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Even for those not feeling the sting of a lackluster economy, a healthy side income can be quite appealing. There are plenty of ways to make extra money in your downtime. Here are 101 of the best.

Local Hometown Opportunities

1. Leaf Raking

Every fall, lawns across the country are inundated with dead leaves that many homeowners don't have time to clear up. All you need is a rake.

2. Lawn Mowing

Regular mowing contributes to a robust lawn. Fortunately, many are too lazy or busy to do it themselves. A part-time lawn-mowing business can net you \$20 per hour or more.

3. Landscaping

From weeding to mulching to tree trimming, maintaining the grounds of any home is a full-time job. You can make a decent amount of scratch through light landscaping without buying a lot of gear.

4. Snow Removal

Whether it's shoveling off local sidewalks and drives or snowblowing municipal streets, snow removal is always an arduous task. Consequently, it can pay quite well under the right circumstances.

5. House Painting

You don't need to be a professional to get started with house painting. Just grab some tarps and a few brushes, and you can get started with a bit of Craigslist promotion.

6. Brush Clearing

Even in the lightest of woods, unwanted detritus and clutter can pile up faster than you'd think. Clearing brush and scrap wood isn't glamorous, but it can pay pretty well.

7. Gardening

Homeowners with large garden plots oftentimes can't always get around to performing regular garden maintenance. If you've got a green thumb, a freelance gardening gig is a wise move.

8. Dog Walking

Man's best friend requires a lot of attention and care. If you love animals and have a way with dogs in particular, a dog walking side job is a no-brainer.

9. Moving Services

If you've got a pickup truck or van and don't mind breaking a sweat, helping locals move from one place to another is a good way to get the most from your vehicle and make some extra cash.

10. Babysitting

If you don't mind kids and have some free time on your hands, babysitting is a good way to make extra money. Earning a reputation is tough, but it's a worthwhile side job.

11. Housecleaning

It's easy to get started with housecleaning, and the pay can be solid if you know how to network and acquire new clients.

12. PC Repair

It's astounding how many people don't know how to fix their PCs or troubleshoot performance issues. If you're handy with technology, it's a viable option.

13. Auto Detailing

Cleaning car interiors is one often-overlooked opportunity that's easy to break into. Just put up some ads on Craigslist, buy some cleaning supplies and you're golden.

14. Tutoring

Whether it's for the SATs, end-of-the-year exams or remedial education, students around the country are more than willing to pay for expert assistance and mentoring.

15. Window Washing

Another great opportunity that's often forgotten about is window washing. The equipment is cheap and the work isn't bad for the money.

16. Distributing Flyers

Local businesses are always trying to broaden their reach and expand visibility through flyers. Distributing them around town is an easy way to make part-time cash.

17. Refinishing Furniture

Underneath layers of grime and dirt, many old pieces of furniture are often hidden gems. Refinishing old furniture is a simple way to make side money.

18. Home Improvement

If you're adept at troubleshooting plumbing leaks, shingling roofs or fixing odd problems around the house, consider a home improvement business.

19. Run Errands

High-powered professionals are often so busy that they don't have time to shop for themselves. Running their errands can be a part-time job or full-time position.

20. Assist the Elderly

Senior citizens don't always have the ability to perform basic tasks for themselves. Assisting the elderly is often decently lucrative and rewarding.

Seasonal Opportunities

21. Amazon

During the holiday season, Amazon hires thousands of part-time staff to deal with the massive influx of additional orders. Jobs include order processing, warehouse stocking and customer service.

22. UPS

Like Amazon, UPS feels the pressure to cope with excess demand during the holidays. You can easily snag a part-time job moving boxes if you're willing to do some manual labor and enjoy a workout.

23. Bricks-and-Mortar Retailing

Every holiday season, every "Big Box" retailer in the developed world is looking for stockers, cashiers and salespeople to staff their stores when the shoppers come flooding in.

