

Top 10 Dirty Jobs That Pay Well

Summary: *The jobs that no one else wants can quite often be very well-paying jobs if you are able to put up with the dirty work.*



While getting dirty may not sound glamorous, many jobs that require getting a little dirty or some danger pay very well. Here are the top 10:

10. **Garbage Collector** - Taking out the trash is a least favorite chore for many, but for a garbage collector, they are paid to essentially do that chore. They often work long grueling shifts in all kinds of weather. Many say they get used to the smell, but the job is definitely not for the faint of smell. The average salary is \$43,000 a year, but without overtime it is common for them to make over \$60,000 a year.

9. **Gastroenterologist** - Studying the digestive tract is not exciting or very pretty, but the job is rewarding. GI doctors diagnose and treat some of the most embarrassing and uncomfortable of ailments for patients and get paid richly for it. GIs make between \$250,000 and \$400,000 a year.

8. **Oil rig worker** - The world depends on oil, so companies that drill for oil are paid a lot to meet the demands. The work on an oil rig is dirty and very dangerous. You can expect to earn over \$40,000 a year for working 12-hour shifts for weeks at a time.

7. **Portable toilet cleaner** - Think of this job as the combination of a garbage collector and GI doctor,



but even more disgusting. Portable toilet cleaners use a giant vacuum truck to clean out the tank and then wash down all the surfaces. The process only takes a few minutes and pays \$50,000 a year.

6. **Crab Fisherman** - Fishing is a relaxing past time for some people, but for professional fisherman, it is a stressful and dangerous job. The environment is deadly, and so is the equipment the fisherman use. Why would anyone do the job? Because they can earn \$60,000 in a few months if the boat has a successful season.

5. **Sewer Inspector** - The things you can experience in the sewers are not for everyone. Dealing with rats, roaches, dark tunnels, and possible dead bodies are what sewer inspectors' deal with constantly. Their job is important because it ensures the **environment is kept clean**. The salary for the job is not bad, at an average of \$60,000 a year.

4. **Coal Miner** - This can be considered the most dangerous job out there. The gases inside mines result in explosions and cave-ins. Also, working with coal is downright dirty, getting all over clothes, skin, and even inside the lungs. The average salary for coal miners is \$64,000.

3. **Embalmer** - Embalmers work hard to preserve the decomposition of dead bodies so that funeral viewings are a more pleasant experience. The job requires washing the body with germicidal soap, massaging out stiffness, draining blood and gases, injecting embalming fluid, and then preparing the face. The average pay is only \$40,000, but can increase with experience.

2. **Plumber** - Living without indoor plumbing is almost unheard of in the United States. Plumbers keep our plumbing working by crouching under sinks and through crawl spaces to unclog drains at all hours of the day. They earn on average \$47,000 a year, but can make more with emergency and off-hour jobs.

1. **Crime Scene Cleaner** - The police investigators don't have time to clean up after a bloody crime or illegal chemical lab, so that is where crime scene cleaners come in. The job is not for anyone that gets slightly queasy at the sight of blood or emotional over dead bodies. They charge by the hour, and some jobs can take a few days to clean up, so taking home \$75,000 a year or more is normal.

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