

Side Hustle Guide

A Practical Directory of Side Jobs, What They Involve, and Where to Find Them

Delivery & Transportation

Grocery Delivery · Restaurant Food Delivery · Package & Other Delivery · Rideshare Driving

Home & Property

Home Rental / Hosting · Car Rental · Parking Space Rental · Renting Your Stuff

Handyman & Physical Work

Moving & Hauling · Handyman Services · Lawn Care & Landscaping · Cleaning Services

Care Services

Babysitting / Nanny Work · Childcare / After-School Care · Elder Care / Companionship · Special Needs Care · Pet Sitting & Dog Walking

Tutoring & Academic Education

Academic Tutoring · Language Tutoring · Test Prep Coaching

Adult Education & Teaching

Community Adult Ed Instructor · Online Course Creator · Workshop & Seminar Leader · Corporate Trainer · Adjunct College Instructor

Freelance Writing & Editing

Freelance Writing · Blogging · eBook Writing · Proofreading & Editing

Design, Creative & Media

Graphic Design · Arts & Crafts Sales · Photography · Video Creation · Voice-Over Work

Tech & Digital Services

Web Development · Social Media Management · Virtual Assistant · AI & Automation Consulting

Fitness & Wellness

Personal Training · Yoga / Group Fitness · Massage Therapy · Nutrition Coaching

Selling & Reselling

Selling Used Items · Thrift Flipping / Reselling · Print-on-Demand

Finance & Consulting

Bookkeeping · Tax Preparation · Business Consulting

Surveys, Tasks & Micro-Work

Online Surveys · Micro-Tasks · Mystery Shopping · Research Studies & Focus Groups

Quick Tips for Getting Started

Start small. Pick one or two hustles that match your interests and skills you already have.

Track your earnings and expenses. Gig income is typically taxable. Good record-keeping will reduce stress at tax time.

Don't overlook local options. Word of mouth, Nextdoor, community bulletin boards, and local Facebook groups are powerful ways to find clients, especially for in-person services.

Read reviews of platforms before signing up. Pay structures, fees, and work availability vary. Choose platforms that are well-regarded in your area.

Build your reputation early. On most platforms, ratings and reviews are important. Deliver great service from the start.

Watch out for scams. Legitimate platforms never ask you to pay large upfront fees or wire money. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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Delivery & Transportation			
	Grocery Delivery	Shop for and deliver groceries. Flexible hours; you choose when to work.	Instacart , Shipt
	Restaurant Food Delivery	Pick up food orders from restaurants and deliver to customers.	DoorDash , Uber Eats , Grubhub
	Package & Other Delivery	Deliver packages or other items on flexible schedules. Note: Amazon Flex requires age 21+; Favor is Texas-only.	Amazon Flex , Roadie , Veho Also: local courier services, florists, catering companies
	Rideshare Driving	Drive passengers to their destinations using your own car. Set your own hours.	Uber , Lyft
Home & Property			
	Home Rental / Hosting	Rent out a spare room or your whole home to travelers. Check local short-term rental laws before listing.	Airbnb , VRBO , Furnished Finder Also: local property management companies, Craigslist
	Car Rental	Rent out your vehicle when not in use. Turo is the only major US peer-to-peer option (Getaround and HyreCar shut down in the US in early 2025).	Turo
	Parking Space Rental	Rent your driveway or parking spot—especially valuable near stadiums, airports, or downtown.	SpotHero , Neighbor Also: Craigslist, signs on your property near event venues
	Renting Your Stuff	Rent out tools, cameras, sports equipment, or other items you own but don't use daily.	Hygglo , ShareGrid , Facebook Marketplace Also: Craigslist, community bulletin boards, Nextdoor
Handyman & Physical Work			
	Moving & Hauling	Help people move furniture, haul junk, or load/unload trucks. Physically demanding; consider injury insurance.	Dolly , Bellhops , TaskRabbit Also: Craigslist, word of mouth, local bulletin boards
	Handyman Services	Small home repairs, furniture assembly, TV mounting, and similar tasks.	TaskRabbit , Handy , Thumbtack Also: word of mouth, flyers in local businesses, Nextdoor
	Lawn Care & Landscaping	Mow lawns, trim hedges, rake leaves, or do basic landscaping.	LawnLove , TaskRabbit Also: door-to-door flyers, word of mouth, Nextdoor , Craigslist
	Cleaning Services	Clean homes or offices. Specialize in move-out cleans or Airbnb turnovers for higher pay.	Handy , Thumbtack , TaskRabbit Also: word of mouth, local Airbnb hosts, Craigslist, flyers
Care Services			
	Babysitting / Nanny Work	Watch children in their home or yours. Evening and weekend availability is especially in demand.	Care.com , UrbanSitter , Sittercity Also: word of mouth, church and school bulletin boards, local parent groups, Nextdoor
	Childcare / After-School Care	Regular part-time childcare, school pickup, or homework help.	Care.com , UrbanSitter , Wyndy Also: word of mouth, school newsletters, local parent Facebook groups, community center boards
	Elder Care / Companionship	Assist seniors with errands, meals, light housekeeping, or companionship. Growing demand.	Care.com , Honor , CareLinx , Papa Also: local home care agencies, senior centers, church communities, Area Agency on Aging