24. Private Party Catering

During any holiday, the private party industry is absolutely booming. If you've got bartending or serving experience, you can easily snatch a one-time event job and earn generous tips.

25. Capitalizing on Supply Crunches

If you're in a hurricane-prone area, buying gas-powered generators when they're cheap and selling them when they're out of stock at local retailers is a smart play.

26. Concerts & Festivals

During the summer concert season, local festivals always need extra help with directing traffic, checking passes and punching tickets. There's always a local concert or festival going in your region.

27. Christmas Tree Farming

It's a bit labor-intensive, but you can use any extra land under your control to plant acres of Christmas trees and sell them when they're in high demand.

28. Wedding Photography

The summer wedding season provides ample profit opportunities for those that are handy with a camera. It's a stellar way to earn extra cash on the side.

29. Camp Counselor

An especially good idea for educators who have the summer off, being a camp counselor is perfect for those that live in an area with a lot of state parks and natural areas.

30. Fruit Picking

Local orchards and berry farms often contract temporary workers to meet demand during the summer months. Fortunately, there's no shortage of such farms across North America.

31. Recreational League Referee

Soccer, softball, baseball and volleyball leagues always need referees to officiate games. If you're highly knowledgeable about any these sports, it's a good way to earn extra dollars.

32. Winter Boat Storage

Live near a lake and have extra garage or barn space? Parlay unused indoor square footage into money by leasing it out to boat owners.

33. Tax Preparation & Auditing

During the tax season, local and nationwide tax firms need additional help in preparing and filing returns. The best part is that you don't even need to be a CPA to get started.

34. Rent Parking Space

During 4th of July celebrations in medium-sized towns and cities, parking space is always at a premium. Rent your driveway or extra lot space to bring in some side income.

35. Street Performance

During summer months, the downtowns of cities across the country are flooded with tourists. So, break out a guitar, pick out a spot and start playing for tips and donations.

36. Renting Your Lodging

If you're going to be out of town for a big festival in your city anyway, you might as well rent out your apartment or home to festival goers for the week.

37. Caddying

Though golf carts are all the rage these days, many still appreciate a good caddy on the links. Local golf courses are a good place to pick up additional cash in the summer.

38. Farm Stands

The organic craze is in full effect nowadays and your garden can be a goldmine if you plan it right. Set up a roadside vegetable stand by your house and hawk your produce.

39. Lifeguard

If you're an expert swimmer, it's easy to pick up some part-time money lifeguarding at the local pool or beach. The flexibility of the schedule is a big plus.

40. Tour Guide

During tourist season, local attractions like historic sites often need guides on short notice. Apply at your nearest state park or historical attraction towards the end of spring.

Part-Time Gigs & Entrepreneurial Pursuits

41. Mail Delivery

The United States Postal Service can be a great place to get a part-time job. Go to your nearest Post Office and look into delivering mail.

42. Newspaper Delivery

A better option for those looking to earn extra money while holding down a full-time job is newspaper delivery. In addition to wages, newspaper delivery drivers often earn holiday tips.

43. Census Work

Every four years, the United States government likes to keep tabs on population changes. You can earn some quick seasonal cash by distributing and collecting census forms.

44. Bartending

Seasonal catering gigs only come around once a year. Regular, part-time bartending provides wages, tips and networking opportunities year-round with minimal commitment.

45. Real Estate Headhunting

Finders' fees for local real estate can be substantial. If you can hook up buyers with sellers in your local market, your efforts can net you thousands in commissions.

46. Hot Dog Cart

Hot dog or street food carts only cost a few thousand and their applications can be limitless. Operating a mobile food cart business allows you to go to where the customers are located.

47. Rummage Sale Flipping

You may not find a Stradivarius, but rummage and yard sales can potentially yield some serious bargains. Peruse your local flea markets, buy things that are undervalued and resell them online for a profit.

