

# *Economic* *Activities*

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# Concept

- An economic activity is an activity of providing, making, buying or selling of commodities or services by people to satisfy their needs of life.
- Economic activity is the process by which the stock of resources or stock of capital produces a flow of output of goods and services that people utilize in partial satisfaction of their unlimited wants.

*Classification of  
Economic Activities*

The primary function of economic geography is to study and discuss the economic activities of man. Economists and scholars in the field of resource-study have tried their best to classify the economic activities into five major groups. These are the following :

- Primary Economic Activities
- Secondary Economic Activities
- Tertiary Economic Activities
- Quaternary Economic Activities
- Quinary Economic Activities

*Primary Economic*  
*Activities*

Primary economic activities are those which involve direct utilisation and exploitation of nature of component.

Physical elements of nature, such as soil, landform, climate, grassland, natural vegetation, minerals may take part directly in the development of these activities.

Workers engaged in primary economic activities are known as Red-collar workers.

Some are the types of primary economic activities:

Hunting  
and  
Gathering

Animal  
Rearing

Fishing

Agriculture

Mining

*Secondary Economic  
Activities*

Secondary Economic Activities are those which involve in the processing of raw materials collected from primary sources of nature or from primary economic activities, and thus transforming those materials into more valuable and useful things or consumer products, and thereby they lead to manufacturing activities .

Therefore, secondary economic activities primarily involve the manufacturing and constructional industrial activities.

Workers engaged in secondary economic activities are known as Blue-collar workers.

Some are the types of secondary economic activities:

Jute Industry

Cotton  
Industry

Manufacturing  
pig iron and  
steel

Engineering  
and  
Automobiles  
Industry

Mineral Based  
Industry

# *Tertiary Economic Activities*

Tertiary economic activities are those which do not directly involve the production of materials, but discharge some duties or render services to activate other economic activities indirectly, but consequently.

Growth and development of tertiary economic activity largely depend on the primary and secondary economic activities.

Workers engaged in tertiary economic activities are known as **Pink-collar workers**.

Some are the types of tertiary economic activities:

