employers recognize the importance of a compelling end-to-end candidate experience. While that’s the first step toward addressing pain points and closing gaps, it doesn’t quell all the frustrations candidates have throughout the hiring process and beyond. Before you can decide how to solve the problem, you need to know why there’s a problem in the first place.

Exclusive research and insights from CareerBuilder’s 2017 Candidate Experience Study will help you understand the complex perceptions, attitudes and behaviors of both candidates and hiring managers — and how you can use technology to improve your overall candidate experience.

The Stakes Are High For Employers

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Average time for employment screening

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Don’t Lose Out on Top Talent

If you think candidates are sitting around waiting for employment screening results to come back, think again. 65 percent of candidates continue communicating and interviewing with other companies as they wait on results. It’s in your best interest to put a timely and seamless process in place.

After all:

- 48 percent of candidates say the employment screening experience has an impact on how favorably they view a potential employer ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
- 63 percent of millennials say the employment screening experience has an impact on how favorably they view a potential employer ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Technology Can Help

Knowing as much as possible about your potential hires is crucial. But it’s also critical to offer them a positive candidate experience — even during the employment screening stage.

See how CareerBuilder’s employment screening solution — ranked on HRO Today Baker’s Dozen Customer Satisfaction list of top screening providers — offers reliable background checks and pre-employment screening within a configurable web-based portal.