48. Self-Storage Sales

When self-storage unit renters go into default, their possessions are often sold off via auction. You can scoop up bargains and flip goods for a healthy profit margin.

49. Gather Acorns

Oak trees are everywhere and some enterprising individuals gather them by the bushel to sell to feed companies, local farmers and arborists.

50. Notary Public

Becoming a notary public is laughably easy. You basically just need to fill out some paperwork. Once you're certified, you can charge for notarizing documents.

51. Take Advantage of Bank Incentives

Banks often offer incentives like free gear, airline points and even cash for opening an account and maintaining a minimum balance.

52. Pedicabs

One strong new trend in urban areas is the rise of bicycle-powered pedicabs for toting around everyday commuters, visitors and tourists. It's great exercise and the tips are usually pretty high.

53. Start a Nursery

Sprouting sought-after plants early in the spring in a makeshift greenhouse or in your own home for later sale to gardeners is a cheap way to pull down more lucre.

54. DIY Bakery

Anyone with the ability to bake can start a home-based bakery specializing in breads, cupcakes, confections or any other baked good for that matter.

55. Recycle Scrap

Thanks to surging metals prices, old propane tanks and junk copper are money in the bank. You can find plenty of ways to capitalize on the trend by scrounging for scrap.

56. Used Books

While most book sales have gone digital, there's still a market for antiques and collectibles. Scour yard sales and the like for deals.

57. T-Shirt Sales

Starting your own t-shirt business is easy. Just create a unique design, outsource its manufacture to Etsy and sell them locally or via the web.

58. Flip Used Cars

Buying used cars, fixing them up a bit and flipping them will always be an attractive proposition.

59. Jurisdictional Arbitrage

If you live in a state with no sales tax bordering a state with a sales tax, the possibilities are endless. Buy everything from stereos to kitchen sinks, cross the border and profit.

60. Roadside Car Wash

You can set up an impromptu car wash in your own driveway with a hose, a pressure nozzle and some suds. It's an easy way to rake in a few extra bucks.

Web Work

61. Web Design

HTML5 and CSS3 are easy technologies to get up to speed on in a hurry. Anyone with a web connection and a laptop can start a web design business.

62. Copywriting

Content is king, as the saying goes. Modern web marketing demands loads of it, so sharpen your digital pencil and get reacquainted with basic grammar to dive in.

63. Copy Editing

Even the best writers need editors to proofread their work. The job requires an eye for detail but can ultimately be quite profitable for the right individual.

64. Online Surveys

Contrary to what you may have heard, online surveys *can* make you money. As long as you know where to look, it's a solid side income.

65. Domain Flipping

People still respect a clear and concise ".com" domain name, and you can make a lot of money by reserving such domain names and selling them to willing buyers.

66. Virtual Assistant

Virtual assistants help clients around the globe by handling their grunt work and running errands online.

67. Medical Coding & Transcription

Converting doctors' notes into text is a terrific way to earn extra cash online. If you're willing to undergo the necessary training, it's a stellar long-term employment opportunity.

68. Data Entry

Many companies outsource data entry responsibilities to online freelancers with solid skills. You can work in online data entry from your own home office.

69. Paid Coding

Sites like eLance, Guru and Freelancer.com allow you to translate your programming chops into real money by coding websites and software on the side.

70. Sponsored Reviews

Like or not, the modern web runs on reviews. You can get paid to chip in your two cents on a variety of sites by posting your honest feedback on products and services.

71. Answering Questions

Yahoo Questions and similar Q&A platforms are the perfect way for the knowledgeable to leverage their smarts for profit. Answer a question, get paid. It's that easy.

72. Virtual Errand Running

Fiverr and its many rivals are a new way to delegate small jobs to online freelancers. Just sign up, flesh out a profile and wait for the orders to come in.

73. Ad Placement

Believe it or not, you can actually get paid to post short ads on various networks around the web. It's not hyper-lucrative, but it does pay.

