



Crazy Career Paths (and What They Pay)

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When you think about your industry, you probably know the major titles and their average earnings. And you may even know the info for a few dream jobs outside of your current career path. But what about for the more unusual jobs on the market? Have you ever wondered about the paycheck of a voice over artist or a crop duster?

Yeah, us neither—but now you want to know, right? Check out this infographic, which collects a handful of jobs that we didn't even know existed, and pairs them up with their surprisingly substantial salaries. Hey, why *not* consider a job on a submarine (or an oil rig, or a crime scene)? At least, well, for a minute.



> You know those jobs—the ones where you scratch your head and wonder if this is actually something that someone gets paid to do?

> Your second thought might be
“How can I get a job like that?”

> For most of us, a job means something traditional either working in an office or a business or telecommuting from home.

HERE'S A LIST OF **UNUSUAL JOBS** AND THEIR OFTEN SURPRISINGLY **HIGH SALARIES**.

ADVENTURERS ONLY NEED APPLY

If you are yearning to leave home and head to distant areas, then put the following jobs in your line of sight. ^[1]

• SUBMARINE COOK •

An Australian cook on a submarine can earn more than **\$187,000.** ^[1]

Even with only **6 YEARS** of experience, a cook makes as much as a junior admiral! ^[1]

While a cook's base salary is just under

\$60,000, this position is “critical to the Australian Navy” and warrants multiple bonuses and allowances. ^[1]

• OIL AND GAS DIVER •

Job tasks include inspecting and **installing rigs, welding, or laying pipe.** ^[1]

You'll need to work on an **oil or gas rig** for weeks at a time. ^[1]

A diver in this “growing field” can earn as much as

\$80,000 PER YEAR. ^[1]



• AIRPLANE REPO MAN •

Ever wonder what happens when someone **cannot pay for the plane** they just bought?



A repo man or woman can earn anywhere from

Repo men earn **6% to 10%** commission on the **"resale price"** of planes they find. ^[1]



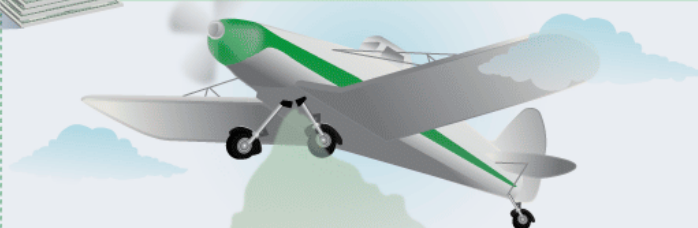
\$10,000 to \$900,000 per plane repossessed. ^[1]

• CROP DUSTER PILOT •

Though this job may sound like something from the **Alfred Hitchcock** flick "North by Northwest," crop duster pilots can earn



\$80,000 PER YEAR. ^{[2] [3]}



While the job is well paid, it is not without risks ...



dodging **electric wires** ^[3]



flying under **telephone wires** ^[3]



skimming the **roofs of buildings** ^[3]

• CRIME SCENE CLEANER •



Not for the **faint of heart** but necessary for police investigation work. ^[3]

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Those with a **weak stomach** should not apply. ^[3]

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Crime scene cleaners ...



clean up a **victim's blood** from a crime scene ^[3]

find **bodily fluids** ^[3]



hunt down the murder weapon and **key evidence** ^[3]



swab for later **testing at a chemical testing lab** ^[3]

Crime scene cleaners salaries start at around

\$35,000 per year. ^[4]



DESK JOBS WITH A TWIST

ETHICAL COMPUTER HACKER

You have heard of *hackers*, right?

So-called **ethical hackers** find glitches and weaknesses in the computer systems of businesses. ^[1]

These hackers can earn over **\$120,000 PER YEAR.** ^[1]

VOICE OVER ARTISTS

Those voices on the radio or on movies have a familiar ring to them, don't they?

Experienced voice actors can earn more than **\$300** for about **5 minutes** of finished audio work. ^[1]

Over the course of a year, some can earn between **\$50,000 TO \$80,000 PER YEAR.** ^[1]

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