

## [How Much Is A Mom At Home Worth?](#)

Envision holding a position that has no beginning or no ending hours. No predictability, and very little in the way of routine. A job that often is not very structured, and it's primary qualifications are readiness, flexibility, awareness, and stamina. For stay-at-home moms, this is their daily life.

Opinions vary regarding what would comprise of a realistic income for stay-at-home moms. There are many opinions about whether being a stay-at-home mom should be classified as employment, in part due to the absence of usual employment perks, such as vacations, benefits, and break-times. I, myself, hold the view that being a stay-at-home mom is a very real job. In many ways it is more demanding than any other job there is. The boss here is the little one, dictating through tears and howls or pulls at your clothing when it is time to eat, time to sleep, time to play. And this doesn't get put on hold while managing the laundry, cleaning the house, paying bills, or doing any of the other duties affiliated with running a household. All those other obligations need to be juggled around the demands for attention, the diaper changes, the feedings, storytime, and doctor visits. The list could go on and on.

So still think its a easy job and anyone can do it. Guarantee take a corporate woman so use to hanging out with her friends at lunch and taking coffee breaks and enjoying her little chats with her co-workers and put her to stay at home with her kids for one day and she will go back to her office running. This is not a job for the weak or as I like to say quick quitter. This is a lifetime position.

So here we are back to the main question. What is a realistic income for a stay at home mom? Lets see. When you are a stay at home mom there is no handing off a task to someone else to help you do or asking co workers what could be done to make it better. Instead, you are the main counsel. All decision get their final answer from you. There is no outside resources or getting permission from your supervisor or waiting for that important phone call from the major client. Instead all you do revolves around your children. What will they eat, what will they do today, who has practice or dance class, who has a doctors appointment or who has to go see the dentist.

Considering all the professions out there that you do get paid for lets see how many stay at home moms would qualify for those jobs. Lets see you have to be a nurse, a cook, a cleaner, a driver, a problem solver, a plumber (for all those moms out there whose kids realized the joy of throwing there toys down the toilet and watching them go wee.) a cook, a mastermind at organization, a expert stain remover, a hair dresser ( for that chunk of gum sitting in your daughters hair) a teacher, a cook, a waitress, a banker( to handle all those bills and finances), a accountant(because money doesn't grow on trees you know), A major saver (prices are going up on everything), a handyman to fix all those toys that you stepped on in the process of doing 10,000 things at once, a laundress and last but not least a wife.

So yeah we don't have to punch in at 9 and punch out at 5 or drive through grid lock traffic and deal with deadlines or bosses breathing down our necks. But our days start before 9 and never end at 5. We kept going and going until at least half of what we planned on doing for the day is done. We don't get all dressed up in our uniforms or put on business suits. But i would pick my outfit over any suit any day. It may not be as glamorous or luxurious. But its me. I would pick my sweats or jeans and a T-shirt over any designer suit.

In reality, earning additional income while being at home with children and tending to the running of the household is not very practical. Five minutes of attention not devoted to one "must-do" or another is rarely found throughout the day. And if the option to earn money from home were as simple as some would have you believe, then certainly most people would opt to remain at home and work. No, there just isn't any feasibility in this idea. All things more important come first, and next on the list comes two minutes to sit and catch one's breath, not concerns over a few random dollars that might be earned instead.

I would venture to say that approximately \$15,000 per year would be fitting income for a stay-at-home mom, but of course this would vary depending on the number of children at one's feet daily. And though our personal demands do not include costly fancy coffee that we can barely pronounce, we do have a taste for something special for ourselves from time to time. A new bottle of perfume perhaps, or those slippers our feet have been screaming for...a manicure, or perhaps a new hairstyle. While no amount of money can replace the joy of growing up beside our children, some money couldn't hurt. After all, we're shaping the world's future leaders, from the crib onward. And for that, we deserve a little something extra ourselves. Anyone agree?

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