



Definition: A BIGJob is a Basic Income Generating Job. It makes something for sale to people outside of a local area. As a result, it brings money into an area from outside.

Every place need at least one BIGJob. These are the jobs that bring money in to buy things people do not produce in that place. It's as simple as that!

Note: Farming is a BIGJob for the U.S. It sells a lot of food to people in other countries.
Complication: it also buys some food (like fruit in winter) from other countries.

Fact: the national average production of farm products is about \$1000 per person. Farming is a BIGJob for all the states with the darkest three colors on the map. People in these states make money by selling food to other states or countries. People in light-colored states have to sell something else to get money to buy food.

Most states have several BIGJobs. Texas, for example, sells a lot of oil, but it also sells computers, cotton, grapefruit, and warm parking places for people who drive RVs from colder states during the winter (they call those people Snowbirds or Winter Texans!)

1. Match these states and famous BIGJobs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Louisiana | A. coal, cows, and trips to Yellowstone Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Massachusetts | B. cars, cherries, Motown music, and fishing trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Michigan | C. sugar cane, oil, chemicals, and Mardi Gras |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Nevada | D. education at Harvard, MIT, other famous universities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Virginia | E. apples, airplanes, wood, and computer software |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Washington | F. casinos, theaters, hotel rooms, and restaurant meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Wyoming | G. houses for government workers in nearby Washington, DC |

2. What are the BIGJobs of your state?

3. What are the BIGJobs of your home community?

(CAUTION: the main one might be just to provide bedrooms for people who work nearby. If that is the case, what are the BIGJobs in that nearby area?)