

## WHO WE ARE

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The Economics Center at the University of Cincinnati provides insights through economic analyses to assist leaders in making decisions for their business, organization or community. For over 20 years we have brought economic understanding to public, private and non-profit sector clients, confronting strategic decisions.

Our affiliation with the University of Cincinnati allows us to attract and maintain a high level of intellectual capital. The Center's diverse research staff combines a variety of skills, expertise and perspectives. Our team is comprised of highly trained, experienced research professionals in fields of economics, community planning and applied research. We have earned a reputation for client satisfaction, evidenced by repeat business from past clients and referrals.

Our commitment to improving the community is integral to our research and is consistent with the educational mission of the Economics Center.

### THE ECONOMICS CENTER'S PROMISE

We deliver analyses that provide valuable insight to assist leaders in their decision-making.

Our skills help with:

- Providing the community with factual data about initiatives
- Understanding the impact of policies and action plans
- Communicating with key stakeholders

### EXPERIENCE AND APPROACH

Our staff brings knowledge and expertise in diverse industries.

- Economic Growth and Strategic Development
- Neighborhood and Community Development
- Education and Health Care
- Wastewater and Environment
- Arts, Entertainment, and Culture
- Taxes, Budget and Finance
- Transportation

## WHAT WE DO

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### OUR SERVICES

The Economics Center's research team understands client needs vary. Our research reports are customizable. Clients often request expansions or updates of past research on a regular basis.

### IMPACT STUDIES

Calculate the effects of a business, policy, or initiative on local economic activity, wages, tax revenues, educational achievement or other outcomes.

### DEMAND/PRICING ANALYSES

Analyze the effects of a change in price, goods or services offered or other market characteristics, on sales and revenues for a company, and estimate larger impacts on the surrounding community.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Identify growth industries and needs for workforce development to assist economic developers in formulating plans for business attraction, retention and growth.

### TAX POLICY ANALYSES

Estimate the impact of tax policies, including taxing structure, levies and TIFs on revenues generated and potential for business attraction and growth.

### FORECASTING TOOLS

Project school enrollment, demographic, and revenue forecasts for municipal budgets, as well as analytical tools for generating commercial property value forecasts.

### WASTEWATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSES

Examination of the costs and benefits of water pollution abatement, sewer construction and improvement projects. Evaluation of economic impacts and affordability of implementing national standards for sewer improvements and the sanitation industry.

### CLIENTS

A few of our clients are listed below; the full list is available on our website ([www.economicsresearch.org](http://www.economicsresearch.org))

#### Public

Butler County, Ohio  
Cincinnati Public Schools  
City of Cincinnati, Ohio  
Deerfield Township, Ohio  
Metropolitan Sewer District  
of Greater Cincinnati  
OKI Regional Council  
of Governments

#### Non-Profit

Cincinnati Children's Hospital  
Cincinnati Museum Center  
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky  
International Airport  
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber  
of Commerce  
Port of Greater Cincinnati  
Development Authority

#### Private

Burgess and Niple  
Eagle Realty Group  
Steiner and Associates  
Cincinnati Reds  
Vehr Communications

## OUR TEAM



### George M. Vredeveld, PhD - Alpaugh Professor and Director

Dr. Vredeveld has received awards and recognitions for his work in the study of labor markets and urban policy as well as in the field of economic education. Currently he oversees the applied research work at the Economics Center and writes a monthly column for the Cincinnati Enquirer that discuss a variety of economic issues across the region, primarily focusing on the Greater Cincinnati area. Dr. Vredeveld received his Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University, his Master's Degree from Purdue University, and his baccalaureate from Calvin College. He sits on the board of several economic organizations. [George.Vredeveld@uc.edu](mailto:George.Vredeveld@uc.edu)



### Jeff Rexhausen - Associate Director, Research

Mr. Rexhausen has specialized in developing analytic tools to assist clients in assessing development feasibility and economic and fiscal impacts. He has spent more than twenty years in the field of community and economic development analysis and planning, working with leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors to design and implement projects in response to diverse community issues. This experience has involved state, regional, local, and private economic development organizations in every region of the nation. He earned his Master's Degree in Planning, and his Baccalaureate Degree in Urban Sciences at the University of Tennessee. [Jeff.Rexhausen@uc.edu](mailto:Jeff.Rexhausen@uc.edu)



### Jennifer Pitzer, PhD - Research Associate

Dr. Pitzer's work at the Economics Center concentrates on analyzing the economic implications of pricing and tax policies, as well as economic and fiscal impacts in the transportation, health care, education, and tourism/recreation industries. Dr. Pitzer earned her Ph.D. in Economics from the Ohio State University. She also received a Masters in Economics from Miami University, Oxford OH, and her Baccalaureate in Economics and International Affairs at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. [Jennifer.Pitzer@uc.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Pitzer@uc.edu)



### Benjamin Passty, PhD - Research Assistant Professor

Dr. Passty expertise includes economic and fiscal impact analysis, statistical modeling and trend analysis, tax and revenue forecasting, labor market studies and environmental impact studies. Dr. Passty was the former Director of the Applied Economics Research Institute (AERI) and has been a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati since 2008. Dr. Passty earned his PhD in Economics from Northwestern University, earning a Certificate in Economics of Education from the Multi-Disciplinary Program in Education Sciences. In addition, he earned his Bachelor of Mathematics and Economics from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. [Benjamin.Passty@uc.edu](mailto:Benjamin.Passty@uc.edu)