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**NAME:** Meilin

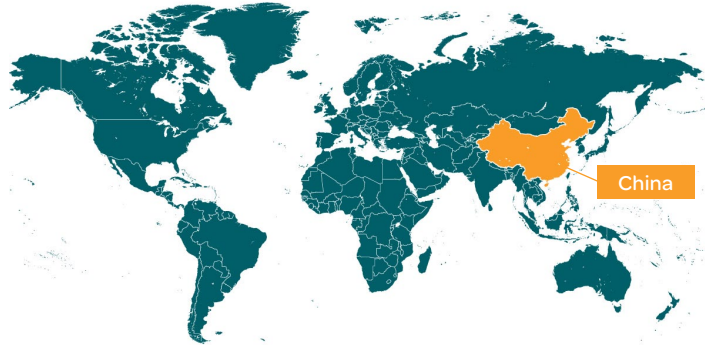
**AGE:** 22

**OCCUPATION:** Electronics tester

**SALARY:** \$1,500/year

## Chinese factory worker

Meilin works long hours in a Chinese electronics factory, where she makes \$1,500 a year. She moved to the city from the countryside about five years ago. She lives in a large dorm with 20 other women. She works at least 70 hours a week, waking up at 4am and getting home at 8pm. About half of her salary goes toward food and housing. Meilin is single with no children, but she hopes to get married and stop working in the factory.



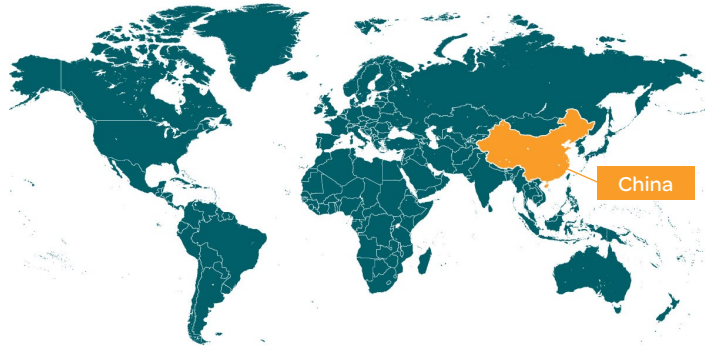


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**NAME:** Lijing  
**AGE:** 6 months  
**OCCUPATION:** None  
**SALARY:** None

## Chinese infant

Lijing is a 6-month-old baby girl. Her parents are poor, but they have high hopes for her. If she scores well on the national exam, she could go to university and work for the government. But Lijing has a long road ahead of her. Recently, her baby formula was discovered to contain toxic chemicals. And when she gets older, it's unlikely her parents will be able to afford a good tutor.





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**NAME:** Amaru

**AGE:** 50

**OCCUPATION:** Fish farmer

**SALARY:** \$6,000/year

## Chilean salmon fishery worker

Amaru works at a large salmon farm in Chile. They prepare food for the salmon by mixing antibiotics with ground wild fish. They also use pesticide to combat sea lice. Amaru makes about \$500 a month, twice the minimum wage. The salmon fishery is suffering from international competition, and several of their coworkers have been laid off.







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**NAME:** Anita

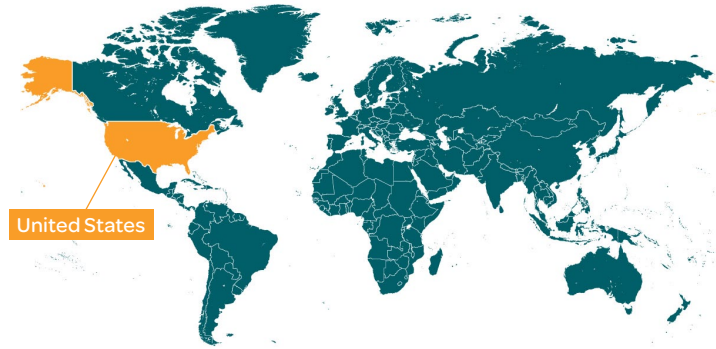
**AGE:** 49

**OCCUPATION:** Professor

**SALARY:** \$73,000/year

## US college professor

Anita teaches in an urban university located in a Midwestern city of about half a million people. Her salary is \$73,000 a year, with 24% of that going to taxes. She takes public transportation or bikes to campus. Anita travels extensively abroad, and relies on a cell phone and laptop computer for her work. She enjoys good food, wine, and spending time with her husband and daughter.





