



Different types of jobs people do around the world

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What types of jobs exist?

There are thousands of different **jobs** people do around the world. A **job** is work that someone does to earn money. Some people grow food as **farmers**, some build houses as **construction workers**, some teach children in **schools**, and some work in **hospitals** as doctors and nurses. Others work in **factories** making things, or in **offices** doing paperwork and solving problems on computers.

Jobs are usually organized into three main groups called **sectors**. The **primary sector** includes jobs that take things from nature, like farming, fishing, and mining. The **secondary sector** includes jobs that turn raw materials into finished products, like making clothes, cars, or furniture in factories. The **tertiary sector** includes **services** — jobs that help people, like doctors, teachers, hairdressers, and shopkeepers.

Think of it like a sandwich shop: the primary sector gets the bread and tomatoes; the secondary sector makes them into a sandwich; the tertiary sector sells it to you with a smile.

How jobs differ around the world

The type of work available depends hugely on **where** you live. In **poorer countries**, many people still work in farming because there aren't many factories or offices. In **wealthy countries** like the **United Kingdom**, **United States**, and **Japan**, most people work in offices, shops, hospitals, and schools rather than farms. These countries have more **technology jobs** — people who work with computers and the internet.

Some countries are known for particular industries. **Switzerland** is famous for banking and watches. **India** has many technology companies. **Norway** has lots of fishing and oil industry jobs. What jobs exist in a country depends on its **geography**, **natural resources**, and how much money it has invested in education and technology.

Think of it like different neighborhoods: some neighborhoods have lots of farms because they have good soil; others have office buildings because they're near cities.

New jobs for the future

As the world changes, new jobs are appearing. **Renewable energy jobs** are growing as countries try to stop **climate change**. **Social media managers** and **app developers** didn't exist **20 years ago**. Other old jobs are disappearing as machines do the work instead. Understanding which jobs will exist in the future helps young people decide what to study and learn.