Career Outlook: Economics

Economics Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Economics (B.S.), Social Studies (B.A.)
Field of Emphasis: Economics
Minor: Economics

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/css/

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that economists held about 21,000 jobs in 2018. Government employed 31% of economists, in a wide range of government agencies. Financial advisors held about 271,700 jobs in 2018. 54% were employed by securities, commodity contracts and other financial investments and related activities. 25% are self-employed workers, 11% work in credit intermediation and related activities, 4% work for insurance carriers and related activities and 2% in management of companies and enterprises.

OOH reports the nationwide demand for personal financial advisors is expected to grow 7% (faster than average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between $41,590 and $208,000 per year. The median pay for 2018 was $88,890 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ECONOMICS GRADUATES:
Of the Economics 4 graduates from the class of 2017-2018 from Bemidji State University, 75% of graduates reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU GRADUATES*: (This list includes employment within one year of graduation)

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE PAST BSU ECONOMICS GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Law, Minneapolis, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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