

## Digest of Green Reports and Studies

<b>Title</b>	<b><i>Green Jobs: Working for People and the Environment – Summary</i></b>
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<b>URL</b>	<a href="http://www.worldwatch.org/node/5925#summary">http://www.worldwatch.org/node/5925#summary</a>
<b>Summary</b>	This summary of Michael Renner’s book from 2008 describes the general scope of the 60 page book. It explains that green jobs are “on the rise” and the importance of taking the initiative now to train and educate those who are potential “green job” workers.
<b>Key Findings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green jobs are going to be a key part of the economy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and the number of green jobs is increasing.</li> <li>• “The transportation industry is a cornerstone of modern economies, but it also has the fastest-rising carbon emissions of any sector.”</li> <li>• The steel, aluminum, cement and paper industries have historically been high pollution and high energy industries. However, “increasing scrap use, greater energy efficiency, and reliance on alternative energy sources may at least render them a pale shade of green.”</li> <li>• Afforestation and planting trees creates many jobs, and “could support the livelihood of more than 1 billion people who depend on forests.”</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transit systems need to be revitalized through new investments.</li> <li>• It is necessary to invest in both the private and public sectors now in order to maximize the number of potential green jobs.</li> <li>• Efforts to educate and train the workforce in green industries need to be increased so that new job openings can be filled with trained, qualified individuals.</li> <li>• Green jobs need to be high quality jobs that offer “good wages, income security, safe working conditions, dignity at work, and adequate workers’ rights.”</li> </ul>
<b>Definition of “Green”</b>	The author defines green jobs as “employment that contributes to protecting the environment and reducing humanity’s footprint.”
<b>Methodology</b>	Literature Research, Surveys, Interviews
<b>Data Sources Cited</b>	None
<b>Report Geography</b>	N/A
<b>Green Occupations Cited</b>	Construction workers, architects, engineers, retrofitting old diesel buses.
<b>Green Industries Cited</b>	Renewable energy, wind power, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, biofuels, recycling, manufacturing.
<b>Keywords</b>	Ethanol; biodiesel; bus rapid transit systems; recycled products; agriculture; forestry; reforestation; afforestation; climate change.
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