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## How the Internet Has Transformed Income Access

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Most people know just how much the internet has changed our world. We use it for everything from shopping to accessing medical care. Yet it has also been responsible for securing many people's livelihoods by making it easier than ever to earn income. Learn how below:

### Quick Access to Short-Term Funds

There may come a time when you realize that an unexpected cost has left you short at the end of the working week. While you undoubtedly have friends and family you can rely on to bridge the financial gap, you don't necessarily have to turn to them.

Not only can you use the internet to find out **what to know about payday loans and welfare**, but you can also use it to access payday loans, as well. Many trusted loan companies provide a seamless, fast, and easy online application process in which you can receive the short-term funds you need the same day you apply for them. In the past, it may have taken days to secure a loan, and you would have needed to visit a physical business.

### Low Startup Business Costs

Just decades ago, no one could have dreamed of having a **side hustle** or opening their own business if they didn't have access to tens of thousands of dollars. You needed a significant upfront investment for a physical store, inventory, and marketing. Now, all you need is a laptop, a bit of business knowledge, and a dream.

The internet has meant you don't need a physical store to run a business, and you don't even need to keep stock on hand. You can create a website, sell digital products, or even provide **dropshipping**. This means that you sell products from a third-party supplier without ever having to hold the inventory yourself.

### Freelancing

When you're a parent or have other daily obligations, finding a job in a physical location that matches your skillset and offers flexible working hours can feel nearly impossible. Very few employers want to work around school drop-off and pick-up times while allowing time off for running errands and attending school events.

However, the internet has enabled many people to stop looking for those rare jobs that just don't

seem to exist. Instead, they can leverage their online skills to provide freelance services to multiple businesses. There is high demand for a range of roles, including graphic design, digital marketing, content writing, and software development.

## Multiple Income Streams

There's no denying that the nine-to-five working life is still the norm in our modern world. Most of the workforce consists of office, service, professional, and trade workers. However, those who have learned they can make money online have also found they can enjoy multiple income streams.

Rather than relying on a single employer to provide your paycheck, you can explore multiple money-making avenues. For example, some people freelance, invest, produce content, and dabble in e-commerce. You can even build passive income sources such as digital products and affiliate marketing. Diversifying income sources can help increase stability.

*There will always be ways to make money in our physical world, but how we build wealth and access funds in the online space is growing exponentially. If you want to bolster your bottom line, now might be the right time to explore some of these income and funding strategies above.*

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