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Thread: [18 years old, moved 8 hours from home making 90-100k a year](#)

ChanceTheRapper - August 29, 2017, 6:16 pm

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update:

I messaged the Business Management Director for one of the biggest construction contracting companies in the United States. He sent me his phone number and told me he wanted me to call him on my break. He told me he wants to pay for me to go to school to learn pipe welding and pay me for attending. Ill be making like \$8 more dollars an hour and \$60 more dollars perdiem!! Life is good.

Nachfolger - August 29, 2017, 6:20 pm

You must be compensating for something there, buddy.

ChanceTheRapper - August 29, 2017, 6:23 pm

Its definitely not incredible gas mileage either. I plan on putting a flat bed on it and turning it into a mobile rig. Rough terrain, gotta have big tires. I'm not a truck guy either.

MF D??M - August 29, 2017, 6:30 pm

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The only post in the bragging rights section that is worthy. Most the time it's kids flaunting the 2k they made once which will be gone in 2 weeks and they will be back to eating cheetos in mommys basement.

Congrats on long term income, you can grow from here too, hey maybe one day you can be the manager or own your own welding business. ?

ChanceTheRapper - August 29, 2017, 6:39 pm

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Ren - August 29, 2017, 6:41 pm

Congrats OP you made a great choice, there is a ton of money in welding. It was an option for me halfway through my senior year but instead I chose to be a equipment operator for reasons of me not being old enough to get a spot in any good welding schools... wasn't 18 when I made the decision. Honestly though I have no regrets I love running equipment but want a little more which is my I'm moving to cranes next season. The truck is sick I love rams especially the white ones lol I

hope to buy one of my own but a 3500 dually with a mega cab. What kind of welding are you doing, you out there doing pipeline?? I heard those guys are making a killing but it's quite the sacrifice.

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Sound like you got a plan, the emergency savings is #1 always have a good stash of cash as you never know what might happen (Truck needs repair etc)

ChanceTheRapper - August 29, 2017, 6:45 pm

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Truth - August 29, 2017, 6:47 pm

cool, How much do you pay monthly to live, truck payment, rent, food, etc

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ChanceTheRapper - August 29, 2017, 6:59 pm

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Dudeeeee talk about welding unions... my man there are boilermakers unions, sheet metal workers unions, iron worker unions, millwright unions, and local 798 the holy pipeline union. All of these are different aspects of construction but they all involve welding. The thing about unions is you do specifically what your job does. I may work as a ironworker, boilermaker, and fitter all in one day.

(Aug 29, 2017 06:47 PM)TryAgain Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) cool, How much do you pay monthly to live, truck

payment, rent, food, etc

Rent - \$440

Internet - \$100

Truck - \$550

Utilities \$100

Food - \$300

Diesel - \$200

Give or take some. I like to play a game called see how many days I can go without spending money. It's fun.

Ren - August 29, 2017, 7:20 pm

Yea I'm familiar with some of the unions you mentioned mostly iron workers and IUOE but I wasn't sure there was a welding union probably because they aren't too big idk?? Have you considered joining a union? They are great for anyone who starts young because you will have shit made for you by the time it comes to retire. I'm with Local 3 in the US and I can't imagine having to work nonunion with shitty wages and no benefits only thing bad is the political aspect but that's everywhere really I just stay out of it.

ChanceTheRapper - August 29, 2017, 7:27 pm

Not too big on unions bc if I want to quit my job I just say "load my box" and they take my shit to my truck and I take off as much time as I want. Call back when I want to work again.

Ren - August 29, 2017, 7:34 pm

Can only speak for my union but if your a journeyman you can roll ur shit up any time u want and take as much time off as u want which is how it should be no one or even a union should be allowed to tell u that u have to be working when they need u. All I'm saying though is it would be something great to look into ((imo))

vad0x - August 29, 2017, 7:38 pm

Awesome job man, hopefully everything works out for you at the end!

Rolex Gold - August 29, 2017, 11:26 pm

Threads like this are awesome.

Nothing more satisfying than seeing someone grinding at such a young age.

Keep it up man :)

3.14 - August 29, 2017, 11:59 pm

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GrandpaSherman - August 30, 2017, 12:02 am

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ChanceTheRapper - August 30, 2017, 10:20 am

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All bragging threads are like this, some are just more cocky than others
Tbh this one isnt even bad compared to what i've seen before

funtela - August 30, 2017, 10:26 am

Finally, a believable accomplishment. Congrats bro :) Never settle!

ChanceTheRapper - August 30, 2017, 3:28 pm

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swavy - August 30, 2017, 3:28 pm

Welding pays an absolute shitload, it's a really good field to go into.

funtela - August 30, 2017, 3:30 pm

(Aug 30, 2017 03:28 PM)ChanceTheRapper Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All you had to do was ask ?

