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Dr. Bartik's research focuses on state and local economic development and local labor markets. His 1991 book, [\*Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?\*](#) is widely cited as an important and influential review of the evidence on how local policies affect economic development. Dr. Bartik's 2011 book, [\*Investing in Kids: Early Childhood Programs and Local Economic Development\*](#), discusses how early childhood programs can promote local economic development.



Dr. Bartik's most recent research includes a 2017 report, [\*A New Panel Database on Business Incentives for Economic Development Offered by State and Local Governments in the United States\*](#), outlining a new database on business incentives offered by state and local governments, a 2018 report, [\*Who Benefits from Economic Development Incentives? How Incentive Effects on Local Incomes and the Income Distribution Vary with Different Assumptions about Incentive Policy and the Local Economy\*](#), on the benefits and costs of incentives, and another 2018 report, [\*Helping Manufacturing-Intensive Communities: What Works?\*](#) on how to help manufacturing-intensive communities.

Dr. Bartik is co-editor of the academic journal, *Economic Development Quarterly*, which focuses on state and local economic development issues.

Dr. Bartik received his BA from Yale, and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to joining the Upjohn Institute in 1989, he was an assistant professor of economics at Vanderbilt University.

Bartik's other recent research includes:

### [Incentives and Local Job Creation](#)

Upjohn Institute Policy Brief, July 2018

### [Improving Economic Development Incentives](#)

Upjohn Institute Policy Brief, March 2018

### [Better Incentives Data Can Inform Both Research and Policy](#)

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