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Tax Liens	\$100	8–25% (or you could wind up with property)	No, research required	Yes, in most cases	Very low, if you select liens carefully	No: You have no control over when liens are paid.	Good
Tax Deeds	\$1,000	20–100% or more	No	No, site visits required	Moderate to high	No	Excellent: More deals available
Below-Market-Value Real Estate	\$10,000	20–100% or more	No	No, site visits required	Moderate	No	Good
Income Trusts	\$500	10% or more	Yes	Yes	Moderate, legislative initiatives can affect price and performance	Yes	Fair: Many trusts depend on energy usage
Master Limited Partnerships	\$500	5–8% or more	Yes	Yes	Low to moderate	Yes	Usually unaffected
High-Yield Stock	\$200	5% dividends plus possible capital gains	Yes	Yes	Low to moderate (high-yield stocks can be volatile in price)	Yes, but plan for long term because of price volatility	Can be affected

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DRIPs	\$100 can get you started, add over time	5% or more	Fair, requires some research	Yes	Very low (plan for long term)	Yes (but makes most sense as long-term investment)	Usually unaffected (dollar cost averaging compensates for ups and downs)
Bonds	\$200	3–10%	Yes	Yes	Low to moderate (depending on type of bond)	Yes, but price fluctuation can create loss	Good: Bond prices rise as interest rates fall
Options	\$500	8% or more	Fair, must watch markets	Yes	Moderate to high	Yes	Unaffected: You can profit from rising or falling prices
Foreign Exchange	\$1,000	10–25%	No, must study markets	Yes	High	Yes, but price fluctuation can create loss	Excellent, you can profit even if U.S. economy weakens

Cash Flow (Brokering)	\$5,000 (for course materials and American Cash Flow Association membership)	Earn fees or commissions of 5–20% of loan for brokering deals, with only your time invested	No, takes months to learn	No	Very low	N/A	Excellent: Bad times mean more people need alternative funding
Cash Flow (Investing)	\$5,000 (for course) plus \$10,000 for investment	8–20%	No, takes months to learn	No	Low to high, depending on cash flow type	No	Excellent: Bad times mean more people need alternative funding
Vending Machines	\$500	Machine may return \$1–10/day	No, must fill and service machines	No	Low	No	Unaffected: People snack in good times and bad
ATM/Debit Swipe Machines	\$10,000 if investing with company, less if placing own machines	20–30%	Yes, if investing; no, if placing own machines	Yes, if investing; no, if placing own machines	Moderate	No	Not usually affected

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Timeshares	\$15,000	10% or more	Fair: Must plan rental of timeshare weeks in advance	Yes (unless used for vacation!)	Low to moderate	No	Can be affected
Payday Loans	\$20,000	13%	Yes	Yes	High	No	Good: More people need loans in hard times
Internet Advertising	\$3-15/month (for Web site hosting)	Earn from ads with only your time invested	No, must create and update compelling Web site	Yes	Very low, since there's little investment	N/A	May be affected