

THANK LESS JOBS

Underpaid? Overworked? Think you are in a thankless job? Take a look below to see which service workers deserve some TLC and which are doing just fine.

Starting Score

Percentage of difference between the job's median yearly salary and the median yearly salary of all jobs at the same education level.

Public Opinion

The positive or negative amount of public esteem and respect that exists for a job.

Stress

The amount of stress cause by factors like deadlines, risk to life, working with public.

Environment

The jobs' work environment and physical factors like frequent overtime, outdoors, noise, physical exertion.

Job	\$Salary	Req. Education	Score
			+/-X

Dentist
\$142,870 Doctorate **+60**

Police
\$51,410 Associate's **+17**

Nurse
\$62,450 Bachelor's **+10**

Firefighter
\$44,260 Associate's **+0**

Farmer
\$40,300 Associate's **-8**

Garbage Collector
\$31,200 Diploma/GED **-8**

IRS Agent
\$51,660 Bachelor's **-9**

Teacher
\$49,140 Bachelor's **-13**

Military
\$28,018 Diploma/GED **-18**

Social Worker
\$39,350 Bachelor's **-30**

A dentist's median average salary of \$142,870 is over 60% more than other people that earned a doctorate degree at \$88,867.

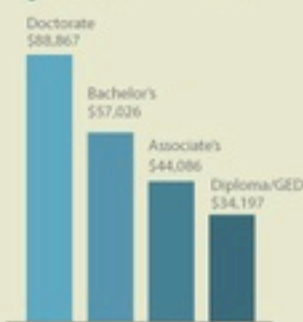
Social workers make 30% less than the average Bachelor's degree salary of \$57,026 with a median yearly salary of just \$39,350.

The garbage man and tax man get no respect.

Sorry dentists, no guilt from wishing I never had to visit you.

Police, fire, and military have the most stressful jobs.

Annual earnings by education level



A good reason to continue your education beyond high school.

The frequent praise for the military, fire, and police is well deserved, but let's not forget the all hard-working folks that serve, teach, heal, feed, and keep our cities clean.

APPRECIATED JOBS

THANKLESS JOBS

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Jobs we think are thankless, but just didn't have the data to size them up with the others.

Bus Drivers

Let's all give a nod, hello, or good morning, to the hard-working folks getting us, and the rest of the grumpy public, to and from the places we go.

Waiters/Bussers

Please leave a tip when you've received good service. It is part of their pay and they've earned it, because hungry people are cranky people.

Referees

Here is a job that, when done 99% perfect, you're still yelled at by hundreds of strangers.

Parents

This is not so much a job, but a responsibility. High fives to all the parents out there doing their best.

Volunteers

To the armies of people willing to roll up their sleeves and work when they see something needs doing and not just complaining about it.

Sources:

Salary - <http://www.bls.gov/oco/> - Military based on E5 with 4 years experienced.

Public Opinion - <http://www.harrisinteractive.com/vault/Harris-Interactive-Poll-Research-Pres-Occupations-2009-08.pdf> - Dentist used the Nurse data

Stress and Environment - <http://www.careercast.com/jobs-rated/jobs-rated-2010-ranking-200-jobs-best-worst> - Military used the Firefighters data

Earnings by educational level - <http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/acs-14.pdf>