Sample Resources Used to Inform Economic Development Planning

Workforce

Wages & Economic Mobility

- 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
- 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](#)

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?
- 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 Midsized 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