Trade

Commerc  
e

Transport

Tourism

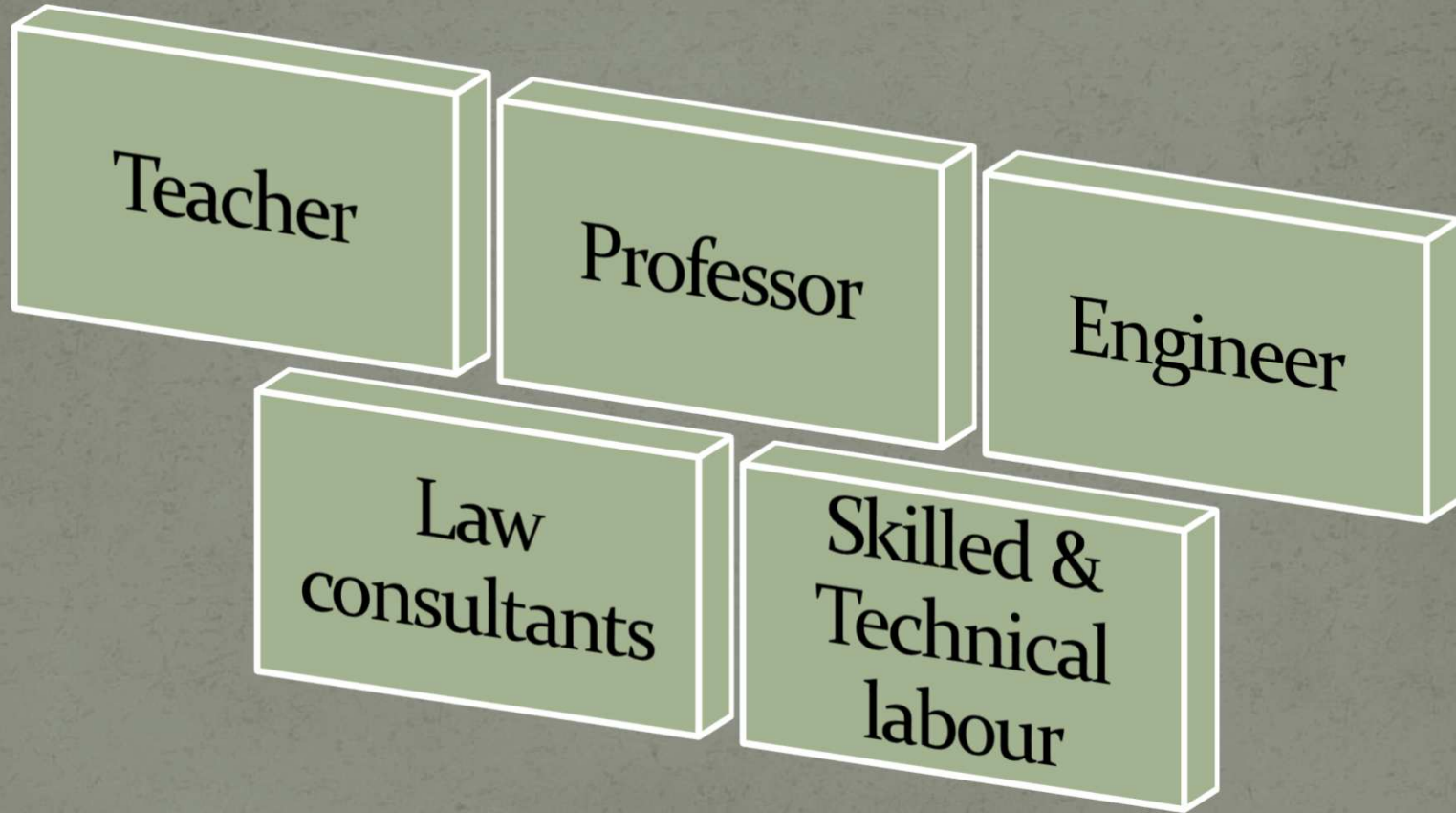
Services

*Quaternary Economic*  
*Activities*

Quaternary economic activities belong to the service sector; however these are primarily knowledge oriented. These are advanced forms of services and require a sound knowledge and technical skill.

Workers engaged in quaternary economic activities are known as White-collar workers.

Some are the types of quaternary economic activities:



# *Quinary Economic Activities*

Quinary Economic Activities include the topmost economic activities and they are also knowledge oriented; they belong to the highest level.

In fact, these activities are those services that focus on creation, re-arrangement and interpretation and use of new technology and technologists.

Workers engaged in quinary economic activities are known as Gold-collar workers.

Some are the types of quinary economic activities:

Specialists

Decision-  
Makers

Consultant  
s

Policy-  
Makers

Scientists

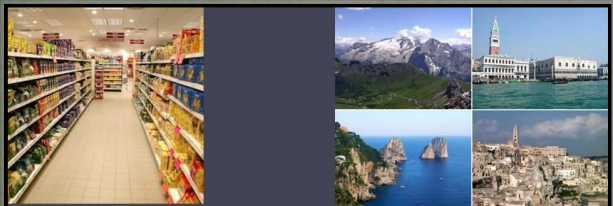
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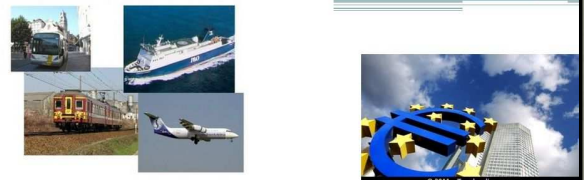
## SECONDARY SECTOR: INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND MINING.



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### TERTIARY SECTOR



### Quaternary Activity

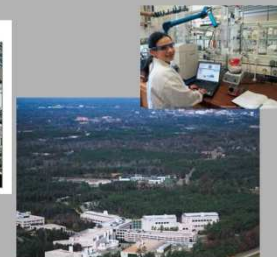


### 5. Quinary Economic Activities

-- locationally tend to cluster



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