

WEIRD JOBS THAT PAY SUPRISINGLY WELL

Have you ever wanted to make a living eating ice cream, taking food pictures for your social media, or attending weddings every weekend? You may be in luck. Though you may have never considered these unconventional or weird jobs before, now is the time.

Ice Cream Taster

Ice cream tasters, otherwise known as food scientists, sensory analysts, or "flavorologists," can make up to \$60,000 a year. If you'd like to get paid to try out new ice cream flavours, this unconventional career path may be for you.

Professional Bridesmaid

If you find yourself providing advice and guidance for all of your friends' weddings, consider becoming a professional bridesmaid. Professional bridesmaids through the company Bridesmaid For Hire provide exceptional service and offer everything from day-of advice to giving a beautiful toast at the reception. You could earn up to \$1,000 per day.

Psychics

Psychics don't need much certification or training to make a decent living. If you think you've got a gift for reading people, get psychic premonitions, or think you may have a sixth sense of some kind, this career path may be for you. Psychics can earn up to \$100 per hour or roughly \$35,750 per year.

Fortune Cookie Writer

Fortune cookie writers can make serious money for their one-liners. The Guardian reports that one fortune cookie writer was paid \$0.75 per fortune back in 2000. Assuming you could write 500 fortunes per day, you would make about \$46/hour for 8 hours of work.

Animal Psychologist

Animal psychologists study the behaviour patterns of animals. They may observe animals in the wild or give lectures and teach classes as part of an academic program. If you're fascinated by the behaviour of animals or simply a true-and-true animal lover, this exciting career may be for you. Animal psychologists earn an average annual salary of \$35,000 to \$90,000.

Bingo Manager

Bingo managers supervise gaming workers in casinos or racetracks and facilitate pay-outs. Though you can't necessarily make big money calling out numbers at your local bingo hall, bingo managers at large establishments can really make a lot. The average salary for a bingo manager is between \$47,440 and \$103,116.

Pet Food Tester

Pet food testers evaluate a number of things that make dog food appealing to man's best friend — ingredients, nutritional value, and taste. You heard that right — you can get paid to eat dog food. If you don't mind chowing down on some kibble, you may be rewarded surprisingly well. Pet food testers can reportedly earn up to \$40,000 a year.

Voice-over Actor

Voice-over actors provide audio for television shows, commercials, movies, and more. If you're interested in getting into the acting industry, voice-over acting may be a great place to start. Voice-over actors can earn an average of \$39.87 per hour, or \$49,132 annually.

Food Photographer

Food photographers can make generous salaries, and don't even need to have a college degree. Food photographers may be hired by chefs or restaurants to capture beautiful images of food for promotional use. Their services may also be hired by magazines, newspapers, or cookbook publishers to take their food-related content to the next level. The average annual salary for a food photographer is \$39,987.

Professional Cuddler

Whether you're a big spoon or little spoon, consider becoming a professional cuddler. Samantha Hess, founder of Portland-based cuddle company Cuddle Up To Me, has made a living by offering platonic cuddling services. This out-of-the-box job can earn you some serious cash. Professional cuddlers hired by the business charge as much as \$80 an hour, and sessions can last 90 minutes to three hours on average.

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