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Economists use data and economic theory to analyse inflation, jobs, budgets and policies. They advise governments, banks, companies and research institutes on decisions.



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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। • An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

Economists use data and economic theory to analyse inflation, jobs, budgets and policies. They advise governments, banks, companies and research institutes on decisions.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (maths/economics helps) + bachelor's and master's in economics
Work mode	Office and research; data analysis, occasional travel
Demand	High - in banks, policy bodies, fintech and data-driven firms
Top earning	₹3 lakh+/month at chief economist level

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Enjoy working with numbers and data
- Like finding the causes behind problems
- Interest in the Indian and world economy

ABILITIES

- Mathematical and statistical aptitude
- Clear written and spoken communication
- Close attention to detail

KEY SKILLS

- Strong grasp of micro and macroeconomics
- Tools like Excel, R/Python/Stata
- Reading policy and market trends
- Statistics and econometrics
- Report writing and presentation
- Economic modelling and forecasting

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in any stream; maths/economics subjects help.
- 2 Do a BA/BSc (Hons) in economics - admission mostly via CUET.
- 3 Pursue an MA in economics or an MBA in business economics.
- 4 For research/teaching, clear UGC NET and do a PhD.
- 5 Take RBI Grade B (DEPR) or the Indian Economic Service exam.
- 6 Start with internships at banks, rating agencies or think tanks.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- UPSC Indian Economic Service (IES)
- RBI Grade B (DEPR)
- UGC NET/JRF in economics

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Mohanlal Sukhadia University — Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi — New Delhi
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) — New Delhi
- Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics — Pune, Maharashtra

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- St. Xavier's College — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Ashoka University — Sonapat, Haryana
- Symbiosis School of Economics — Pune, Maharashtra

ONLINE

- IGNOU (M.A. Economics, distance) — Distance education

FEES

UG-PG fees roughly ₹5,000 to ₹1,50,000 per year; very low at government universities, higher at private ones.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

RBI and banks, finance ministry/NITI Aayog, rating agencies, companies, universities and international bodies.

WORK CULTURE

Mostly office-based independent and team research; deadline-driven reports, occasional travel. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

- Reserve Bank of India and public/private banks
- NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance and state planning departments
- Rating and research agencies like CRISIL and ICRA
- Universities and research institutes
- Bodies like the World Bank, IMF and ADB
- Consulting and fintech companies

DEMAND (2026)

With data-driven policy and expanding banking and fintech, demand for trained economists is high in 2026, especially those with econometrics skills.

7 Career growth

- 1 Research associate/Assistant economist
- 2 Economist
- 3 Senior economist/Assistant professor
- 4 Chief economist/Professor

EARNINGS

Starting	₹25,000-45,000
Mid level	₹60,000-1,20,000
Senior level	₹1,50,000-3,00,000

Pay is much higher at RBI/IES and large firms; relatively lower in teaching and NGOs.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Work that directly shapes policy and society
- Diverse career paths from banking to academia
- Excellent senior-level pay and global opportunities

The challenges

- Good roles need a master's/PhD
- Continuous deep study of maths and statistics
- Pressure of criticism when forecasts go wrong

9 Real-life journeys

Arvind Panagariya

Noted economist - chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, first vice-chairman of NITI Aayog

Born in Jaipur and educated at the University of Rajasthan, Arvind Panagariya earned a Princeton PhD, became a Columbia University professor and was appointed chairman of India's 16th Finance Commission.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arvind_Panagariya

Gita Gopinath

IMF's first woman chief economist; professor at Harvard

Raised in a modest family in Mysuru, Gita Gopinath studied at the Delhi School of Economics and made history as the IMF's first woman chief economist and later its First Deputy Managing Director.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gita_Gopinath

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Political Scientist
- Criminologist
- Museologist

11 Sources & further reading

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2. National Career Service portal — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
3. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>
4. NIRF institute rankings — <https://www.nirfindia.org>
5. Vidya Lakshmi education loan portal — <https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>



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