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Thread: [Making money offline is becoming more appealing to online](#)

Mark Ronson - October 28, 2024, 12:34 pm

Anyone else feels almost everything online is saturated, while offline things and businesses are becoming more valued / easier to make money with?

Like, unless one has an established position of some sort online, I'm fairly sure on average a plumber in my area makes much more than any online job or business an average Joe can fuck with. Most people making money online now are just shovel suppliers

It sorta feels like buying crypto at the top. However, I also recognize that most offline jobs have poor pay because most affluent countries import immigrants to do those for a poorer pay. Specializing in something, like a trade, may help with this

Stoner - October 28, 2024, 1:38 pm

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Omniscient - October 28, 2024, 1:50 pm

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Game - October 28, 2024, 2:34 pm

Yeah, honestly it's quite true. Tradesmen make a fair penny.

As Omni said, you have to be talented in some aspect, whether is be charisma, or an actual talent/skill.

There are those who know ways of exploiting their way to earn money online too.

I've made money by playing games (around \$800) in 4 weeks through sponsorships which has carried me while being unemployed.

Doug Dimmadome - October 28, 2024, 4:08 pm

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If you're talking about starting your own business that's a little different, but I'd also say maybe

you're going about it wrong if you think everything is saturated. I've started a business in the past and know lots of other people (including the greater portion of my family) who have started businesses and the most successful ones all have one thing in common:

They didn't come up with an idea to start a business, they started a business because they had an idea.

I think this holds true because those are the people who are passionate about the solution, they're not just looking at it as a way to make money. They enjoy what they do and the craft and it shows through in the business. There are obviously people who just want to start a business, come up with an idea for a business, and are successful, but I know far fewer of those.

Find something you're passionate about. Explore it on a deeper level. Get to know the pain points. Solve those pain points. Monetize the solution.

ughhmmmm - October 28, 2024, 4:20 pm

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Bluffer - October 28, 2024, 7:40 pm

IMHO online money can be great as a side income but is not going to be enough to live off. It can be extremely time consuming. Back when I lived with the parents it was great to sell shit on hf and have an income and not have to work at micky ds but it was never a livable income.

If you're smart you take time to learn skills in making money online and turn that into real world income.

I've built myself a career and use a lot of skills self taught from selling shit on hf. Crazy.

Pimping - October 28, 2024, 7:53 pm

In a way yes i do feel it

it was easier up until 2021 now everything is saturated. it is still possible to make a bit of money

online but not like before unless you find something good or have lots of money to invest

Jinu - October 28, 2024, 7:55 pm

That's an interesting perspective, and it makes sense. With so much competition online and the barrier to entry becoming lower, traditional trades or offline skills are becoming more appealing for stability and income. Many online markets are crowded, and while it's easier than ever to start something online, breaking through can be tough without an established presence. Offline work, especially skilled trades, often has consistent demand, and the value placed on those skills can stay high. Do you think more people are likely to turn back to these kinds of jobs?

Mark Ronson - October 29, 2024, 6:31 am

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Yeah, that's what I mean, you worded it better. However, I don't think traditional trades or offline skills are becoming more appealing (unless you mean economically), but rather the opposite currently, which is the reason the money you can make with those became higher. I don't know how the population will react to them becoming more appealing economically, the current young people at least in my area have other aspirations, such as becoming influencers or not do that kind of jobs anyway. I don't know how much of my argument here is regional or global, but I feel at least part of it is global, at least in the "developed" countries...

So in conclusion I don't know how the population will react, but myself, I made money online in the past years in a few ways and nowadays I don't feel like it's the +EV (expected value) deal anymore

InspectorGadget - October 29, 2024, 8:03 am

I disagree with your statement at the start - Offline earning has ALWAYS been the mainstream way to earn money.

Tradesmen or salaried workers have already been there and always will be.

I laugh at some people on their forum that work for themselves working 80 hours a week to earn \$1000 a month when any tradesman and office worker will be guaranteed to earn more for less hours.

Online earnings should be an addition to offline earnings IMO. I'd have to earn significantly more online for me to quit my offline job.

Sholi - November 14, 2024, 7:11 am

It's a tough market, especially with how accessible and easy everything has become.

You can literally become a software developer by just knowing how to use tools like ChatGPT.

You can literally become a designer just by knowing how to use tools like Midjourney. And so on, and so forth.

The barrier to entry is definitely lower than it has ever been. I guess it's about how bad you want something, and how much you enjoy doing it.

Mark Ronson - November 16, 2024, 12:40 am

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I wasn't referring to the general population, more like the type people around these forums and all that, you know what I mean?

Omniscient - May 15, 2026, 11:36 am

I agree that making money offline does seem very appealing. I often think how I'd love to work with my hands and do something creative like woodworking or building some art.

Mastercarder - May 15, 2026, 12:12 pm

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The plumber can start his own company too... The scalability of the internet is mostly taken advantaged of by entities with more capital and power than you, while with IRL businesses you have more margin to get some +EV imo