

Geography Employment Outlook

Care about Earth and its inhabitants? Geography may be for you!

Jobs that you may be qualified for with an associate's degree.

Many federal, state, private or non-profit technician positions, including:

- GIS Technicians
- Surveying and Map Technicians

Note: Most students interested in pursuing geography will want to transfer to a four-year college or university to continue their studies.

What Geographers Do

Geographers study the Earth and its land, features, and inhabitants. They also examine phenomena such as political or cultural structures and study the physical and human geographic characteristics of regions ranging in scale from local to global.

Work Environment

More than half of all geographers are employed by the federal government. Most work full time during standard business hours. Many geographers do fieldwork, which may include travel to foreign countries or remote locations.

How to Become a Geographer

Geographers need a bachelor's degree for most entry-level positions and for positions within the federal government. Work experience and a master's degree are typically required for more advanced positions.

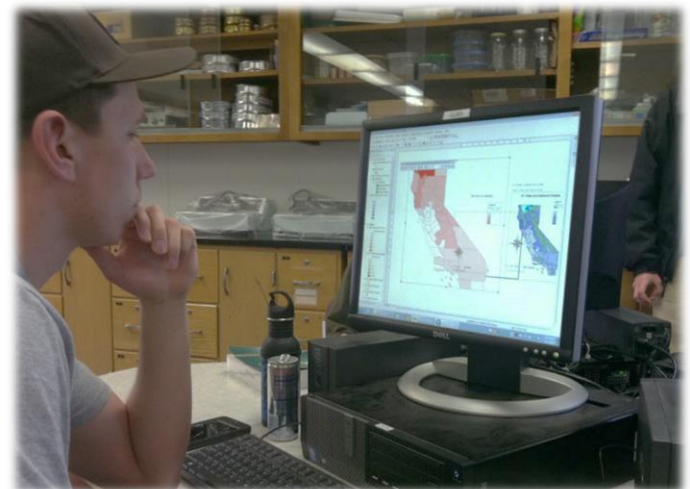
Pay

The median annual wage for geographers was \$76,420 in May 2014.

DATA: Bureau of Labor Statistics occupational Outlook Handbook

Careers for which an associate's degree in geography will be a good stepping stone include:

- Geographers
- Environmental Scientists
- Sociologists
- Surveyors
- Urban & Regional Planners



FRC has an exclusive internship program with our local Plumas National Forest!

During summers 2014-2016, **46 FRC students** have been or will be employed through this program. This opportunity is an incredible chance for our students to get a start in their natural resource careers and is **unique to FRC!**

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