

Invest in Yourself

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Question: What kind of a life do You believe an adult could have IF s/he could earn \$25/hr or more in a modest cost of living area in the USA in 2020? Your answer?

My belief is that if the adult is single, then the adult could work part time for about 20 hrs. per week (\$500/wk) and live a pretty good life from a financial perspective.

Two such adults could room together with a combined budget of about \$4,000/Month. Pretty good life from a financial perspective?

Or, an adult could live with some older person as a tenant and help out and live a pretty comfortable life for \$2,000/Month.

Either way the adult could do many other things of interest in the remaining 148 hrs in the week. Do you agree?

Suppose you are earning \$500/wk for 20 hours of part time work. You will find out that you can learn many other things very quickly if you are free to use the library and all the myriad online sources and learn from other students, and even teachers. Many teachers are eager to help an eager student learner even if the student is not enrolled in the class.

If the adult is the 'bread winner" in a family, then it would take about 40/hrs per week (\$1,000/wk) to provide a comfortable life for the family. The other parent would be free to raise the children.

Notice, by "adult" I mean any male or female no longer a child.

To achieve a \$25/hr income legally an adult will need to learn some skill that others will pay \$25/hr for this skill. Obviously!

So, my advice to any student is to plan to learn such a skill ASAP.

How? Invest in Yourself

First, try to figure out what kind of skill you think you would enjoy learning and practicing. It can be any type of service or activity people pay for. There are many such skills. Brainstorm and talk to people who have such skills.

Then, Find someone that has this skill and offer to work as an assistant to learn this skill, which probably will take a few years.

Work for free, if necessary, at first and then the skilled person will begin to pay you more and more as you become more and more valuable as an assistant. You might find a company that will do this too. But, more than likely it will be some small company or independent worker.

In order for this to work out, you must “learn to learn”. You must have discipline and a long term view for your life. The harder you work the faster you will master the skill. Many skills can be learned in a year or two of really dedicated effort. But, three or four years is fine too.

Now, suppose you decide to choose some technical skill you want to acquire. The challenge will be to get someone to hire you as an assistant.

The chances are that you will need to know what I call Workforce Math in order to understand the things you will need to learn about this technical skill. <https://workforcemath.com/> to see what this is about.

So, the first thing you should do is learn Workforce Math.

If you are in high school and your school will teach you Workforce Math, great! Go for it! Unfortunately, most schools don't.

In learning Workforce Math you will be 'learning to learn' as well as learning math. This is called gaining workforce maturity!

If your school won't or can't teach you Workforce Math, then you will need to “homeschool” yourself, hopefully with some adult “coach” to help you.

Thanks to modern technologies, you will be able to do this in just a few months and for a very low cost. Mostly, it will be your efforts as you learn math and learn to learn. Here's how!

A good place to begin is by Mastering the use of a \$10 TI30Xa Scientific Calculator to perform all arithmetic calculations. Today this can be done for about \$25 and 25 hours of your time. To see how visit:

<http://vastlysuperiormath.com/ms/>

Then learning Practical Workforce Math will be very easy and probably take you about one semester. You will be guided and educated how to do this most efficiently and inexpensively.

Then you will be ready to apprentice in virtually any technical field and will know more math than most high school graduates.

You will also be ready for a great Military career if that's your ambition. Many career paths now will be open for you.