Graduate Economics?
http://www.auburn.edu/~thomph1/gradecon.pdf

MS  PhD
Economics Careers
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/gradstudents/

Government

Academics
Universities (research)  Colleges (teaching)

Business/Industry
Credit agencies, Banks, Finance, Consulting firms, Brokerage firms, Large mfg, Journalism

International Organizations
World Bank, International Monetary Fund, UN, World Trade Org

Research Organizations
Rand, National Bureau of Economic Research, Dept of Commerce
Median annual salary: $84K in 2008
Middle 50%: $59K - $114K
Highest 10% percent: > $149K
Average annual salary Fed Govt: $108K

Structured work schedule
Often work alone, writing reports, preparing statistical charts, using computers
Can be part of research team
Pressure deadlines, tight schedules, overtime
Special requests for data, attend meetings & conferences

Prepare reports on economic research

Employment expected to grow slower than avg for all occupations
Demand for workers with knowledge of economics projected to grow faster
http://www.nabe.com/index.html

Business economists base median annual salary
Securities and investment  $125K
Consulting firms  $108K
Academics  $83K

PhD median annual salary $108K

MS median annual salary $85K

Starting salaries
MS $60K
PhD degree $80K
Economics Graduate Schools in the Southeast

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/gradstudents/Schools.htm

AU Auburn http://www.ag.auburn.edu/agec/grad/MSAE.php

UA Alabama http://www.cba.ua.edu/econ/

UGA http://www.terry.uga.edu/economics/

VANDY http://www.vanderbilt.edu/econ/

UFL http://warrington.ufl.edu/eco/

VA http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/economics/index.html

UNC http://www.unc.edu/depts/econ/

MS http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/economics/

TN http://econ.bus.utk.edu/graduate.html

KY http://gatton.uky.edu/Content.asp?PageName=AUEconomics

LSU MS, PhD in Ag Econ & Econ

TULANE http://econ.tulane.edu/masters.shtml

UH http://www.class.uh.edu/econ/

RICE http://economics.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=30&linkidentifier=id&itemid=30
Graduate Records Exam GRE

Aptitude test required for graduate schools

http://www.ets.org/gre/

Graduate programs use scores to evaluate your readiness for graduate work

**Analytical Writing**
Critical thinking and analytical writing skills, ability to articulate complex ideas

**Verbal Reasoning**
Reading comprehension and verbal, analogical reasoning
Focus on ability to analyze and evaluate written material

**Quantitative Reasoning**
Measures problem solving ability, basic concepts
Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, data analysis
Economics can be fun

Big Mac Index

Measuring risk versus return
Economists Measure

- Inflation
- Costs/Benefits of trade
- Cost of pollution
- Unemployment
Economists Contribute To

Politics

Sports

http://www.sportseconomics.com/

Journalism

Business