

Examples of Occupations and Career Areas for Economics Graduates

The list that follows provides just some examples of occupations and career areas for economics graduates. It is drawn from the Bureau of Labor Statistic's Occupational Outlook Handbook circa 2012.

Occupation	Median Salary	Median Hourly	Current jobs	Outlook	Required Education
Accountant	\$61,690	\$29.66	1,290,640	Good	BA+Acctg coursework/CPA
Actuary	\$87,650	\$42.14	19,730	Good	BA
Arbitrator / Mediator	\$61,280	\$29.46	8,400	Normal	BA
Auditor	\$61,690	\$29.66	1,290,640	Good	BA
Budget Analyst	\$69,280	\$33.31	61,700	Normal	BA
Claims Adjustor / Appraiser	\$59,850	\$28.78	311,100	Slow Normal	BA
College Prof	\$62,050	\$29.83	1,756,000	Normal	Grad. degree
Compen., Ben., and Job Anal. Specialist	\$59,090	\$28.41	91,700	Slow Normal	BA
Cost Estimator	\$57,860	\$27.82	217,760	Good	BA
Economist	\$91,860	\$43.00	16,900	Normal	MA/MS
Financial Advisor	\$64,750	\$31.13	208,420	Good	BA
Financial Analyst	\$74,350	\$35.75	250,630	Good	BA
Financial Examiner	\$74,940	\$36.03	27,020	Good	BA
Financial Manager	\$103,910	\$49.96	539,250	Good	BA
Fundraiser	\$50,680	\$24.37	65,700	Good	BA
Industrial Prod. Mgr.	\$89,190	\$42.88	172,700	No Change	BA
Insurance Sales Agent	\$46,770	\$22.49	434,770	Good	BA
Insurance Underwriter	\$60,670	\$29.17	102,950	Normal	BA
Lawyer	\$130,880	\$62.93	759,800	Normal	Law Degree
Loan Officer	\$60,660	\$29.16	327,840	Normal	MA/MS
Logistician	\$70,800	\$34.04	100,380	Good	BA
Mtg. & Event Planner	\$45,810	\$22.02	94,200	Very Good	BA
Mgmt. Analyst	\$78,600	\$37.39	718,700	Good	BA
Mkt. Research Analyst	\$60,660	\$29.16	249,810	Good	BA
Med. & Health Services Manager	\$96,030	\$46.17	315,500	Very Good	BA
Operations Research Analyst	\$72,100	\$34.66	73,200	Very Good	BA – MA/MS
Paralegal	\$46,990	\$22.59	277,000	Good	BA
Purchasing Manager	\$64,750	\$31.13	70,350	Normal	BA
Real Estate Agent	\$41,990	\$20.19	422,000	Normal	BA
Securities & Fin. Services Sales	\$71,720	\$34.48	354,600	Normal	BA
Statistician	\$73,720	\$35.44	22,560	Normal	MA/MS
Survey Researcher	\$45,050	\$21.66	18,000	Good	MA/MS
Tax Examiner	\$50,440	\$24.25	69,500	No Change	BA
Teacher	\$48,800	\$23.46	179,520	Normal/Good	BA+Credential
Title Examiner	\$46,310	\$22.26	49,390	Normal	BA
Training & Dev. Spec.	\$55,930	\$26.89	228,800	Good	BA
Urban & Regional Planner	\$65,230	\$31.36	38,700	Normal	MA/MS
Wholesale / Mfg. Sales Rep	\$57,870	\$27.82	1,863,000	Normal	BA

¹ Sources: resources.alljobopenings.com/economics-majors. Research by economics faculty. BLS occupational outlook. Sources accessed 27 Feb 2014.