291+ Confirmed Websites to Make Extra Money

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As Sally Struthers used to say, would you like to earn more money? Sure, we all would.

Fortunately, in the "gig economy," there are plenty of ways you can earn a little extra cash for your time. Whether it's market research surveys or focus groups or donating your plasma, there are a lot of places that will pay.

I've spent nearly a hundred hours on this post to give you the most comprehensive list of sites that will pay you for *something*. In some cases, it's your time – doing tasks. In other cases, it's your stuff – selling your used goods and turning clutter into cash.

If you've ever said to yourself – "I need money?" This post is for you.

When I say I spent a hundred hours, it's because I've vetted these sites. You have to watch out for scams too and much of my time was researching the company, checking BBB listings, and making sure you aren't going to get ripped off.

I've separated the list into two main categories – <u>sites that will pay you for "stuff"</u> and <u>sites that will pay you for your "work."</u>

(NOTE: All navigation links in this guide link back to the original post on Wallet Hacks, which will contain the most up to date information)

Sites that Pay You for Work

These are sites where you get paid to do something. If you want sites where you can turn your stuff into cash, go to <u>Sites that Pay You For Stuff</u>

Sites that will pay you to...

- Fill Out Surveys
- Go Shopping
- Write/Illustrate Greeting Cards
- Listen/Rate Music
- Tutoring
- Mock Juror
- Play Games
- Data Entry
- Test Websites & Usability
- Test Products
- Mystery Shop
- Freelance Writing
- Freelance Work
- Watch TV
- Search the Web
- Write Reviews
- Miscellaneous

Sites that Pay You for Stuff

These are sites where you can turn things that you currently own into cash. If you want sites that will pay you to do something, those will be under <u>Sites that Pay You</u> <u>For Work</u>.

Sites that will pay you for...

- Used Books
- Junk Mail
- Stock Photos
- Old Electronics
- Make Videos
- Unused Computer Resources
- Luxury Goods

OK, get ready... the ride is about to start!

Start a Blog

You won't be paid immediately but one of the best side hustles you can start is your own blog. In just ten minutes, you can have your own little corner of the Internet. If you play your cards right, as many have done, you could turn that little parcel into a burgeoning metropolis... one that could generate a nice side income for you.

If you've been tempted by the income reports, here's my guide to **starting a blog in just 10 minutes**.

Fill Out Surveys

Surveys are a great! Market research is a huge business and they always need people to fill out their rosters.

All of these companies are legitimate, according to my research, and I use the rules outlined in my post on **how to tell if a survey company is legit**.

Sign up to more than one!

United States:

- Swagbucks
- Ipsos i-Say USA
- MyPoints Surveys
- MySurvey
- InboxDollars
- Harris Poll Online
- Vindale Research
- Pinecone Research
- E-Poll Market Research
- ProOpinion
- Opinion Outpost

- VIP Voice
- <u>Toluna</u>
- Global Test Market
- Valued Opinions
- Point Club Surveys
- YouGov
- Mintvine
- SurveyJunkie
- EarningStation
- OpinionPLUS
- MindsPay
- Panda Research

Canada:

- Pinecone Research (Canada)
- VIP Voice (Canada)
- Harris Poll Online (Canada)
- Vindale (Canada)
- SurveyJunkie (Canada)

Go Shopping

When you shop online, you should buy through a cashback portal. A cashback portal will give you a small percentage of your purchase back to you, usually as points and sometimes as straight cash, which is nice since you'll be spending the money anyway! Oftentimes the cashback portal will also include coupons that will help you save too.