74. Accruing Digital Rewards

Not all online earnings come in the form of cash. You can win Amazon gift cards, points and more and then sell them for real money on a variety of web platforms.

75. Human Computation

Amazon's Mechanical Turk allows firms to delegate tasks to teams of human workers to complete complicated, distributed projects.

76. Tech Support

More and more, companies are outsourcing tech support services to the developed world. You just need a PC, a headset and a knack for solving problems.

77. Virtual Order Processing

You can actually earn decent wages online by processing sales from your home office for real world and e-commerce firms.

78. Digital Mock Trial Juror

Sites like eJury allow you to play juror in mock trials for the nation's many law schools.

79. Get Paid to Post in Forums

Forum marketing is a subtle yet highly effective way to raise brand awareness and sales. You can actually earn money posting in a variety of forums.

80. Record Voice-Overs for Clients

If you've got a distinctive voice and a convincing speaking style, then companies will pay you to do voice-overs for their online ads.

E-Commerce

81. Affiliate Marketing

The best thing about affiliate marketing is that you don't need to sell an actual product to make money. Just refer sales and collect commissions.

82. Mobile Apps

With a little bit of coding experience, anyone can design a successful Android or iOS app that can be extremely profitable.

83. Ebay Reselling

Ebay reselling is incredibly simple. Just identify bargains, purchase goods on Ebay and resell them to other buyers.

84. Drop Shipping

A potent form of e-commerce arbitrage, drop shipping is like affiliate sales in many ways and can be just as potent.

85. Sell WordPress Themes

The web's most popular Content Management System supports tens of thousands of themes. Design your own and sell them to other webmasters.

86. Resell Hosting

You don't need to own a data center to become a hosting provider. Just purchase space from a known web host at a discount and resell it to smaller clients.

87. Paid Reviews

Big companies and retailers are more than willing to pay freelancers to review their products and post them online.

88. Niche Blogging

Building a niche blog and monetizing it through AdSense and affiliate links is one of the easiest ways to start an e-commerce business.

89. Run an Amazon Store

You don't even need a website of your own to get started with affiliate sales. Just open an Amazon Webstore and refer traffic to it.

90. Publish Kindle E-Books

Writing a book nowadays is easier than it's ever been. Amazon gives you access to millions of e-book buyers through its Kindle Store.

91. SEO Consulting

Search Engine Optimization is the keystone of online sales. Webmasters, SMBs and major local companies will pay top dollar for your SEO expertise.

92. Virtual Headhunter

Monster.com and LinkedIn aren't the only ways to get a job. Virtual headhunters connect job seekers with employers and pocket a commission in the process.

93. YouTube Marketer

Posting tutorial videos and guides on YouTube is the perfect way to make money from in-video advertising.

94. Legal Research

The legal profession will always require a lot of support staff who can pore over documents, compile their research and publish it in an easy-to-digest format.

95. Financial Planner

If you've got some accounting experience, you can quickly start your own financial planning consultancy online.

96. Podcasting

Online broadcasting is becoming big business. Podcasting networks like Libsyn make publishing your podcasts child's play.

97. Usability Testing Consultant

Websites aren't very useful if ordinary users can't make sense of them. Companies will happily pay usability testers to make sure that their websites are easy to navigate.

98. Virtual Shopper

If you've got a nose for bargains and a keen eye for style, a position as a virtual shopper can be the right gig for you.

99. Party Planning Business

Planning a great party is a specific skill that few are blessed with. Being a virtual party planner is a fun way to make money on the web.

100. Virtual Translator

Use your fluency in a foreign language to earn money by translating audio presentations, videos and the written word.

101. Cost-Cutting Consultant

In tough economic times, trimming the fat is a must for businesses of all sizes. Web-based cost cutting consultants are in-demand more than ever.

In Conclusion

Regardless of specific skills or expertise, there's a way for anyone to earn a solid side income either online or off. You're really only limited by your drive and imagination, so pick a method and get cracking.