



# Meteorologist/Atmospheric Scientists

## Description:

- Understanding and predicting weather phenomena
- Utilize geologic and atmospheric mapping (satellite, radar, etc)
- Varied field:
  - Broadcasting, climatology, forensics, research, forecasting

## Helpful Skills:

- Math, physics, GIS/mapping, data science
- Multimedia communication, public speaking, and science education
- Interdisciplinary sciences: environmental, marine, geoscience, statistics, hydrology

## Industry/Location:

- Nationwide, international
- POI: Maryland (Nat'l Weather Service), DC (NOAA), coastal regions/extreme weather epicenters
- Public and private sectors, academia/research, military

## Education:

- Bachelors/Undergraduate degree
- Masters/PhD generally required for research positions



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**Growth:** 4% growth (average)

**Employment:**

- 34% - Federal Gov't
- 17% - TV broadcasting
- 18% are in research and development
- 11% are in TV broadcasting
- 6% are in consulting and management

**Salary:**

- Range of \$60,000-\$155,000 (wide range)
- Average is \$95,000

**Pros**

- Job diversity within field

**Cons**

- Competitive and seniority-based, particularly in broadcasting
- Growth is not as rapid as other environmental/earth sciences

References

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