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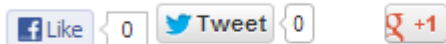
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## 130,000 Brits Moonlighting to Pay Bills and Clear Debts

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Britons are moonlighting in second jobs to earn cash to pay bills and clear debts, according to new research from freelance website **People Per Hour**.

The survey revealed that around 130,000 people have second jobs, with evening shifts being the most popular way to earn extra money, followed by weekend work. About a quarter of those working a second job managed to fit in some work during their lunch

hour.

The study highlighted that about 33 per cent say they moonlight to pay their heating and other regular bills, whilst about 25 per cent say it's to buy their food shopping.

Some 36 per cent stated that they work at a second job to fund a summer holiday, whilst 10 per cent say it is to save up a house deposit.

The **People Per Hour** survey found that the most popular cities in the UK for second jobs were **Liverpool and Manchester**, followed by **Bolton, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Leeds**. Typically wages can be about £5000-£8000 less in the North of England for much the same job, although the cost of living is cheaper, mainly due to lower housing costs.

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## How to Make Extra Cash

**People Per Hour** say that many freelancers are now using the internet to find work online.

Many basic services, such as ironing, gardening, bicycle repairs, odd jobs etc are ideal and all you need to do is spend

time posting links and ads online.

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But many professionals are now offering accountancy, teaching for GCSE/A Level exams, web design or translation of technical articles and papers.

Sites where you can post an ad offering your freelance services include **Gumtree**, or you could use **Twitter** and **Facebook** to showcase your skill or service. If you have a technical skill, or a trade like plastering, decorating, plumbing etc then **Rated People** could be ideal.

If you specialise in wedding related services then **Pinterest** could be useful too.

If you have **IT, web design, marketing, PR or sales skills**, then join relevant groups on **LinkedIn** and make the most of your local business network.

Don't forget, you have to pay tax on your freelance earnings, but you can claim expenses too. Simple profit and loss self assessment under £15,000 a year is fairly easy to do with **HMRC**.

Some websites like People Per Hour will take a percentage of your earnings and you may have trouble getting paid if the client disputes the quality, speed or results gained from your work.

Never pay upfront fees to get a chance of freelance work, this is usually a sign of a scam.