

## Sample Resources Used to Inform Economic Development Planning

### Workforce

#### Wages & Economic Mobility

- Aspen Institute: [Solutions for a Changing Economy: A Report from the Aspen Institute Future of Work Initiative National Advisory Council](#)
- Brookings: [Helping workers requires more than silver bullets](#)  
[Low-wage work is more pervasive than you think, and there aren't enough "good jobs" to go around](#)  
[Meet the low-wage workforce](#)
- Harvard University: [Building a Good Jobs Economy](#)
- Economic Development Quarterly: [Earnings and Career Advancement Possibilities for Low-Wage Workers](#)  
[Improving Job Quality for Direct Care Workers](#)
- Forbes: [The Frightening Rise In Low-Quality, Low-Paying Jobs: Is This Really A Strong Job Market?](#)
- PolicyLink: [Advancing Employment Equity in Rural North Carolina](#)
- Russell Sage Foundation Journal: [Improving Employment and Earnings in Twenty-First Century Labor Markets: An Introduction](#)  
[Growth in the Residential Segregation of Families by Income 1970-2009](#)
- Washington Post: [This is the hottest job market since the 1990s. Why aren't wages growing faster?](#)

#### Workforce Development & Education

- Brookings: [Talent is America's most precious resource—it's time economic development organizations focus more on developing it](#)
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review: [Is College Still Worth It? The New Calculus of Falling Returns](#)
- Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce: [The Overlooked Value of Certificates and Associate's Degrees](#)
- Industry Week: [Amazon Commits \\$700 Million to Retrain Workers](#)  
[Manufacturing Universities: A Catalytic Step Toward Revitalizing American Manufacturing](#)
- Jobs for the Future: [Closing the Credit-Noncredit Divide: Bridging the Gap in Postsecondary Education to Expand Opportunity for Low-Wage Working Adults](#)
- NC Department of Commerce: [Employer Needs Survey](#)
- NC Works Commission Strategic Plan 2019-2021: [Preparing North Carolina's Workforce for Today and Tomorrow](#)
- United Health Foundation: [Youth Disconnection in the US Annual Report](#)

## Business

NC Department of Commerce: [North Carolina Annual Economic Report \(2018\)](#)

### Advanced Industry

- Brookings: [America's Advanced Industries](#)
- Industry Week: [Can US Manufacturing Be Made Great Again?](#)
- PolicyLink: [Charlotte in Transition: Building Pathways to Economic Security in a Fast-Growing Tech-Driven Regional Economy](#)  
[Regional Economies in Transition: Analyzing Trends in Advanced Industries, Manufacturing, and the Service Sector to Inform Inclusive Growth Strategies](#)

### Automation

- American Affairs Journal: [Automation Anxiety in an Age of Stagnation](#)
- Brookings: [Automation, work, and skills: what do we know?](#)  
[Automation isn't the only trend affecting workers, but that's no reason to ignore the threat](#)
- Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society: [Robots, skill demand and manufacturing in US regional labour markets](#)
- Christian Science Monitor: [What should Trump's manufacturing strategy look like?](#)
- Information Technology & Innovation Foundation: [Robotics and the Future of Production and Work](#)  
[Trade vs. Productivity: What Caused U.S. Manufacturing's Decline and How to Revive It](#)  
[Which Nations Really Lead in Industrial Robot Adoption?](#)
- Journal of Economic Perspectives: [New Perspectives on the Decline of US Manufacturing Employment](#)
- McKinsey Global Institute: [The Future of Work in America: People and Places, Today and Tomorrow](#)
- OECD iLibrary: [The Risk of Automation for Jobs in OECD Countries](#)  
[Automation, skills use and training](#)
- Quartz: [The epic mistake about manufacturing that's cost Americans millions of jobs](#)
- W.E. Upjohn Institute: [Understanding the Decline of U.S. Manufacturing Employment](#)

### Hiring Practices

- Business Insider: [There's an under-the-radar job crisis hurting millions of Americans](#)
- Brookings: [Many businesses have irrational human resources practices. How Cuyahoga County, Ohio is working to address that](#)
- Carolina Angles: [Threading together Carolina's Textile Manufacturing Comeback](#)
- The Wall Street Journal: [The Company of Second Chances](#)

## Community

### Broadband

- Brookings: [Digital prosperity: How broadband can deliver health and equity to all communities](#)  
[Broadband adoption is on the rise, but states can do much more](#)
- NC Department of Information Technology: [Connecting North Carolina State Broadband Plan—Economic Development Recommendations](#)  
[The Homework Gap in North Carolina: A Pilot Study of K-12 Households](#)
- US Chamber of Commerce Technology Engagement Center: [Unlocking the Digital Potential of Rural North Carolina](#)

### Childcare

- Center for American Progress: [Early Learning Fact Sheet 2019 North Carolina](#)
- Family Forward NC: [Guide to Family Forward Workplaces](#)
- NC Department of Health & Human Services: [NC Early Childhood Action Plan](#)
- NC Early Education Coalition: [Child Care Availability](#)  
[NC Employers and Employees Agree on Benefits of Family Friendly Workplaces](#)
- Urban Institute: [Child Care Assistance for Parents in Education and Training](#)

### Community Development

- Brookings: [Small and Mid-sized Legacy Communities: Trends, assets, and principles for action](#)  
[Another summer of flooding should be a wake-up call to redesign our communities](#)
- MDC: [Moving on Up: Transportation and Economic Mobility](#)
- NC Department of Commerce: [Clean Energy & Clean Transportation in NC: A Workforce Assessment](#)
- NC Department of Environmental Quality: [Statewide Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Master Plan](#)
- Pew Charitable Trust: [North Carolina City Adopts Stringent Standard for Building in a Flood Plain](#)
- Triangle Regional Resilience Partnership [Resilience Assessment](#)

### Housing

- Brookings: [Who's to blame for high housing costs? It's more complicated than you think.](#)  
[Workforce housing and middle-income housing subsidies: A primer](#)
- Shelterforce: [NJ Pays Hospitals to Build Affordable Housing](#)