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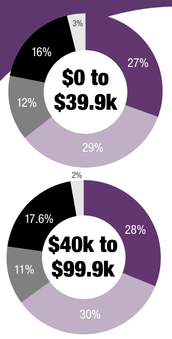
Why Are Workers Engaging in Enterprising and Informal Work?*

By Income

What is the **main** reason for engaging in paid or side work activities?

- To earn money as a primary source of income
- To earn extra money on top of pay from a current employment, retirement, pension, disability, or other regular source of income
- To earn extra money to help family members
- To maintain existing employment-related skills/to acquire new employment-related skills/to network/meet people
- Just for fun (as a hobby)

* The following summary statistics are based on qualified respondents to the Enterprising and Informal Work Activity Survey (n=2,483).



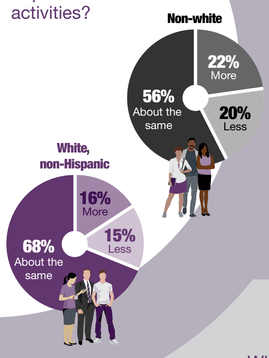
By Education

What is the **main** reason for engaging in paid or side work activities?

	Less than high school	High school	Some college	Bachelor's degree or higher
To earn money as a primary source of income	27%	26%	30%	22%
To earn extra money on top of pay from a current employment, retirement, pension, disability, or other regular source of income	28%	25%	27%	36%
To earn extra money to help family members	18%	12%	8%	6%
To maintain existing employment-related skills/to acquire new employment-related skills/to network/meet people	4%	4%	3%	3%
Just for fun (as a hobby)	13%	22%	19%	21%

By Race

Six months from now, how much time do you expect to devote to paid or side work activities?



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	White, non-Hispanic	Non-white
To earn money as a primary source of income	26%	27%
To earn extra money on top of pay from current employment, retirement, pension, disability, or other regular source of income	31%	25%
To earn extra money to help family members	8%	13%
To maintain existing employment-related skills/to acquire new employment-related skills/to network/meet people	3%	4%
Just for fun (as a hobby)	21%	18%

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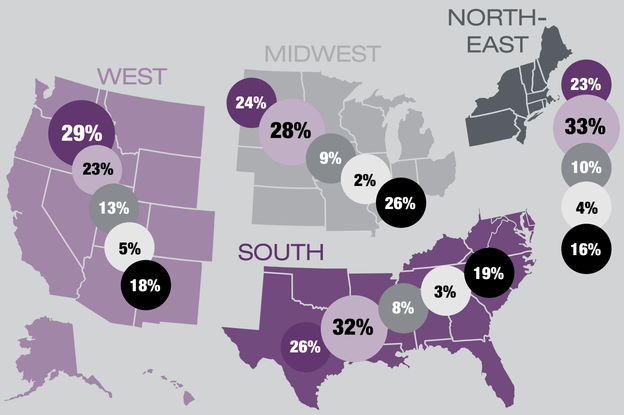
By Region



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Data for this infographic come from the Federal Reserve Board's *Survey of Enterprising and Informal Work Activities 2016*. For more information on the study, methodology, and chart book results, as well as access to the public survey data, please see the Board's website at www.federalreserve.gov/consumerscommunities/eiwa.htm.