Economist

**Job Description:** Address economic problems relating to the distribution of goods and services or monetary and fiscal policies, done through research, reports, and various plans.

**What does an Economist do?**

* Study economic and statistical data in areas such as finance, labor, or agriculture
* Conduct research on economic issues
* Compile and analyze data into reports to explain phenomena and forecast trends.
* Apply mathematical models and statistical techniques to analyze data
* Conduct and/or supervise research projects
* Present economic impact of policies to the public
* Consult businesses, public and private agencies, as well as other employers on economic relationships
* Develop guidelines and standards, and points of views to be used in forecasting trends

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like using math and statistics to solve problems?
* Are you interested in researching issues in economics?
* Can you clearly communicate your ideas to others?

**Outlook: Bright**

Average Salary - $50.79 hourly, $105,630 annually

Projected Job Openings – 1,600 over the next 10 years.

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Most positions require graduate school such as a master’s (like an MBA) or Ph.D.
  + Degrees are often held in areas such as Accounting, Finance, Mathematics, Economics, or other related fields.