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	Special Needs Care	Support individuals with disabilities or special needs. Higher pay; may require specific training.	Care.com , BrightSpring Also: local disability services agencies, school district special ed departments, word of mouth
	Pet Sitting & Dog Walking	Walk dogs, board pets, or do drop-in visits. Note: Wag! charges 40% fee vs. Rover's 20%.	Rover , Wag! , PetSitter.com Also: word of mouth, flyers at vet offices and pet stores, Nextdoor
Tutoring & Academic Education			
	Academic Tutoring	Help K–12 or college students with math, science, English, and more. In-person or online.	Tutor.com , Wyzant , Varsity Tutors Also: local tutoring centers (Kumon, Mathnasium), school bulletin boards, word of mouth, library postings
	Language Tutoring	Teach English or other languages to students worldwide, usually via video call.	Preply , Cambly , iTalki Also: local immigrant/refugee service organizations, community colleges, cultural centers
	Test Prep Coaching	Help students prepare for SAT, ACT, GRE, or other standardized tests. Commands premium rates.	Wyzant , Varsity Tutors , Kaplan Also: The Princeton Review, local test prep centers, high school guidance offices, word of mouth
Adult Education & Teaching			
	Community Adult Ed Instructor	Teach practical classes—homebuying, personal finance, cooking, photography, and more—through continuing education programs.	Ed2Go Also: local school district community education, community college continuing ed, parks & recreation departments
	Online Course Creator	Create and sell video courses reaching millions of potential learners. High upfront effort, ongoing passive income. Note: Coursera is primarily institutional.	Udemy , Skillshare , Teachable Also: Thinkific, Kajabi, Podia
	Workshop & Seminar Leader	Lead in-person or virtual workshops at libraries, community centers, or coworking spaces.	Eventbrite , Thumbtack Also: local libraries, community centers, coworking spaces, adult learning centers, houses of worship
	Corporate Trainer	Teach professional development—leadership, software, communication, compliance—to company employees.	LinkedIn , Upwork , Clarity.fm Also: local Chamber of Commerce, professional associations, direct outreach to HR departments
	Adjunct College Instructor	Teach one or two courses per semester at a community college. Usually requires a master's or doctoral degree.	HigherEdJobs , Indeed Also: Chronicle of Higher Education Jobs , apply directly through community college HR websites
Freelance Writing & Editing			
	Freelance Writing	Write articles, blog posts, marketing copy, or technical content for businesses.	Upwork , Fiverr , Contently Also: local newspapers, regional magazines, small business networking groups
	Blogging	Start a blog and earn through ads, sponsorships, and affiliate links. Takes time to build.	WordPress , Medium , Substack Also: Ghost, Patreon
	eBook Writing	Write and self-publish fiction or nonfiction eBooks. No publisher needed.	Kindle Direct Publishing , Draft2Digital Also: IngramSpark , local writers' groups for feedback and networking