- MyPoints Get \$10 gift card after \$20 purchase
- <u>eBates</u> Get \$10 after first purchase of \$25+ within 90 days
- Splender Pays in cash
- Swagbucks
- InboxDollars

Write/Illustrate Greeting Cards

I bet you didn't know you could make money writing greeting cards right? If you've ever considered yourself a wordsmith in the ultra short form, consider looking at one of these:

- Hallmark
- American Greetings
- <u>Blue Mountain Arts</u> Longer form prose or poetry, not for rhymed poetry, religious verse, one-liners or humor.
- ComStockMarketplace They are an adult humor greeting card company.
- **Ephemera** Not greeting cards but novelty buttons, magnets and stickers.
- <u>Fantus Paper Products</u> Everyday greeting cards looking for writers, photographers, designers & illustrators.
- Gallant Greetings Not accepting verse submissions right now but I kept them on the list in case they change.
- It Takes Two Illustrators

- Oatmeal Studios Accepting artists and writers
- <u>Smart Alex</u> "Funny, edgy & risque" and looking for artists, photographers and writers.

Listen/Rate Music

Do you like music? Do you like rating? Do you like making money listening and rating music? Get paid a few cents to up to \$1 for reviewing music.

- <u>Slicethepie</u> Listen to 90 second tracks and leave your 50-word+ review on it. You start off by getting paid just a few cents a song but as you progress you're paid more per review. \$10 minimum required to withdraw via Paypal.
- <u>Music Xray</u> Another review site with a ranking system that pays you more as you do more, you can get up to \$1 per review which is the highest of any we've seen. \$20 minimum payout though.
- <u>HitPredictor</u> You won't be paid in cash, it's points that you can use to get other things.

Tutoring

If you are knowledgeable about something, there will always be places for you to teach that knowledge to others. The follow sites are for tutoring, rather than building your own educational courses and selling them online, and unless it's noted they are based in the United States.

- BuddySchool
- HappyTutors
- TutorVista
- Tutorhub (UK)
- Tutor.com
- <u>Studypool</u> Get paid for answering individual questions, as opposed to full tutoring. It also includes work like resume formatting and the like. (<u>more here</u>)

Mock Juror

Going to jury duty is terrible, but being a mock juror is great!

A mock juror doesn't have to go to a mock courtroom, hear a mock case, and render a mock opinion. A mock juror just gets a bunch of documents in the comfort of his or her home and get paid for your opinion and feedback. Legal teams needs this as a trial run for their big cases and you can get paid to read interesting stories and see fascinating evidence... all without a trip anywhere!

- Online Verdict
- eJury.com

Play Games

If you enjoy games like slots, bingo and wheel of fortune, you'll love getting paid to play games. This list contains legitimate places where you can get paid to play various games, usually after watching some commercials or other promotional videos.

They're fun if you're into that sort of thing, you earn a few points here or there, and can convert them into gift cards or sometimes cash.

- CashDazzle
- Swagbucks
- LaLaLoot
- Bingozone
- GSN Cash Games

Data Entry

Data entry falls into one of two major categories – micro-tasks and transcriptions. Most micro-task sites, like Amazon mTurk, will have transcription jobs in addition to other jobs.

If you are a relatively fast typer, this is a great way to earn some cash in your spare time.

Transcription

- <u>Dion Data Solutions</u>
- TDEC
- Axion Data Entry Services
- Working Solutions
- Scribie
- AccuTranGlobal
- Quicktate
- SpeakWrite
- Vitac
- MegaTypers

Translation

- ProZ
- TRADUguide
- <u>TranslatorTown</u>
- <u>TranslationDirectory</u>

Micro-tasks

Amazon mTurk

- <u>Clickworker</u>
- <u>Lionbridge</u> (<u>Virtualbee was acquired by Lionbridge</u>)
- Short Task

Test Websites & Usability

Website owners always want to know how users are seeing their websites and you can get paid to do the testing!

How much do you get paid? For example, <u>UserTesting</u> pays out \$10 via Paypal for every 20-minute video you complete. That's \$30 an hour! All it takes is a computer, a microphone (you will give your feedback verbally), and an internet connection so you can view the website in question.

