

# 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](http://www.beagreenirene.com) (independent business opportunity)

**Care2.com** - [www.care2.com](http://www.care2.com)

**Clean Edge Jobs** – [www.jobs.cleantech.com](http://www.jobs.cleantech.com)

**CleanTech.org** - [www.cleantech.org](http://www.cleantech.org)

**Clean Tech Recruits** – [www.cleantechrecruits.com](http://www.cleantechrecruits.com)

**CoolWorks.com** - [www.coolworks.com](http://www.coolworks.com)

**Clean Tech Recruits** [www.cleantechrecruits.com](http://www.cleantechrecruits.com)

**Cyber-Sierra's Natural Resources Job Search** - [www.cyber-sierra.com/nrjobs](http://www.cyber-sierra.com/nrjobs)

**eco.ORG** - [www.eco.org](http://www.eco.org)

**EcoEmploy.com** - [www.ecoemploy.com](http://www.ecoemploy.com)

**EnergyCentralJobs.com** - [www.energycentraljobs.com](http://www.energycentraljobs.com)

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

**EnviroEducation.com** - [www.enviroeducation.com](http://www.enviroeducation.com)

**Environmental Career Opportunities** - [www.ecojobs.com](http://www.ecojobs.com)

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

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

**Facebook.com** – [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Facebook Green Careers Center

**Free Job Listings for Green Careers** [www.ihireenvironmental.com](http://www.ihireenvironmental.com):

**Green Career Center** – [www.greencareercenter.org](http://www.greencareercenter.org)

**Green Career Central** - [www.greencareercentral.com](http://www.greencareercentral.com)

**Green Career Journal** – [www.environmentalcareer.com](http://www.environmentalcareer.com)

**Green Careers Center (EnvironmentalCareer.com)** - [www.environmentalcareer.com](http://www.environmentalcareer.com)

**Green Careers Guide** – [www.greencareersguide.com](http://www.greencareersguide.com) [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)

**Green Careers Resource Guide** – [www.greencapitalalliance.org](http://www.greencapitalalliance.org)

**Green Dream Jobs** - [www.sustainablebusiness.com/jobs](http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/jobs)

**Green Jobs Guidebook Environmental Defense Fund** – [www.edf.org/cagreenjobs](http://www.edf.org/cagreenjobs)

**Green Jobs Listing** – [www.greenjobs.go.com](http://www.greenjobs.go.com)

**Green Jobs Network** - [www.greenjobs.net](http://www.greenjobs.net)

**GreenBiz.com** - [www.greenbiz.com/jobs](http://www.greenbiz.com/jobs)

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

**National Registry of Environmental Professionals** - [www.nrep.org](http://www.nrep.org)

**National Wildlife Federation** - [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

**The Nature Conservancy** - [www.nature.org/careers/](http://www.nature.org/careers/)

**New Scientist** - [www.newscientist.com](http://www.newscientist.com)

**North American Association for Environmental Education** - [www.naaee.net](http://www.naaee.net)

**The Orion Society** - [www.orionsociety.org](http://www.orionsociety.org)

**RenewableEnergyJobs.com** - [www.renewableenergyjobs.com](http://www.renewableenergyjobs.com)

**The School for Field Studies** - [www.fieldstudies.org](http://www.fieldstudies.org)

**TreeHugger** - [www.treehugger.com](http://www.treehugger.com)

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

**US Green Building Council** – [www.careercenter.usgbc.org](http://www.careercenter.usgbc.org)

