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Voice of Independents

Contract Interpreter Quick Facts

■ **Independent contractors are on the rise.**

Half of small business owners are independent contractors.

Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor

■ **Woman power.**

Three-quarters of freelance interpreters are women.

Interpreting Marketplace, Common Sense Advisory

■ **Independence isn't for dummies.**

78.9 percent of all interpreters have college degrees, with over 44 percent holding advanced degrees.

Interpreting Marketplace, Common Sense Advisory

■ **Mommy dearest.**

Women who work as independent contractors are 3.2 percent more likely to have preschool children than traditional workers.

Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor

■ **There's more to life than work.**

68.6 percent of contracting interpreters work less than 30 hours a week.

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■ **On their own.**

Over 10.5 million Americans are self-employed, with about 1 million more people reporting self-employment as a secondary source of income.

U.S. Department of Labor

■ **Contract interpreters are a happy group.**

70.5 percent of them prefer free agency to traditional work arrangements.

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■ **Contract interpreters are in it for the long term.**

40.7 percent have been working independently for 15 years or more.

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■ **Calling in sick.**

Three-fourths of independent contractors have health insurance coverage.

Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor

■ **Planning ahead.**

37 percent of independent contractors have some type of pension plan.

Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor

■ **Homework is catching on.**

People are starting home business at a rate of 2 million per year.

American Demographics Magazine

■ **Doing very well, thank you.**

Over 60 percent of contracting interpreters earn in excess of \$30,000 annually.

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■ **Getting better with age.**

Nearly one-fifth of contracting interpreters fall between the ages of 58 and 67.

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■ **Contract interpreters are the backbone of the industry.**

69.4 percent of professional interpreters are independent contractors.

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