Here's a list of places that will pay you to test websites:

- <u>UserFeel</u> (not currently accepting new testers)
- <u>TestingTime</u>
- Startup Lift
- Analysia
- TryMyUI
- UserTesting
- Loop11
- Userlytics
- Enrollapp
- What Users Do
- uTest

Test Products

If there is mystery shopping to test the user experience in a store and there is website testing to test a website, it would make sense that companies would pay you for your opinion of an actual product right?

That's this category.

- National Consumer Panel
- MindsPay
- Nielsen Homescan Panel
- Contract Testing Inc. (Open to U.S. & Canada Residents)
- Product Testing Services
- Loreal Product Testing Panel
- The Litmus Test (UK)
- Software Judge
- VOConline
- Tragon
- Good Housekeeping Product Tester Panel
- Brillo Consumer Advisory Panel
- <u>BzzAgent</u> Word of mouth marketing agency that will send you products from time to time.
- Influenster
- Vogue Insiders
- PINCHme
- Redbook Team Red
- Mead TeacherLists

- Glam Spotters Reader Panel (from Glamour Magazine)
- Stylehunters Trendsetters
- Swaggable
- All You Reality Checker from All You Magazine
- Parenting Magazine
- MomSelect
- VocalPoint
- SheSpeaks
- HouseParty.com
- Mills Advisory Panel
- Brooks Shoes and Sports Wear
- Nike Product Tester
- New Balance
- McCormmick Consumer Testing
- Smile.ly

Mystery Shop

Mystery shopping can be a great gig – you get paid to shop!

It's a little more involved. Companies, especially those with stores, will want to get the opinion of the customer as they go through a transaction. For a bank, it might be opening up an account. For a retail clothing store, it might be trying on a shirt and checking out. Sometimes it's just calling up their customer service line with a problem and seeing how the representative treats you.

They just want to "test" their customer experience and mystery shopping is the best way to do that.

Below is a huge list of companies (over 90!) that do mystery shopping, remote call monitoring, or some other "customer engagement research." We did not vet the companies on this list, we only checked that their websites loaded and that they appear to still be in business. I wish we could've researched this more but that just wasn't feasible. Before you sign up for anything, please review my post about how to spot a mystery shopping scam plus the Federal Trade Commission's tips.

- Mystery Shopper Providers Association Member Companies
- A&A Merchandising
- A Closer Look
- A Customer's Point of View
- ABA Quality Merchandising (UK)
- Alta360 Research
- Ann Michaels & Assoc
- Anonymous Insights
- Apartment Shoppe
- Ardent Services Inc.
- Associate Consumer Evaluations, LLC
- At Random Communications

- At Your Service Marketing
- Ath Power Consulting Corporation
- Bare Associates International Inc
- Barry Leads & Associates Inc.
- BestMark
- BMA Mystery Shopping
- Business Evaluation Services
- Capstone Research
- Certified Reports
- Cirrus Marketing Consultants
- Confero Inc.
- Comsumer Critique
- Consumer Impressions
- Consumer Research Group
- Corporate Research International
- Coyle Hospitality Group
- Creative Image Consultants (CIA), Inc.
- Cross Financial Group
- Customer Perspectives
- Customer Service Experts, Inc
- Data Quest Ltd.
- David Sparks & Associates
- Devon Hill Associates

- Douglas Stafford North America, Inc.
- DSG Associates
- Ellis Property Management Services
- Evaluation Systems for Personnel (ESP)
- Graymark Security Group
- Hilli Dunlap Enterprises, Inc.
- ICC/Decision Services
- Instant Reply Inc
- IntelliShop
- J.M. Ridgway Co. Inc.
- Jancyn
- Kern Scheduling Services
- Kinesis
- LeBlanc & Associates
- Management Consultant Group, LLC
- Marketforce
- Market Viewpoint, LLC
- MarketWise Consulting Group, Inc.
- Mars Research
- Melinda Brody & Company
- Merchandise Concepts
- Michelson & Associates, Inc.
- Mintel International Group Ltd