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	Proofreading & Editing	Review documents for grammar, spelling, and clarity.	Scribendi , Reedsy , Fiverr Also: word of mouth, local businesses, college students (campus bulletin boards)
Design, Creative & Media			
	Graphic Design	Create logos, social media graphics, flyers, and other visual content.	Fiverr , 99designs , Upwork Also: local print shops, small business networking events
	Arts & Crafts Sales	Sell handmade jewelry, art, pottery, candles, or other crafts.	Etsy , Amazon Handmade , Redbubble Also: local craft fairs, farmers' markets, consignment shops, holiday bazaars
	Photography	Sell stock photos or do event, portrait, or product photography.	Shutterstock , Adobe Stock , Alamy Also: word of mouth, local event venues, wedding planners, real estate agents
	Video Creation	Create YouTube content, edit videos for clients, or livestream.	YouTube , Fiverr , Twitch
	Voice-Over Work	Record narration for audiobooks, commercials, or podcasts from a home studio.	Voices.com , Voice123 , ACX Also: local recording studios, radio stations, ad agencies
Tech & Digital Services			
	Web Development	Build or maintain websites for small businesses. Even basic WordPress skills are in demand.	Upwork , Toptal , Fiverr Also: local business networking groups, Chamber of Commerce, word of mouth
	Social Media Management	Manage posting schedules, create content, and grow social accounts for businesses.	Upwork , Fiverr , LinkedIn Also: approach local businesses directly, small business networking events
	Virtual Assistant	Handle email, scheduling, data entry, and admin tasks remotely. Note: BELAY excludes CA, CO, MT, NJ, NY, PA.	BELAY , Time Etc , Upwork Also: Boldly , Fancy Hands
	AI & Automation Consulting	Help businesses adopt AI tools and automate workflows. Fast-growing field.	Upwork , Toptal , LinkedIn Also: local business meetups, professional associations, tech user groups
Fitness & Wellness			
	Personal Training	Train clients one-on-one or in small groups, in person or online. Certifications boost rates.	Trainerize , Thumbtack Also: local gyms (as a contract trainer), community centers, parks & recreation departments, word of mouth
	Yoga / Group Fitness	Teach yoga, Pilates, Zumba, or other group classes at studios or virtually.	ClassPass , Mindbody Also: local yoga/fitness studios, community centers, corporate wellness programs, parks & rec
	Massage Therapy	Provide in-home or studio-based massage. Requires certification in most states.	Zeel , Soothe , Thumbtack Also: local spas, chiropractors' offices, gyms, word of mouth
	Nutrition Coaching	Create meal plans and guide clients toward healthier eating. Can be done entirely online.	Thumbtack , Upwork Also: local gyms, health food stores, wellness centers, word of mouth

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	Selling Used Items	Declutter and sell clothes, electronics, furniture, or other things you no longer need.	eBay , Facebook Marketplace , Poshmark Also: garage/yard sales, local consignment shops, flea markets
	Thrift Flipping / Reselling	Buy underpriced items at thrift stores or garage sales and resell for profit.	eBay , Mercari , Depop Also: OfferUp , flea markets, swap meets, local buy/sell groups
	Print-on-Demand	Design graphics for t-shirts, mugs, or phone cases. Printed and shipped only when ordered—no inventory risk.	Redbubble , Printful , Merch by Amazon Also: TeePublic , Society6
Finance & Consulting			
	Bookkeeping	Manage financial records for small businesses remotely. Note: QuickBooks ProAdvisor program restructuring by Jan 2027.	QuickBooks ProAdvisor , Upwork , BELAY Also: Bench , word of mouth, local small business associations, Chamber of Commerce
	Tax Preparation	Prepare tax returns during tax season. Seasonal but high-demand (Jan–Apr).	H&R Block , Jackson Hewitt , Intuit Also: local accounting firms (seasonal hires), word of mouth, community tax prep events (VITA)
	Business Consulting	Advise small businesses on strategy, marketing, or operations. Leverage your expertise.	Clarity.fm , Upwork , LinkedIn Also: local SCORE chapters, Chamber of Commerce, professional associations, networking events
Surveys, Tasks & Micro-Work			
	Online Surveys	Answer surveys for market research companies. Low pay per task but easy to do during downtime.	Swagbucks , Survey Junkie , Prolific Also: InboxDollars , Branded Surveys
	Micro-Tasks	Complete small digital tasks like data labeling, image tagging, or content moderation. Note: Clickworker acquired by LXT in 2025.	Amazon Mechanical Turk , Clickworker , Appen Also: DataAnnotation.tech, Remotasks , Outlier AI
	Mystery Shopping	Visit stores or restaurants and report on the experience. Scam warning: never deposit a check and wire money back.	BestMark , Market Force , IntelliShop
	Research Studies & Focus Groups	Participate in research, clinical trials, or focus groups. Pay varies—interviews can pay \$50–\$300+ per session.	Respondent , Prolific , User Interviews Also: ClinicalTrials.gov , ResearchMatch , local university research departments, e.g. Schlesinger, Fieldwork, Focus Pointe Global, Craigslist

Note: Platform availability, pay rates, and requirements change frequently. Always check the latest information on each platform's website before getting started. Some gigs may require background checks, certifications, or specific equipment.

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