

# Fast Track to Employment – Work From Home Jobs in 2020 and Beyond

As the [coronavirus](#) (COVID-19) was declared a pandemic, businesses across the globe shut down their offices and transitioned their employees to remote work. Many professionals have stated that COVID-19 pandemic “is the world’s largest work from home experiment” and that remote work can be successful on a large scale. In 2020 and beyond, improvements in technology and the birth of social media have ushered in a new wave of WFH job opportunities.

If you want to coast into the future with real skills that pay, check out these work-at-home jobs for 2020 and beyond:

## Contact Tracers

States and cities have already made efforts to boost contact tracing staffing to contain the spread of COVID-19. Contact tracers cold-call people who may have been exposed to the coronavirus and work full time or part time. Pay for contact tracers, who are largely recruited by state and local governments, is often \$17 to \$25 per hour. Some contact tracers also receive benefits.

People who want to work as contact tracers need to be comfortable on the phone and able to gather detailed information from COVID-19 patients and those they've encountered.

## Virtual Assistant

With so many businesses operating mostly, or even completely, online, it’s no wonder that many hire virtual assistants to help keep them organized and complete administrative tasks. According to the International Virtual Assistants Association, these workers are “independent contractors who (from a remote location, usually their home or office) support multiple clients in a variety of industries by providing administrative, creative, and technical services.”

Although virtual assistant jobs vary drastically, tasks can include composing and responding to emails, creating and distributing business-related documents, responding to media and business inquiries, writing and creating content, and more. Check out virtual assistant jobs at sites such as [Upwork.com](#) and [Zirtual.com](#).

While pay varies, virtual assistants average around [\\$26,350 a year](#), with the top percentage making \$43,000. However, what you'll earn depends on who you work for and the level of skill required for your daily tasks.

## Medical Transcriptionist

Although many medical transcriptionists work for hospitals or physician's offices, most can work at home, and at a time or place of their choosing. Since their tasks involve transcribing recorded medical dictation, a computer, desk, and earpiece are generally the only requirements after completing a postsecondary medical transcriptionist program.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (BLS), medical transcriptionists earned a national median wage of \$34,770 in May of 2018, or \$16.72 an hour. Although many medical transcriptionists are self-employed, many find jobs through their local hospital, physician, or community college or vocational school.

## Translator

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, most translators do their work at home, and often under tight deadlines. Although some need a bachelor's degree, the most important requirement for translators is, of course, fluency in at least two languages.

As the [BLS](#) notes, around 22% of translators were self-employed in 2018. The majority were spread among these industries: professional, scientific, and technical services (33%); state, local, and private educational services (18%); hospitals (8%); and government (8%).

The national median wage for this career was \$49,930 in 2018, although the top 10% of workers earned an average of \$90,610. Look for job postings for translators on sites like [Upwork.com](#).

## Web Developer

It's easy to build your own website if you take advantage of the many free learning opportunities online. However, much of the population isn't equipped to build their own site or don't have the time, which is why so many people make a living building websites and blogs for others. According to the [BLS](#), around 16% of web developers were self-employed in 2018, with the vast majority able to work at home, or anywhere with a laptop and speedy Internet connection.

The [national median wage](#) for web developers was \$69,430 in 2018, with the top 10% earning an average of \$124,480. And you typically don't need an advanced degree to begin working in this field. All you need is some postsecondary education, applicable experience, and a portfolio of successful sites you've built and managed. There are even intensive [coding boot camps designed to teach programming skills in just a few short months](#).

## **Travel Agent**

Although the demand is expected to decrease over the next decade, the opportunities are still there for travel agents who can harness the Internet to earn clients and help them plan their adventures. According to the BLS, job prospects may be best for travel agents who offer expertise in certain regions of the world, have experience planning tours or adventures, or who focus on group travel.

Around [11% of travel agents](#) were self-employed in 2018, but the vast majority of the rest of them worked in the travel arrangement and reservation services industry. Travel agents earned a national median wage of [\\$38,700 in 2018](#).

## **Freelance Writer**

More than ever, writers are needed to formulate news articles, create content, and come up with creative ideas that fill the pages of nearly every site on the Internet. And although many bigger sites have in-house writers, a growing number of sites outsource their content and hire freelance writers and content creators. Writing experience is very helpful, but what you really need to get started are drive, ambition, and the ability to find a unique angle on events that happen every day.

Sites like [Upwork.com](https://www.upwork.com), [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com) and [Media Bistro](https://www.media-bistro.com) list online freelancing positions. To get hired, you'll likely need to have a portfolio of solid work, or at least some writing samples you can include with your resume. While writing fees vary depending on the job and the freelancer, many writers earn at least \$150 per article and some earn up to \$1,500 per finished piece. The [BLS](https://www.bls.gov) notes that writers earned a median wage of \$62,170 nationally in 2018, although the top 10% of workers earned around \$121,670.

## **Social Media Manager**

Almost every big business has gotten on the social media bandwagon to reach their customers directly, and without paying heavily for television, print, or radio ads. But not every big business has someone to manage their social media accounts, which is why more individuals have begun marketing themselves as social media managers and helping businesses grow their online following and expand their reach.

Although very little data is available for this work-at-home job since it is relatively new, thousands of listings for social media managers can be found on sites like [CareerBuilder.com](https://www.careerbuilder.com), [SimplyHired.com](https://www.simplyhired.com), and [Upwork.com](https://www.upwork.com). If you have a demonstrated command of social media and a sizable following, you might even be able to get started by reaching out to companies directly and asking if they need help. According to Glassdoor, social media managers average [\\$50,473 a year](https://www.glassdoor.com).

