

Economy: How did they make a living? What was the infrastructure for their economy?

Issue	New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI)	Middle Colonies (DE, NY, NJ, PA)	South (GA, MD, NC, SC, VA)
In which colonial regions were the cities/ports? merchants? (#s from the 1770s)	Smaller cities, ports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boston = 16,000 Newport (RI) = 11,000 	Big cities, ports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philadelphia = 28,000 New York = 25,000 	Charles Town = 12,000 Trading managed by merchants from Britain/New England
Where were tobacco, rice, and wheat grown and where were they sold?	Wheat <u>grown</u> = Connecticut Valley Wheat <u>sold</u> = New England, South, West Indies. (Also shipped meat to South.)	NY, PA – Same as Connecticut Valley.	Tobacco <u>grown</u> = Chesapeake (VA, MD) Rice <u>grown</u> = Carolina (South) and GA, with South Carolinians migrating into GA after the 1750s with their slaves. Tobacco and rice <u>sold</u> = Northern colonies and Europe Trading managed by merchants from Britain, later northern colonies.
Where were there industries?	Lumbering, mining, and fishing – on the coast. 1640s – Iron plant established MA.	1760s, NJ iron plant; other small ones	Not major industry. Some lumbering, naval stores—things used in making ships.
What was the difference both in the type of trades and crafts industries in the North and in the South and who was involved in those occupations?	In general, workers = white laborers or entrepreneurs in colonial towns. Types of trades and crafts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blacksmiths, cabinet makers, cobblers, rifle makers, silversmiths Owners of mills for processing grain, cloth, or lumber 		In general, workers = slaves on or from large plantations earning money for their owners and possibly their own freedom Types of trades and crafts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blacksmithing, carpentry, cobbling Small shopkeepers selling services
What was the difference in the North and South South?	Had an infrastructure—that is, had commercial or merchant class with ships, contacts, and expertise required for global trade. Ship builders – 40% of British merchant vessels.		South imports and exports directly to merchants (first British, later Northern).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT – Connecticut ME – Maine MA – Massachusetts NH – New Hampshire RI – Rhode Island 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DE – Delaware NY – New York NJ – New Jersey PA – Pennsylvania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA – Georgia MD – Maryland NC – North Carolina SC – South Carolina VA – Virginia

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