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**Entertaining as a costumed character. This side hustle could earn retirees up to \$225 an hour – see how to get started**

During retirement, you start to realize how much free time you have. When the weekends aren't your only days to do things for yourself, you can spend them making extra money.

Running a costume character service for parties and events can bring in anywhere from \$175 to \$225 per hour.

Offering services like face painting or a storytime can earn you even more money.

[Thumbtack](#) explained costumed character services can charge by the hour or sell packages, and the rates can increase depending on where the event is and how many people will be there.

There are also peak times, like holidays, where you can charge more due to high demand.

Service fees and transportation expenses can be factored into your price.

You can also get tax deductions for what you pay out of pocket to get your business started.