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**NAME:** Zuzana

**AGE:** 27

**OCCUPATION:** Baker

**SALARY:** \$6,400/year

## Slovakian Eurovision contestant

Zuzana lives in a small town about 50 kilometers from Bratislava. The water in this area is badly polluted from the heavy industry that was built in the Socialist era. Zuzana rides a motorcycle to her job in a bakery. Her salary is \$533 per month, before taxes of about 22% are deducted. On weekends, she sings karaoke in a bar at the center of town with her friends.





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**NAME:** Aparna

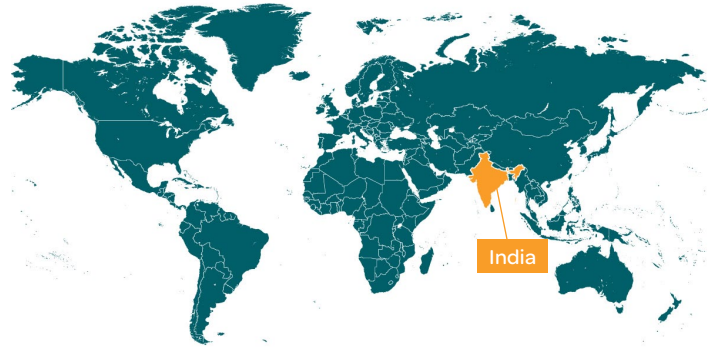
**AGE:** 29

**OCCUPATION:** Call center worker

**SALARY:** \$2,400/year

## Indian call center worker

Aparna grew up in a small farming community, but managed to stay in school and learn English. She took a job at a call center in Bangalore, where she works from 10pm to 10am every day, earning about \$2,400 a year. Her husband also works at the call center. Together they hope to save enough money to send their children to a good high school.







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**NAME:** Rabeya

**AGE:** 24

**OCCUPATION:** Garment worker

**SALARY:** \$480/year

## Bangladeshi garment worker

Rabeya sews hundreds of shirts a day that are sold in department stores in the US and Europe. She makes \$40 a month, which is not enough to live on. Fortunately, her husband also has a job in Dhaka, so she doesn't suffer from malnutrition the way that many of her fellow female workers do. Rabeya is somewhat better off than previous generations as she went to school until she was 16 and can read and write.





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**NAME:** Umay

**AGE:** 12

**OCCUPATION:** Sheep herder

**SALARY:** \$800/year

## Kurdish sheep herder

Umay is part of a multigenerational shepherding family. She lives in a small, remote dwelling with her parents and three brothers. They carry water to their house from a small village ten kilometers away. Every few years, disease spreads through the family's herd, threatening their livelihood. Last year the family made \$800.







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**NAME:** Belita

**AGE:** 33

**OCCUPATION:** Farmer/craftswoman

**SALARY:** \$2,000/year

## Mother in Mozambique

Belita has a family of five and is pregnant. She lives in a rural village that has no electricity. She has no transportation

to the regional clinic where she could receive healthcare.

There is a 1% chance she won't survive her pregnancy, and a 10% chance that the child she's carrying will die before its first birthday. She makes about \$2,000/year farming and selling crafts to an online merchant. She is the main breadwinner for her family.





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**NAME:** Anna

**AGE:** 48

**OCCUPATION:** Entrepreneur

**SALARY:** \$500,000/year

## South African businesswoman

Anna comes from a wealthy family and makes over half a million dollars a year through a variety of enterprises. She is concerned about her ecological footprint and is looking for ways to reduce her impact. In particular, she would like to reduce the amount of coal-based electricity used in her factories and the amount of petroleum-based fertilizers used in her farms. She would also like to spare her employees manual labor where possible.

