

Economist

Economists advise government departments, businesses, banks and other organisations on economic matters.

Average salary (a year)



Typical hours (a week)



You could work



Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- a graduate training scheme

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- maths knowledge
- knowledge of economics and accounting
- analytical thinking skills
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- excellent written communication skills
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

Day-to-day tasks

As an economist, you could:

- research information and analyse statistics
- create models to forecast economic developments
- advise on the potential economic impact of policies and commercial decisions
- monitor past and present economic issues and trends
- write reports and present findings

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