- Mystery Shoppers
- Mystery Shopping Solutions
- National Shopping Service Network, LLC
- Northwest Mystery Shopping Service
- Pacific Research Group
- Pat Henry Group
- Patron Edge
- Person To Person Quality
- Premier Service Consulting
- Promotional Network, Inc.
- Quality Assessments Mystery Shoppers, LLC
- QSI Specialists
- The Quest for Best Mystery Shoppers
- Reality Check Mystery Shoppers
- Satisfaction Services, Inc.
- Second To None, Inc.
- Secret Shopper
- Sensors Quality Management Inc.
- See Level
- ServiceCheck.com
- Service Alliance, Inc
- Service Evaluation Concepts
- Service Excellence Group, Inc.

- Service Impressions
- Service Intelligence
- Service Performance Group Inc.
- ServiceSense
- The Shadow Agency
- Shoppers' Critique International, LLC
- Shoppers, Inc
- Shoppers' View
- Sinclair Service Assessments
- Spies in Disguise

Freelance Writing

Do you enjoy writing? You could be paid to do it.

My friend Holly, mother of 2 and successful blogger, recently put together a course teaching you how to make more money freelance writing. **Read her story here!**

This list contains places where you can get a freelance job directly as well as marketplaces specifically for freelance writers. We avoided specific sites (with a few exceptions for very large, very stable companies like Cracked and College Humor) because these can change all the time.

- Constant Content
- College Humor \$35 for single articles, \$50 for multi-page articles
- <u>Textbroker</u> Earn anywhere from 0.7 cents to 5 cents a work.
- <u>WritingJobz</u> A writing job marketplace.
- Postloop
- Cracked

- <u>Listverse</u> \$100 a post if accepted, 1,500 word minimum
- KnowledgeNuts Get \$10 per knowledge nut!
- <u>SeekingAlpha</u> \$500 the best ideas and a chance at two \$2,500 weekly performance awards.
- <u>About.com</u> With a ton of different subject areas, becoming an editor means
 you take ownership and earning capacity of that category.
- **Snipsly** Keep 80% of a published article's Adsense earnings.
- <u>FreelanceWriting</u> Huge freelance writer job board
- Freelance Writing Jobs Another massive freelance writer job board
- Writers Department Freelance writing job for academic and business experts
- <u>Scripted</u> A freelance writing and editor (editing is closed currently)
 marketplace
- Writer Access

Freelance Work

Outside of smaller or more specific jobs, like transcription or tutoring, you can find freelance work online as well. Many people earn supplemental income as a virtual assistant or performing other non-specific administrative work.

Below are popular marketplaces for freelancers:

- <u>Upwork</u> Formerly oDesk and eLance, this is one of the biggest marketplaces for folks looking for freelance work. They claim 4+ million clients on the platform and you can find anything from design and creative work to IT jobs to customer service, legal, and administrative support.
- **Guru** Smaller client base, 1.5 million, but also a place where you can post a job for free.
- <u>Fiverr</u> Fiverr is a huge marketplace where you can sell all kinds of work. From products, like drawings and videos, to services, like a review of your website or resume. Fiverr's differentiator is everything costs just \$5 at a baseline, though

you can sell add-ons like faster delivery, etc; for more. The marketplace is huge and there's a lot of fun and creative things you can do.

- <u>Freelancer</u> Can't beat the name right? Focused entirely on freelancers, their search functionality and qualifications system seems to be the most robust.
- <u>People Per Hour</u> Primarily for designers (everything from logos, banners, and websites) People Per Hour is a big marketplace for services related to the digital world. The marketplace also has SEO, copywriting, video and apps but the strength is clearly in design.
- <u>99designs</u> Primarily for visual design, whether it's logos or a t-shirt, and one of the best known places for it.
- flexjobs
- The Creative Group
- **Krop** Creative jobs
- Aquent Marketing, Creative and Digital Staffing
- <u>iFreelance</u> Find freelancers to plan , write , design , build and market your project all in one place.

