

Where are the “Green” Jobs?

Industries where most green jobs are found in the private sector:

Keep in mind that for many of these industries (those indicated with a qualifier in parentheses), only a part of the industry reflects green jobs or green/sustainable employers. For example, in the publishing industry, only a small number of firms would be considered *sustainable publishers*. Other industries - without a qualifier in parentheses - would be considered all or mostly green.

- Agriculture and food related industries (sustainable/organic)
- Alternative fuel vehicles and related industries
- Alternative fuels
- Bicycle related industries
- Biotech and life sciences (when committed to green values)
- Cleaning and janitorial services (green cleaning)
- Clothing and accessories (organic/recyclable materials)
- Green building, sustainable design, energy efficiency industries
- Ecotourism (tourism focused on environmental protection/preservation and education)
- Environmental services (hazardous materials, groundwater contamination, oil spills)
- Landscaping and habitat restoration services (sustainable landscape design)
- Legal services (green business, environmental/regulatory and land-use law)
- Manufacturing and technology industries (when committed to green values or clean tech)
 - Agriculture technology R&D and manufacturing
 - Biofuel R&D and production (ethanol, biodiesel, synthetic biology, algae)
 - Smart Grid technology R&D and manufacturing
 - Solar technology R&D and manufacturing
 - Transportation technology R&D and manufacturing (electric vehicles, advanced batteries, fuel cells)
 - Wind technology R&D and manufacturing
 - Water technology R&D and manufacturing
- Pesticide services (natural/organic pesticides)
- Printing and publishing industries (when committed to sustainability)
- Public transportation (green/clean)
- Recycling and salvage industries (when committed to sustainability)
- Renewable energy industries (includes biofuel, biomass, geothermal, hydroelectricity, solar energy, tidal power, wave power and wind power)
- Socially responsible investing (SRI) services
- Utilities, electric and water (when committed to sustainability)



Types of public sector/government employers with green jobs

Federal agencies with green jobs include:

- **Army Corps of Engineers**
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- **Department of Energy**
- Environmental Protection Agency
- **Fish and Wildlife Service**
- Forest Service
- **Geological Survey (USGS)**
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- **National Park Service**
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

State agencies with green jobs include:

- Agriculture and Food Safety
- **Coastal Zone Management**
- Community and Economic Development
- Emergency Services
- Energy
- Fisheries and Wildlife Protection
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning
- **Pollution Control and Prevention**
- Public Health
- Water Resources

Local agencies (e.g. cities, counties and special districts) with green jobs include:

- Air Quality Management
- Conservation/Park Land Management
- Electricity
- Green Building
- Green Business
- Public Transportation
- Recycling
- Regional Planning
- Waste Management
- Water and Wastewater Treatment

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Top 25 Green Gigs

Here are just a few jobs with green opportunities out there:

1. **Hydrologist:** The median annual income is \$51,080.*
2. **Environmental Engineer:** The median annual income is \$50,000.
3. **Pest Control Technician:** The median annual income is \$30,500.
4. **Conservation Biologist:** The median annual income is \$52,480.
5. **Science Teacher:** The median annual ranges from \$41,400 to \$45,920.
6. **Toxicologist:** The median annual income is \$79,500.
7. **Pollution Control Technician:** The median annual income is \$32,000.
8. **Fund-raising Director:** The median annual income is \$45,000.
9. **Ecologist:** The median annual income is \$68,950.
10. **Camp Counselor:** The median annual income is \$19,320.
11. **Business Manager:** The median annual income is \$50,000.
12. **Economist:** The median annual income is \$72,780.
13. **Forester:** The median annual income is \$48,230.
14. **Environmental Attorney:** The median annual income is \$70,000.
15. **Community Affairs Manager:** The median annual income is \$56,000.
16. **Environmental Health/Safety Tech.:** The median annual income is \$35,500.
17. **Landscape Architect:** The median annual income is \$53,120.
18. **Waste Disposal Manager:** The median annual income is \$35,000.
19. **Environmental Chemist:** The median annual income is \$51,080.
20. **Corporate Waste Compliance Coord.:** The annual income is \$39,000.
21. **Urban and Regional Planner:** The median annual income is \$45,250.
22. **Agricultural Inspector:** The median annual income is \$35,000.
23. **Wastewater Water Operator:** The median annual income is \$35,000.
24. **Wildlife Biologist:** The median annual income is \$42,000.
25. **Pollution Control Engineer:** The median annual income is \$66,000.



* Salary information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Payscale.com.

“Green” Niche Employment and Resource Sites:

Be a Green Consultant – www.beagreenirene.com (independent business opportunity)

Care2.com - www.care2.com

Clean Edge Jobs – www.jobs.cleantech.com

CleanTech.org - www.cleantech.org

Clean Tech Recruits – www.cleantechrecruits.com

CoolWorks.com - www.coolworks.com

Clean Tech Recruits www.cleantechrecruits.com

Cyber-Sierra's Natural Resources Job Search - www.cyber-sierra.com/nrjobs

eco.ORG - www.eco.org

EcoEmploy.com - www.ecoemploy.com

EnergyCentralJobs.com - www.energycentraljobs.com

Environnemental Expert <http://www.enviromental-expert.com/>

EnviroEducation.com - www.enviroeducation.com

Environmental Career Opportunities - www.ecojobs.com

Environmental Expert – <http://www.environmental-expeert.com/>

Environmental-Jobs-Online- <http://environmentalcareer.com/green-careers-journal/>

Facebook.com – www.facebook.com Facebook Green Careers Center

Free Job Listings for Green Careers www.ihireenvironmental.com:

Green Career Center – www.greencareercenter.org

Green Career Central - www.greencareercentral.com

Green Career Journal – www.environmentalcareer.com

Green Careers Center (EnvironmentalCareer.com) - www.environmentalcareer.com

Green Careers Guide – www.greencareersguide.com www.careerbuilder.com

Green Careers Resource Guide – www.greencapitalalliance.org

Green Dream Jobs - www.sustainablebusiness.com/jobs

Green Jobs Guidebook Environmental Defense Fund – www.edf.org/cagreenjobs

Green Jobs Listing – www.greenjobs.go.com

Green Jobs Network - www.greenjobs.net

GreenBiz.com - www.greenbiz.com/jobs

Land Trust Alliance - <http://www.landtrustalliance.org/>

National Registry of Environmental Professionals - www.nrep.org

National Wildlife Federation - www.nwf.org

The Nature Conservancy - www.nature.org/careers/

New Scientist - www.newscientist.com

North American Association for Environmental Education - www.naaee.net

The Orion Society - www.orionsociety.org

RenewableEnergyJobs.com - www.renewableenergyjobs.com

The School for Field Studies - www.fieldstudies.org

TreeHugger - www.treehugger.com

USAJOBS - <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

US Green Building Council – www.careercenter.usgbc.org

