

THE 5-TO-9 TRACKER

Know the exact month your side income is ready to replace your job.

THE RULE

Most people quit their job on a feeling. One good month, one big client, and they hand in their notice. Then the next month is quiet and the runway is gone.

The threshold that actually works: when the money you make in your off hours has beaten your day job take-home for six straight months, you're ready. Six in a row. One miss and the count starts over.

WHERE THE HOURS COME FROM

The usual number thrown around is eight prime hours a day. Subtract the commute, the shower, eating and the gym and it is closer to five or six. That is still more than enough.

5-6 HRS

a day, after the commute,
the gym and eating

25 HRS

a week, on weekdays
alone

100+ HRS

a month, once you
add the weekend

HOW TO USE IT

- 1 Once a month, write down two numbers: what your job actually paid you, and what your side work brought in.
- 2 Use take-home pay, not salary. You're comparing what lands in your account either way.
- 3 Side income means money you received this month - not invoiced, not promised.
- 4 If side income is higher, add one to your streak. If it isn't, the streak goes back to zero.
- 5 At six in a row you have a replacement income with a track record. That is the jump.

The spreadsheet does the counting for you - [link below](#).

WHEN THE STREAK STARTS

A side income repeats when people can find you.

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