Watch TV

Yes, you can get paid to watch television. This is not a joke!

You won't get paid a LOT but you can get paid a little for something you're already doing.

- <u>Perk.tv</u> Formerly Viggle (you redeem your points here if you were a Viggle user), you check in on the App before you watch a show on your TV and then check in at the end. You get some points and redeem them for gift cards.
- <u>RewardTV</u> It looks like it was made in 1990 but RewardTV is actually owned by The Nielsen Company (yes, the same Nielsen ratings) and you can get points by watching TV!

Search/Surf the Web

Web search engines constantly compete for your business and some of them have resorted to paying you.

- <u>Permission Research</u> You download a software on your computer to understand how people are using the internet. Our goal is to help companies understand digital content trends and patterns so that those companies can give people like you what you want. The businesses and media organizations rely on PermissionResearch to understand how people view and interact with content on the Internet and on TV.
- <u>Bing Rewards</u> One of the big search engines will pay you to search??? That's amazing! Bing Rewards is Bing's program that awards you points each time you search. The rate changes and right now it's 1 credit per 2 searches, up to 15 credits a day on a computer. You get 1 credit for 2 searches up to 10 credits on mobile. You can get an Amazon.com gift card for every 475 points.
- **Swagbucks** Swagbucks does EVERYTHING, including search.
- Scour
- Zoombucks

Write Reviews

Years ago, I joined Epinions and wrote reviews of products I liked. The model was simple – write a review, get paid a little for every pageview and every commissionable sale the review generated. It was a fun little foray into the Internet and getting paid to write about a product seemed fun. Epinions was later acquired by eBay and shuttered in 2014.

That has not stopped a whole new set of companies to appear offering similar things. Sometimes you get free stuff, sometimes you get paid.

- ReviewStream Write a review, get paid if it meets their quality guidelines (get paid 1/5th if it doesn't), plus bonuses for votes.
- <u>SoftwareJudge</u> Write reviews for software products
- <u>Ciao!</u> (UK)

- **Gen.video** Video based reviews and you earn a revenue share.
- SharedReviews

Miscellaneous

If the site didn't fit any other category, it's here!

- Radio Loyalty Listen to the radio through their app, get points. Boom.
- Naming Force Business name contests, you get paid if your name is picked.
- <u>Certified Field Associate</u> Mystery shop movie theaters!

Used Books

Bookscouter

My best recommendation is to check book prices on **BookScouter**, which will check the selling price on 55 different vendors. The list will include the offer price, how they pay (Paypal, check, etc.) as well as whether they pay for shipping and under what terms. If you have a lot of books to sell, they can search up to 3000 ISBNs in a single request if you upgrade to BookScouter Pro. There is also historical prices too in case you want to review trends.

Amazon.com

Bookscouter will give you Amazon.com's trade in value, where you mail Amazon the book and get a gift card, they will not give you the used selling price because it's hard to compare apples to oranges. You may be able to get more for your book by selling it as a used book on Amazon, so be sure to double check that price. As an example, the trade in value of a book I looked up was \$7.87 but used copies were on sale for \$19.87.

If you're a fan of Amazon, you might want to see our **Amazon hacks**, including how to get \$5 for using their app!

Junk Mail

I hate junk mail but did you know you can sell it? These are companies that will, in some way, turn your mail into money.

- <u>The Hauser Group</u> They are a marketing company that will mail you letters and ask you to report on them, like when they arrived. You are paid per item reported. They have pretty wide coverage already but you might get lucky if you sign up as an agent. This is often known as a "mail decoy" job.
- Quotas Another postal quality survey company based out of Germany.
- <u>Small Business Knowledge Center</u> They will pay you to send them your junk mail if you qualify.
- <u>US Monitor</u> Another test mail service where you get paid per item reported.

