



Careers in Geography

Many people get excited about maps, cultures and the environmental issues, and want to know how geographic knowledge can lead to good jobs and meaningful careers. In recent years people have discovered that large numbers of societal problems have geographic dimensions and that a geography education provides essential skills for real-world problem solving.

The following list contains a representative sample of job titles that a geographer might have. Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation are usually those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate to find a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelors' degree.

Aerial Photo Interpreter	GIS programmer	Property manager
Air/water quality control manager	GIS Database Management	Public Utilities specialist
Cartographer	Hazardous waste planner	Real Estate Agent/Broker/Appraiser
Cartography Compiler	Health Services planner	Remote Sensing Analyst
Climatologist	Hydrologist	Services organization manager
Coastal Zone Manager	Industrial developer	Site Researcher
College/University Professor	Industrial planner	Soil conservationist
Community developer	Intelligence agent	Surveyor location expert
Computer mapper	International Business Representative	Systems Analyst
Computer programmer	International Investment Analyst	Teacher
Demographer	Land developer	Traffic manager
Earth Scientist	Land Economist	Transportation analyst
Environmental Impact Analyst	Land-Use Analyst	Travel agent/specialist
Environmental Quality Specialist	Map curator/librarian	Urban Regional planner
Geographer	Park Ranger	Weather forecaster