

CAREERS FOR

Economics

MAJORS

Economics is the study of the production, distribution, and consumption of resources and involves the examination of scarcity and how people respond to incentives in their use of resources. Economists study historical trends and use that knowledge to interpret current events and make predictions about the future. Graduates of [UNM's Department of Economics](#) often pursue careers in consulting, banking, finance, public policy, market research, teaching, nonprofit organizations, and government.

Although many entry-level careers are available to those with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, a significant number of Economics majors choose to continue their education in disciplines such as law, business, public administration, geography and international affairs at the graduate level. A graduate degree (Master's or Doctorate) in Economics is required in order to obtain employment as an Economist.

Graduate School

Admittance into graduate schools typically requires completed pre-requisites, passing of an entrance exam such as the GRE, and a competitive GPA. Admission requirements vary based on the program.

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Industries & Target Employers

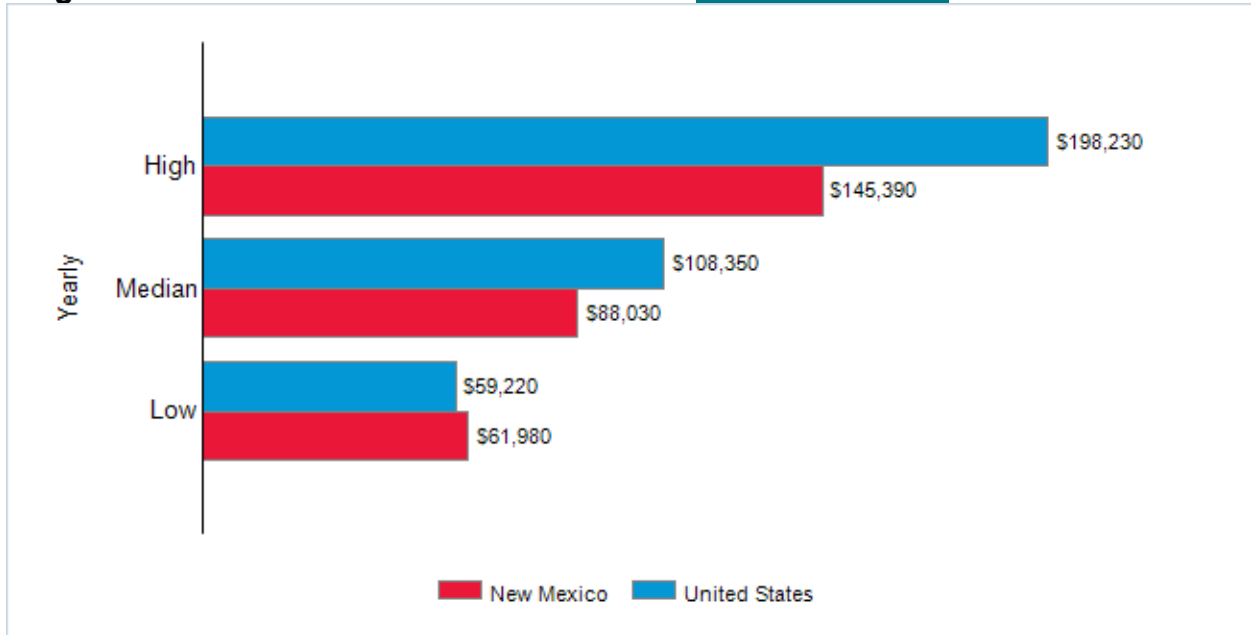
- Government (federal and state): researchers and consultants in various fields such as agriculture, finance, economic development, labor, transportation, international trade, and healthcare
- Business: financial analyst, market research analyst, budget analyst, securities, insurance, risk management
- Higher Education and nonprofits: teaching, research, data collection and analysis, forecasting, planning, consulting

Top Companies

- [University of New Mexico](#) and other universities
- [New Mexico Economic Development](#)
- [Albuquerque Economic Development](#)
- [NM Department of Workforce Solutions](#)

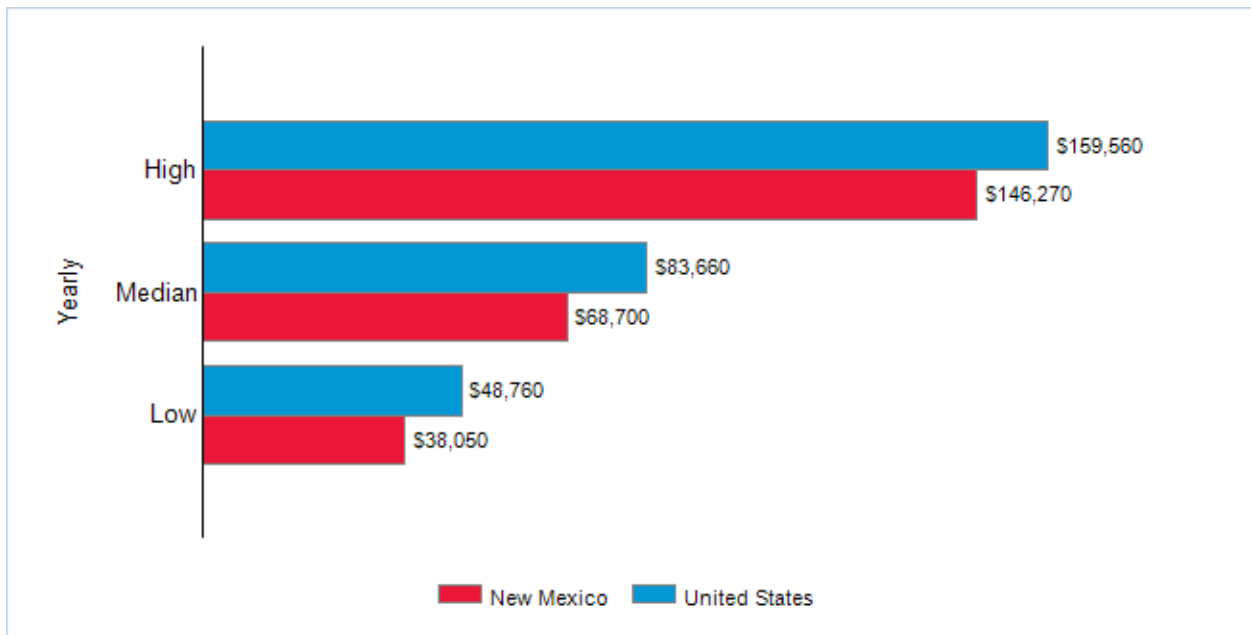
Salary Information

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*A Master's or Doctoral degree is required for most economist jobs.

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Tips

- Approximately half of all Economics graduates are employed by government agencies. Consider applying for internships through the [USA Jobs Pathways program](#).
- Students who are interested in the application of economic principles in a business setting might consider the [3-2 BA-MBA program](#) offered by the [Anderson School of Management](#).
- Interested in research and considering graduate school? Apply for the [McNair Scholars Program](#), which provides research opportunities, support with applying to grad school, and a summer stipend!

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