## **Data Entry**

A wide range of businesses need workers to enter various data into their systems, whether that data is used to track inventory or shipments, create business plans, or measure performance or output. And since a computer and typing skills are the most important requirements for this job, many data entry workers can work at home, and on a schedule that fits their lives.

According to the BLS, [data entry workers](https://www.bls.gov) earned a national median wage of \$33,740 in 2018, although the top 10% earned more like \$48,010. Since many data entry jobs are at-home jobs, you can always find dozens of data entry job postings on sites

like [Upwork.com](https://www.upwork.com), [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com), and [SimplyHired.com](https://www.simplyhired.com), as well as dozens of others.

## Call-Center Representative

Many businesses need workers who can answer the phone at all hours, assist customers, and process orders or deal with returns. But since more businesses are operating online, a growing number of these jobs are going to customer service workers who work at home.

Being an at-home call-center rep requires a computer and may require specific software or equipment. A great phone voice helps as well, as does any experience in customer service, data entry, retail sales, or management. Dozens of sites list job openings for call-center representatives, including [Upwork.com](https://www.upwork.com), [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com), and [SimplyHired.com](https://www.simplyhired.com). However, you may also find listings offered by local businesses in your local newspaper.

While it's hard to find exact pay for call center representatives who work at home, the [BLS](https://www.bls.gov) says these workers typically earn a base pay of around \$33,750 per year.

Even better, owning a blog can be an inexpensive way to start your own business, with domains costing an average of \$12 per year and Web hosting costing as little as \$7.99 per month.

## Immediate Job Openings- Work from Home

**Amazon** In addition to its nationwide physical locations, Amazon has “Virtual Locations” across the globe. Full-time remote jobs in the United States have the “US, Virtual” phrase in front of the Job ID number and do not include a state abbreviation. Most of Amazon current work from job openings are in these categories: Business and merchant development, Data security, Operations, IT, and Support Engineering, Sales, advertising, and account marketing, Software development and Solutions architect (i.e., Amazon Web Services and Alexa)

**Amwell** powers telehealth solutions for over 240 health systems is hiring to fill 5,000 positions across the country. Telehealth is the fastest growing area of healthcare. Positions available include WFH and flexible work in

customer support, IT, marketing, virtual and onsite support engineers. Apply online. [business.amwell.com/careers](https://business.amwell.com/careers)

**Chewy**- the fastest growing e-commerce retailer for pet supplies is hiring 10,000 customer service representatives to meet increased demand. Apply online [chewy.com/jobs](https://chewy.com/jobs)

**Facebook** plans to hire 10,000 work from home employees for its product and engineering teams. Apply online [facebook.com/careers/jobs](https://facebook.com/careers/jobs)

**LiveOps** is hiring 10,000 work-from-home customer service call center agents. Apply online <https://join.liveops.com/careers> mechanics. [Click here](#) to apply.

**SteadyApp** Download the free app where you can quickly find listings for part-time and hourly jobs that fit your schedule. Positions include food delivery and work from home opportunities. Steady also has a variety of tools to help you achieve your financial goals and track the extra income you could make. (Flyer attached)  
visit [steadyapp.com/equus](https://steadyapp.com/equus)  
or text EQUUS to STEADY (783239)  
to receive the link to get more information

**TEC** is hiring people to fill 10,000 work-from-home roles as data entry, customer service representatives and quality assurance specialists. Apply online. [Ttecjobs.com](https://Ttecjobs.com)

**Varsity Tutors** on online educational services company is expected to hire 10,000 instructors to work from home while teaching an online “virtual school day”. Apply online. [careers.varsitytutors.com](https://careers.varsitytutors.com)

**Zoom (ZM)**, the leader in modern enterprise video communication is hiring for work from home support and sales roles. Apply online. [zoom.us/careers](https://zoom.us/careers)

## **Tips on Finding Work-From-Home Jobs**

Besides those listed above, other websites that offer job postings include [Monster.com](https://Monster.com), [indeed.com](https://indeed.com), [Guru.com](https://Guru.com), [iFreelance.com](https://iFreelance.com), and [Freelanced.com](https://Freelanced.com). When searching for a traditional job site such as Monster or Indeed, use keywords like “telecommute” or “work-from-home” and enter “anywhere” or “remote” in the location field.

When you start looking for work-at-home jobs, it's crucial that you create a complete resume. And if you've done any online work, it might help to provide links to that work. References help, too, especially if you can list anyone who has overseen work you have done in any of these fields.

## **Is This Work-From-Home Job a Scam?**

Even though there are many legitimate work-at-home opportunities, the scams of years ago still exist. But it's up to you to find them and steer clear, and it's not always easy to tell the real deal from a scam.

According to the National Consumers League and Fraud.org, there are some steps to take and signs to watch out for when you're starting your search for a work-at-home job:

- **Research, research, research:** It's important to know exactly whom you're working for. When you find a job posting you're interested in, take special care to research the company that's hiring. Check them out with the Better Business Bureau and conduct a Web search for any complaints or less-than-stellar reviews.
- **Ask for references:** Any company that's hiring workers to work at home might have other people working for them as well. Ask how many and find out if you're able to contact any of them. If they are unwilling to provide references or contact information, it might not be a good sign.
- **Think long and hard before shelling out any money:** Some work-at-home jobs will require you to purchase materials or equipment to get started, and while that doesn't mean they're not legitimate, it should be a red flag. If you are asked to pay for equipment, make sure you understand what you're buying, and from whom. Also, ask about the return policy for your equipment if your new gig doesn't work out.