Stock Photos

Fancy yourself a photographer? You could get paid for your photos!

Stock photography has become a big business and you can list your work on a lot of sites, earning a nice little income for yourself. Some sites will take all contributions, others will require you to apply, submit samples, and be accepted.

For example, iStockPhoto.com, owned by Getty Images, requires you to <u>apply to be</u> <u>a contributor</u>. You can submit Photos, Illustrations, Video and Audio but you will need three samples of your work. If accepted, you'll be paid a 15% commission for each file downloaded and if you agree to be exclusive. If you make iStock your exclusive royalty-free agent, you can earn up to 45% with additional attention.

<u>Shutterstock</u>, on the other hand, doesn't have a formal application process and anyone can create a contributor account. You retain copyright for your work and are paid each time your photo is downloaded based on a schedule.

Here's a list of popular stock photography sites:

- iStockPhoto.com
- StockUnlimited
- **Dreamstime**

- Crestock.com
- Fotolia.com
- Veer.com
- Shutterstock.com
- PhotoStockPlus.com
- Shutterpoint.com
- BigStockPhoto.com
- 123RoyaltyFree.com

Old Electronics

Do you have an old phone, tablet, or other piece of electronic equipment you aren't using? See if you can turn it into cash! There are a lot of services online that will let you instantly see how much your old electronics are worth and many are easy to use.

I've looked up the value of a good condition iPhone 6 on Verizon, 64GB, Space Gray, and listed it below next to each of the sites. Price quote is from the end of March.

- Gazelle \$210
- Amazon Trade-In \$262.53 (Amazon Credit)
- Best Buy Trade-In \$244
- NextWorth \$320
- <u>eBay Valet</u> \$391 and sell it yourself for standard eBay fees or pay 20-40% for the Valet service.
- **GreenBuyback** \$210
- **Swappa** Listing site, like eBay for electronics, so they don't buy it back directly.

Make Videos

Have you heard about PewDiePie? Jenna Marbles? How about EvanTubeHD? They all make hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars a year through Youtube.

MILLIONS, It's insane.

EvanTubeHD, by the way, is an 8-year-old (Evan) and his dad (Jared) and has 2.7 million subscribers. He's eight! And he reviews toys and other kids love it. It's absolutely amazing, good for them!

If you want to make money with videos, we all know about Youtube, but there are a litany of sites that will turn your videos into cash.

- Youtube Share of advertising
- **Dailymotion** Share of advertising
- Metacafe Share of advertising
- **Brightcove** instead of advertising, you sell video and get 70% of sales

Unused Computer Resources

Years ago, I remember installing <u>SETI@Home</u> to donate my computer's unused time towards finding extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI stands for SEarch for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). SETI@home still exists but a new set of companies have cropped up and they will pay you to run an application on your computer – **don't do them**.

You'll see lists of sites and companies elsewhere, they're usually out of date. Many of the companies (Gomez, Slicify, CoinBeez, etc.) are out of business. Gomez BBB listing states that they are believed to be **out of business**, though the website is up and taking registrations.

The ones that are left pay out very poorly, which explains why the other guys went out of business! I kept this listing here in case I find anything good but I suspect it's a fool's errand.

Luxury Goods

If you have luxury goods, like high end clothes or accessories, and you aren't using them anymore, why not sell them? Rather than turn to sites like eBay, which everyone already knows about, you can try one of several high end online consignment stores.

The two popular ones are <u>Poshmark</u> and <u>TheRealReal</u>. Both make it dead simple to sell (and buy!) luxury items. The RealReal will pay you 60% of the sale price (more if you sell a lot) and Poshmark has a tiered commission structure. Sale prices under \$15 pay a \$2.95 flat fee and everything else is just 20%. <u>Tradesy</u> is another company and they take just 9%.

I hope you enjoyed this guide!

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If you are already a member of the Wallet Hacks family, consider sending this guide to a friend who might love it!

Thanks!

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