

Where would you go for a Job?

Would your family be willing to move to a different city or state for a job? Each year, millions of people throughout the United States move some place new for work. Where a person lives, or their geographic location, can greatly affect the type of jobs available to them within their community. Certain types of work, like teachers or doctors exist throughout our country. Other jobs are found only in certain parts of the country. For some people, this might mean that they have to be willing to live in a particular area in order to do their job.



One example of a job found only in certain areas is an oceanographer. An oceanographer researches coastal regions to help us better understand issues like climate change, hurricanes and habitat conservation for ocean animals. Because their work involves studying the coastal region, people who are interested in working as an oceanographer need to be willing to live near the ocean. Because they are not near the ocean, the Midwestern states offer few if any job opportunities for oceanographers.

Top industries by state:

Alaska: Oil and gas extraction

California: Technology, electronics manufacturing, and motion pictures

Florida: Tourism and agriculture

Georgia: Broadcasting and telecommunications

Hawaii: Tourism

Indiana: Chemical products manufacturing

Louisiana: Petroleum and coal products manufacturing

Michigan: Manufacturing

New York: Financial

Wisconsin: Manufacturing and Hospitals

Another example of a job found in a specific part of the country is the oil drilling industry. Most of the oil rigs in the United States reside in the Gulf of Mexico, off the shores between Florida and Texas. Oil rig workers typically work shifts of two to four weeks at a time on the rig before returning home for a break. People interested in working in the oil drilling industry must be willing to be away from their families for weeks at a time and also live near the Gulf.

Many workers in technology jobs live and work in the San Francisco Bay area in California. This region is well known as the corporate headquarters to many innovative technology giants like Google, Facebook and YouTube. Workers looking for the best job opportunities in the technology industry would benefit from living in this area.

Another industry found in California is the movie industry. Hollywood is home to the U.S. film industry since this is where most of the entertainment studios and offices reside. Many workers hoping to land a career in television or motion pictures move to L.A. to find a job.

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In the southern part of the country, agriculture and farming work is prominent as the climate allows for work throughout the year. In the Midwestern states, such as Illinois, there are a lot more services provided. Illinois is known for Chicago's financial service industry. There are many financial service jobs in the Chicago area.

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Think and Write about it...

What do **you** think? Would you be willing to move away from your family to a new city or state for a job that you really want? Why or why not?