You don't have to prove yourself to that asshole lol

ChrisyDTDM - August 30, 2017, 3:31 pm

Looking good bro ;)

What's the company?

?rew - August 30, 2017, 3:33 pm

(Aug 30, 2017 03:28 PM)ChanceTheRapper Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All you had to do was ask ?

Is this weekly, bi weekly etc you marked out the rate should show the rate, Don't really care tho.
Cool you where able to go the path you did, now a days you see a lot of highschoolers not taking these jobs and going to college just to get debt.

ChanceTheRapper - August 30, 2017, 3:36 pm

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funtela - August 30, 2017, 3:38 pm

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damm your legit

well gj i'm just standard rude against people here since 99.99% is fake :)

sorry for my post

ChanceTheRapper - August 30, 2017, 3:41 pm

(Aug 30, 2017 03:38 PM)Funtela Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How many hours do you usually work every week?

Fluctuates a lot man- between 50 and 84. I don't mind though I love what I do.

KingCharles - August 30, 2017, 9:19 pm

this is dope to see, you actually have something more than just pixels to flex

bdawn - August 30, 2017, 9:24 pm

18, huh? That's pretty good! Sadly, I'm making nowhere near that amount but hopefully I get close to that by the time I'm 21-22 and off with my degree.

Keep up the good work :D

OneEightSeven - August 30, 2017, 9:30 pm

Congrats dude. I hopefully can land a good job after I take these classes I'm wanting to major in

ChanceTheRapper - August 31, 2017, 6:03 pm

I have done zero college. Just practiced alot and put my name out there. The thing about learning a skill like this is all you have to do is prove it to the company one time and theyll pay you forever.

10x - August 31, 2017, 6:05 pm

(Aug 30, 2017 03:41 PM)ChanceTheRapper Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fluctuates a lot man- between 50 and 84. I don't mind though I love what I do.

Holy shit that is alot of hours to be working bro, no wonder you make so much loooool :)

Rajjhajj - August 31, 2017, 6:07 pm

I wish I had a cummins :(Im a cnc programmer and machinist tryna grind working for myself. We kinda in the same field. What kind of welding are you doing?

Top 3! - August 31, 2017, 6:11 pm

Lemme see your pay stub unless you're lying

swolemitch - August 31, 2017, 6:13 pm

Fucking smart kid, find a passion in something at a young age that you want in life and get it.

Fucking right i'm 19, im a personal trainer in Colorado making 60k a year. I do online training along with in person. Damn near, I work my ass off man. Keep it real

Dan. - August 31, 2017, 6:22 pm

You could have saved up for 6 months and just wrote a check for that truck. I mean seriously, you pay more for that truck than fucking rent.

Fuck car payments. But congrats on a great income, pile that shit into a 401k, roth, and mutual funds and you'll retire with double digit millions starting so young.

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If you are making car payments you haven't bought anything.

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Dan. - August 31, 2017, 6:28 pm

(Aug 31, 2017 06:26 PM)Zexo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Roth IRA's are the way to go friend.Hell yeah, you know it's good when they don't let rich people have them and there's a contribution limit.

ChanceTheRapper - August 31, 2017, 6:29 pm

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Yes sir.

I really wish more people knew about other retirement options.

You ask people about it and they have no idea what it is.

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SawCyanic - August 31, 2017, 6:32 pm

Nice truck, love me some Mopar.

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<https://www.churchillmortgage.com/no-score-loans>

It's truly amazing how much money you can save when you don't owe a penny to anybody. Trust me it'll make your life so much better, stress free, oh and you'll be wealthy beyond belief.

And if anyone has noticed I'm a Dave Ramsay freak, he's dah bomb.

ChanceTheRapper - September 20, 2017, 5:11 pm

Posted an update you guys might be interested in! Check it out.

Errors - September 20, 2017, 5:18 pm

(Aug 29, 2017 06:16 PM)ChanceTheRapper Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Snip

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What're you up to? I've been working on my TIG but just because, no real need to

Golfer - September 20, 2017, 5:30 pm

That's awesome man. It's nice to see people be successful after lots of hard work. Hopefully I'll be in a similar boat soon.

Olympus - September 20, 2017, 5:38 pm

That's really cool dude, thanks for sharing. I did something similar i dropped out in grade 11 to do a plumbing apprenticeship i'm now in my 2nd year about to go 3rd by the time i finish my apprenticeship i can be earning over 150k a year :O and potentially more if you run your own business. School was a waste of time in my eyes and drove me crazy created anxitey and was becoming depressed nothing worst going to a place where you don't want to be. (Mentally draining)

Darknuke08 - September 20, 2017, 5:45 pm

Good, love to see more people on my age live like I do :)

ChanceTheRapper - September 20, 2017, 6:33 pm

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