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After teaching high school math for two years I started to work for an insurance company in the actuarial department. A requirement was the taking of the actuarial exams. In order to pass some of the actuarial exams a strong math background is required, thus the need for math courses and preferably a math degree. There is a great demand for actuaries so a degree in math creates a number of job opportunities.

A key thing for me has been to have a feel for math and that has helped to understand what is reasonable with numbers many times. I think a math background has given me the ability to look at reports and various other things and to know if an answer is reasonable or not.