

# Chapter 1 Basic Economic Concepts

## Section 1.1 A Look at Wants and Needs

### Section Summary with Key Terms and Academic Vocabulary

**A Look at Wants and Needs** Everyone has wants and needs. Wants are things that you do not have to have to survive, but would like to have. Needs are things that you must have in order to survive. People use resources to make or obtain what they need or want. Resources limit the number of needs and wants people can satisfy. The decision-making process can help you make good choices and make the most of your resources by considering alternatives and their consequences. The longer a decision will affect your life, the more you will need to consider all of the possible consequences.

#### Key Terms

**wants** Things person does not have to survive, but would like to have

**needs** Things that you must have in order to survive

**goods** Physical products

**services** Tasks that businesses perform for consumers

**resources** Items that people can use to make or obtain what they need or want

#### Academic Vocabulary

**determine** To settle or decide by choice of alternatives or possibilities

**identify** To establish the identity of

**consider** To think about carefully

**evaluate** To determine the significance, worth, or condition of, usually by careful appraisal and study