

## **Reality Check Summary : By Maria Chavez**

So, after sort of deciding the lifestyle that I wanted to have, I'm actually really surprised at how much I'm going to need to pay annually. Federal Taxes and Annual Expenses were the two things that used the most money and I think it's a bit ridiculous. The overall Annual salary that I'll need to have if I want this lifestyle is \$46,887.00. Considering that I really want to have a nice and decent little life, I guess I'm going to need to work a lot. This means that I need a job that will pay me well, but that I can enjoy at the same time. There are twenty different careers in health science that provide more or less of the salary that I need, but there are two that interest me the most.

First, I thought obstetricians and Gynecologists sounded pretty interesting. They focus on women's health, including pregnancy, birth, and general well-being. I think that's actually pretty cool because right now, in one of my science classes, I'm learning about offspring growth and that could sort of tie into studying pregnancy. This occupation requires at least 11 years of training after high school and people under it usually work more than 40 hours a week (gasp). I would also need to have a state license. The salary for this career, if I decided to live in Salt Lake City, would be \$85.83 dollars an hour, and \$178,530 yearly.

The other career that would provide enough for me to pay my "dream life" expenses would be a General Dentist. This is actually really awesome, because this is actually my career goal right now. This means that if I do end up enjoying this career choice, I'll also be making enough money to survive, and I think that's pretty cool. Dentists handle a wide variety of dental problems and work in groups. To become one, I would need eight years of study and training after high school. As a dentist, I would also get to wear a lab jacket and have a nice schedule that includes days, evenings, and weekends.

For this career, if I live in Salt Lake City, I would be earning \$45.68 for every hour I work, and \$95,010 yearly. And if I decide NOT to live there, but stay in the state, I'll be earning \$48.11 hourly and \$100,070 yearly. If I live anywhere else in the U.S and I could be earning \$69.83 hourly, and 145,240 yearly.