

Workers Share Most Unique Ways They're Supplementing Incomes in New CareerBuilder Survey

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In an economy where household budgets are getting tighter, workers are looking for different ways to supplement their incomes. One-in-ten workers reported they have taken on a second job in the last year to help make ends meet.* In a recent survey completed in June, CareerBuilder asked more than 4,400 workers to share some of the more unconventional ways they've earned extra dollars.

Examples cited by respondents include:

- Used a portable propane burner to heat oil, and sold catfish dinners on his front porch
- Made Star Wars costumes for people
- Donated blood plasma
- Researched stories for a gossip columnist
- Won money on a game show
- Juggled chainsaws in a talent competition
- Posed for an art class
- Worked as a tarot card reader
- Wrote a freelance article on Big Foot
- Took notes in class for college students
- Took items from the Lost & Found and sold them online
- Gave people in the office hair cuts
- Tested recipes for a book
- Worked as a movie extra
- Participated in product testing for bandages
- Played in Poker tournaments

- Participated in university research studies

*Stat from CareerBuilder's Q2 2009 Job Forecast

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Interactive on behalf of CareerBuilder among 4,478 U.S. workers (employed full-time; not self-employed; non government); ages 18 and over between May 22nd and June 10th, 2009 (percentages for some questions are based on a subset of U.S. employees, based on their responses to certain questions). With a pure probability sample of 4,478, one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 1.46 percentage points. Sampling error for data from sub-samples is higher and varies.

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